



This is the final newsletter that I will be writing for this academic year. I hope you all agree that it's been a really memorable year for Heathmere with some excellent achievements by many pupils and a year when the school became officially 'good' for the first time ever. We are already looking to get stuck into things next year!

## Goodbyes

It's always difficult to say goodbye to people. The children in Year 6 have been amazing this year. Their attitude and dedication to learning has been fantastic and I could never have imagined that they would achieve so well. All the staff wish them well as they move onto secondary school. We also sadly say goodbye to several staff members. Mrs Gale (TA) is retiring after 27 years at Heathmere! From the teaching staff we sadly lose Mrs Pyper (Y6), Miss Sandhu (Y3), Miss Holford (Y1) and Mrs Szafran (Y2) and from the support team we also lose Mrs Kovaci (Y3) and Miss Stanton (Y1). We wish everyone the very best for their futures and I would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to the children of Heathmere.

## Next Year

As ever, we welcome new staff to the team. To the teaching team we welcome Mr Howland and Miss Ramsamy to Y3, Miss Bettridge to Y5 and Mr Burton to Y6. We welcome back Mrs Van der Merwe to Y1 and Mr Taylor Y4 and Mrs Lipinska Y2 move into their new roles as teachers. To the support staff team we welcome Miss Mohammed (a different one to Ms Mohamed who works in Nursery). We also welcome Miss Johnson to Y2 who is starting her teacher training programme alongside Miss White in 2W.

## Summer Fair

This year's Summer Fair took over £1000 – thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. And a big thank you has to go out to the core Friends of Heathmere group and all the people who helped out along the way. They are already planning the Christmas Fair!

## School Improvement

The school has achieved its best ever results for the end of Year 6. I will write to you again once everything has been confirmed but provisionally 86% of children achieved Level 4 (the national expected level) in all three subjects of reading, writing and maths. This is better than the national average and demonstrates that we truly are a 'good' school.

## Piers Torday

From next year Piers Torday, a prize-winning children's author, will be our 'Patron of Reading'. He will be visiting the school regularly to share his love of books. To start off, he has recommended six books to read over the summer:

Blown Away by Rob Biddulph

Polly and the Puffin by Jenny Colgan

El Deafo by Cece Bell

The Boundless by Kenneth Opel

The Tornado Chasers by Ross Montgomery

A is Amazing by Wendy Cooling and Piet Grobler

There is something for everyone in this list - see how many your child can read!

## Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme for the Summer Reading Challenge is 'Record Breakers'. The challenge is to read six books over the summer - they can win stickers, a medal and a certificate. Please drop in to Roehampton Library to sign up and collect a pack for your child - it's completely free and is a fun way to encourage reading for pleasure over the summer.

## Website of the Week

Summer Reading Challenge

[www.recordbreakers.org.uk](http://www.recordbreakers.org.uk)

## And finally....

Please can I say a big thank you to all of the children at Heathmere for working so hard this year and to all those parents who have supported them. This really is a school to be proud of and we are looking forward to making things even better next year. Enjoy the holidays!

	Events
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	School will be open to buy uniform
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	9am School starts
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	