

# Heathmere Primary School Newsletter



11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Covid

We are no longer notifying parents of covid cases in school when they happen, however if we get lots of cases again, I will write to you. At present, we are aware of one positive case this week in school. Please keep your child at home if they test positive and do keep school informed.

## Comic Relief

Comic Relief takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Children should bring in £1 to raise money and can wear red for the day. Thank you to Miss Mooney for organising the day.

## Attendance

I regularly review the registers and there are several children at Heathmere whose attendance is not high enough. The Government expects children's attendance to be 96% or above and so this is the target that we work towards. We become particularly concerned when attendance drops below 90%.

Below are some acceptable reasons why your child may be absent from school:

- High temperature
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Moving home (1 day only)
- Covid-19

These are examples where it is not acceptable for your child to be absent from school:

- Feeling unwell
- Cold or headache
- Tummy ache
- Visit to see family in the UK or abroad

## School Improvement

Today is a training day at Heathmere. We are spending the day thinking about how we can best support children with Special Educational Needs. Inclusion is at the heart of what we do at Heathmere and we are always looking for ways to refine and improve our practice. So today we have been considering:

- \*What barriers to learning children have
- \*The children's strengths, interests and aspirations
- \*What support children need to access the curriculum
- \*How the school's provision can be improved to support each pupil to learn

## Hall Development

As you are aware, we were expecting the demolition of the Celebration Hall to start this year. However, there have been some complications with spiralling costs so the project has been stopped for the moment. This is disappointing however, we are working with the Foundation, who are providing the funding, to agree an alternative plan. I will keep you updated when I know more.

## Place2Be

I have good news – we successfully recruited a new member of staff to the role of Place2Be School Project Manager. Claudia is currently undertaking her training for the role and will start with us as soon as possible. She has worked at Heathmere for 2 years as a volunteer counsellor so already knows some of the children and knows the school well. I am sure she will make an excellent addition to the team.

	Events	Clubs 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 to Southside to see A Place to Call Home exhibition	Y1/2 Tennis, Y3/4 Football Y5/6 Gym, Y5/6 Cooking
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March		Y1/2 Multi-sports, Y3/4 Netball Y5/6 Art, KS2 Choir with Rosie
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Trumpets 5B Rackets Cubed – final session	Y1/2 Gym, Y3/4 Multi-sports Y3/4 Art, Y5L/6 Cooking
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Y1/2 Art, Y4 Cooking, Y5/6 Football, Y5/6 girls' football
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief	Y3/4 Dance, Y3/4/5 Band, y5/6 Athletics

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