



I hope you have all had a good week and are getting into the routine of school. It certainly feels like we are starting to get used to the 'new normal'. The children have adapted really well to the situation.

Coronavirus Update

It's been a difficult week with children having coughs and colds. Given the situation, we will always need to be extra-cautious with the advice that we are giving out to parents.

Children must not be in school if they have:

- A high temperature (over 38°C)
- A new, dry, persistent cough

A new, continuous cough means coughing for longer than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual.

- A lost sense of taste or smell

If one child has these symptoms, then the whole household needs to isolate until the child has been tested.

This week, it has been very difficult to book a test; thank you to all the parents who have tried to do this. This is a national problem that I hope the government manage to resolve very quickly.

Hall Development

We are still moving ahead with our proposed redevelopment of the Heathmere Celebration Hall. We are posting an invitation to local residents through letter boxes today, inviting them to a consultation over Zoom on Monday 28th September at 6.30pm. If you receive a letter, please feel free to attend. We will be hosting a meeting specifically for parents at a later date.

PE Days

Please remember to send your children to school in trainers on their PE days. Children will also be expected to remove jumpers, cardigans and fleeces so they can fully participate.

School Improvement

Our long term strategic targets (2020 – 2023) have now been finalised with our school governors. The targets are organised under the four Ofsted headings:

Quality of Education: To develop a broad curriculum that delivers the highest possible educational outcomes for all children

Behaviour and Attitudes: To create a culture of ambition

Personal Development: To develop children's character, confidence and resilience through broadening their experiences

Leadership and Management: To have a sustainable and ambitious model of leadership

These long term targets are then broken down into our areas of focus for this year. This includes continuing the work on our two Ofsted targets:

Improve leadership and management by ensuring that pupils' attendance continues to improve so that it is in line with national averages.
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Improve teaching, learning and assessment in KS2 further by ensuring that writing tasks are matched to pupils' levels of ability and provide sufficient challenge.
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And also includes our new focus for this year:

To embed a purposeful, skills-based curriculum.

Early Reading: A balanced approach.

Y1 Art Exhibition

We are going to create a Year 1 art exhibition in the playground. To maintain social distancing, we will have each class's exhibition on a different day.

1B	2.30pm – 3pm	Friday 25 th September
1M	2.30pm – 3pm	Friday 2 nd October

Heathmere Twitter

Please follow Heathmere Primary School on Twitter! We are trying to put lots of examples of children's learning up. **@heathmereschool**

	Events	Clubs
Monday 21 st September	3.30pm 5T Parent Information Meeting Y4 Egyptian Workshop	No clubs this week
Tuesday 22 nd September	3.30pm 6B Parent Information Meeting	
Wednesday 23 rd September	3.30pm 6L Parent Information Meeting	
Thursday 24 th September	Y6 Craig Jenkins (story-teller)	
Friday 25 th September	2.30 – 3.00pm 1B Outdoor Art Exhibition. Please come to the Hyacinth Road gate	