



We have had several visitors in school this week who have all commented on how focused our children are with their learning and how amazing their learning environment is. It is always good to get some positive feedback!

Y5/6 Football

Great news regarding our football team who played at Dover House Road last night! They really gelled as a team, beating Hotham 3-1 and All Saints 4-0. Simra, Joel and Pawel all played particularly well and Qassem deserves credit for really starting to show his potential.

We will finish top of the league for the qualifying rounds. Next week will be the harder leagues.

Y2 to Pizza Express

The Year 2 children had a very exciting visit to Pizza Express on Tuesday! They all came back with a pizza that they had made. I hope that they were enjoyed at home too!

Parents Evening

Please put this date in your diary – Tuesday 16th October. Letters will come home and you can sign up for your appointments directly with the teacher. We will close school at 2pm on this day so parents evening can get started. Children in Nursery and Reception will have longer appointments that take place during the day and in the evening.

Maths and ESOL classes

It is not too late to join the maths and ESOL classes that are held for parents (and other adults) at Heathmere. The ESOL classes are at 9.30am every Monday and the maths classes are at 9.30am every Tuesday – both take place in school. Please speak to Tracey Green if you would like any more information.

School Improvement

You may recall last term that we had our assessment for the Flagship Status for the Inclusion Quality Mark. I am really proud to say that we have now achieved this status; this is a really prestigious award that not many schools in the country have. Well done to Mrs Kennedy and the rest of the team for this success.

Baby News

I am sure you will all want to hear that Miss Barrick had her baby boy on Saturday. She has named him Edward Alexander and will be called Teddy for short. He was a small 6lb in weight but mum and baby are both healthy.

Today we pass on our best wishes to Mrs McNamara who is starting her maternity leave. Her little girl is due very soon and I will keep you updated.

Attendance

As explained last week, I am sending home the current attendance of every child in the school today. I hope you find it useful to keep a better track of your child's attendance.

Attendance above 96% is what we are aiming for.

Attendance below 95% is considered to be below the minimum expected attendance.

Attendance below 90% is concerning and means your child is classed as a 'Persistent Absentee'. If this is the case, you may be called in for a meeting so we can talk to you about ways to improve your child's attendance. If you have any queries, please speak to me on the gate or to Miss Green.

We started our new attendance rewards today with Y1 – Y6 in assembly. Ask your children about what happened with the ping-pong balls!

	Events	Clubs 3.30pm – 4.25pm
Monday 1 st October	9.30am ESOL Class for parents	Competition Training – Matt Y4/5/6 Ninja Kids! – Tim
Tuesday 2 nd October	9.30am Maths Class for parents No swimming this week	Y3/4/5/6 Funky Moves Dance – Lara Y3/4/5/6 Tag Rugby – Mr Mtya
Wednesday 3 rd October	9am Phonics workshop for Y1 and Y2 parents Trumpets Some Y5/6 children to cross country	Y1/2/3 Ninja Kids! – Matt
Thursday 4 th October	Y3 to Butser Farm	Y4/5/6 Foot Team Training – Matt
Friday 5 th October	Some Y3/4 girls to a sports event	Y1/2/3 Football – Nicola Y4/5/6 Dodgeball – Tim