



Welcome back to school! I hope that you had restful holidays and are all ready for the new term. On behalf of the staff, can I please thank those parents who kindly gave gifts. They are never expected but always appreciated.

Clubs

Look out for the club letter next week. Matt will be talking to the children in Y1 – Y6 about the different clubs we have available. With Mr Meghie leaving, it does mean that there will be a change to the clubs that we offer but hopefully we can still cater for everyone who wishes to take part!

Please note that clubs will also finish 5 minutes earlier and so children will need collecting at 4.25pm.

Parent Information Meetings

These take place over the next couple weeks after school – see the dates below. They give parents the opportunity to see the classroom, meet the teacher and find out all of the relevant year group information. Please do try and attend with your children.

Year 1	3.20pm Thursday 20 th September
Year 2	3.20pm Monday 10 th September
Year 3	3.30pm Wednesday 19 th September
Year 4	3.30pm Wednesday 12 th September
Year 5	3.30pm Thursday 13 th September
Year 6	3.30pm Monday 17 th September

Welcome to new staff

As always in September, we welcome new staff members to the team.

Mrs Mensah	Receptionist – Front Desk
Mr Taylor	Y5 teacher
Mr Lucas	Teaching Assistant
Miss Shiabuker	Teaching Assistant
Miss Hussein	Y1 teacher
Miss Odelola	Y1 Teaching Assistant

They have all settled in already and are working hard to support your children.

School Improvement

On the training days, the staff all met together and did some training on how to support children’s Speech and Language skills. This is such an important area of learning and it is helpful to learn new strategies. We also did safeguarding training and worked on reminding ourselves how we do things at Heathmere.

John Pollard

I had an email over the summer informing me that John Pollard had passed away. While I never met him, I understand he was a teacher at Heathmere from 1969 – 2001 and had various roles including acting headteacher. I am sure that some parents and even grandparents may have been taught by him. I have a photo on my email should you wish to see it.

PATHS

This year, we will be continuing with our PATHS lessons - these lessons teach children about how they can manage themselves in different situations, such as in the playground or if they are angry or upset. As part of this one child will be chosen to be 'Pupil of the Week' - we'll let you know when your child is picked!

Playground

As you will no doubt have seen, the KS2 playground has finally been completed and is looking great - there are new lines marked for the running lanes, tennis and basketball.

Maths and ESOL classes

These will be taking place again this year. We had vey positive feedback from the parents who took part last year so come and speak to Tracey Green (Family Link Worker) if you are interested in taking part.

	Events	Clubs
Monday 10 th September	3.30pm Y2 Parent Information Meeting	Clubs will start next week
Tuesday 11 th September	Nursery and Reception children start	
Wednesday 12 th September	3.30pm Y4 Parent Information Meeting	
Thursday 13 th September	House Captain Elections 3.30pm Y5 Parent Information Meeting	
Friday 14 th September		