



Heamoor Community Primary School



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Attendance & Absence

Ofsted Attendance Grades

96.1% + High	95.7 – 96.0% Above national average	95.0 – 95.6% in line with national average
93.9% or below Low	90% or below Cause for Concern	85% or below Persistent Absence



Attendance

Our overall attendance figure last week was **95.2%** as you will see from the table above— based on the ofsted grades— this would be considered as **"In Line with National Average"**!

Well done to **BLUE** class for having the **BEST** attendance figure for last week with **98.7%**



Red Class	87.0%
Orange Class	97.7%
Yellow Class	94.1%
Green Class	94.8%
Blue Class	98.7%
Indigo Class	96.8%
Violet Class	96.5%

This year the Governing Body has been exploring the latest Ofsted Framework document and discussing those elements that are new or revised. One Ofsted expectation is that the school has a **clear vision statement** known & accessible to all stakeholders.

We need your views!

A vision statement is a difficult thing to define but it could be summarised as the image of the future we seek to create for Heamoor School over the next five years.

We have begun the process of drafting a *possible vision statement & mission statement* using our school aims (please see over the page for our starting point). These draft statements are just a *starting point* and will change and evolve as part of the consultation process. The governors are **very keen** to ensure that all stakeholders are involved in creating this whole-school vision and have an opportunity to contribute their thoughts and ideas.

We ask for all stakeholder contributions to be returned by **Friday, April 25th**. A working party will then consider all contributions and finalise our vision statement. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this working party.

Many thanks, Mrs Giblett

School Vision Statement





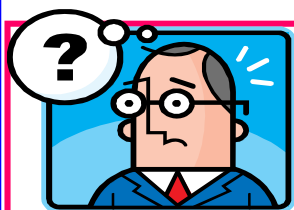
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Heamoor Draft Vision Statement...

(Definition of a Vision Statement: 'An image of the future we seek to create')

We are an aspirational school actively engaged in a continuous process of whole-school improvement on our journey towards becoming an outstanding school. Empowering our pupils to be confident, resilient, independent learners is the corner stone of the education we offer. In a rapidly changing world, our pupils will have success for today and be prepared for tomorrow.



Guidance on School Vision Statements

Concentrate on **where you believe the School will be in five years' time**. School mission statements focus on today whereas school vision statements contain details of the future of the school - its vision (the future plans with aims and objectives). **These types of statements focus on tomorrow**. We write vision statements to clarify and emphasise future goals and direction their establishment is taking.

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School Vision Statements - How long should it be?

A good example is one sentence or a short paragraph consisting of between two and four sentences. The importance of this type of description should not be underestimated. A good vision statement **focuses the minds** of the teachers, children and parents on the aims and goals of the school. One small sentence can convey confidence in the future direction and inspiration for our school.

Definition of a Mission Statement: 'Purpose, reason for being'... defined simply "Who we are and what we do".

Heamoor Draft Mission Statement...

Aspirations: We actively engage in a challenging process of continuous whole-school improvement which impacts directly on securing and sustaining strong outcomes for all our stakeholders on our journey towards becoming an outstanding school.

Access: We ensure equal access for all our pupils to the full range of educational opportunities provided by the school enabling them to become resilient and independent learners who experience success today and are prepared for tomorrow.

Achievement: We aim for excellence in all that we do enabling our pupils to make better-than-expected rates of progress and progressively close the attainment gap as well as secure important wider outcomes including positive behaviour and high attendance

Our School Aims...

- ♦ To provide a **warm, friendly, caring** environment where our children can **develop self-confidence** and **increase their self-esteem**
- ♦ To assist our children to **reach their full potential** academically, physically, socially, spiritually and morally **by providing a nurturing and affirming ethos** throughout the school.
- ♦ To provide a **stimulating, cohesive curriculum** which is appropriately differentiated to cater for each child's individual needs, abilities and skills.
- ♦ To help the children to develop a **sense of responsibility** and **tolerance** towards others both within & beyond the school community and to **have respect** for the **local** and **wider environment**.



Violet were Vikings for a day!



On Wednesday, Violet Class finished their topic

work with a special Viking themed day. The children dressed in Viking clothing and spent the day making Viking flatbread, made with buttermilk which they later tasted with (specially made) authentic butter and local honey... it tasted delicious!! They also played Viking games, took part in mock battles (with a focus on team building) and revisited and reviewed themes from our topic learning.



Music Recital

Thank you to all of you who attended our **Spring term Music Recital** on Monday. As always it was an absolute pleasure to see our very talented children perform at this lovely event. The Summer Term Recital will be on **Monday 30th June at 2pm.**

(Please note this is a change from the date Previously advertised)



Magazine Plea!

The (yellow) 'donations' box in our reception area is beginning to fill up with your magazines and comics donations... and we just wanted to say

Thankyou!



Penzance 400 Celebrations

Penzance is starting to gear up for the celebrations to mark the 400th anniversary of the granting of a royal charter to Penzance by King James I in 1614. To mark the occasion Penzance Town Council and a host of partner organisations and volunteers are compiling a programme of entertainment and educational events for the whole community including a Jacobean Fayre at Penzance Cricket Ground on the afternoon of Friday 9th May.

Heamoor school is excited about being part of the celebrations. After Easter, each class will be exploring famous people/ moments in the history of Penzance leading up to our own Penzance 400 day in school on Friday 9th May.

On this day, the children will be invited to come dressed in 'black and white' clothes and participate in a special whole school assembly in the morning. During the afternoon, Year 6 children have been invited to participate in the maypole dancing at the Jacobean Fayre. *More details will follow soon.*



Easter Raffle



Thank you for your support of our raffle, we raised **£89.25!**



Reminder: There are **NO** clubs during w/c 22nd April—Letters about new clubs will be sent out during that week

Summer Clubs

Cluttered Cloakrooms!

This year we have become increasingly aware of how cluttered the children's cloakrooms have become. One of the factors contributing to the lack of space is the **size of some of the rucksacks** that the children are bringing into school. Although we know that occasionally children need to bring rucksacks/bags to school with clothing or kit for clubs, in general bags of this size are not necessary. We are also concerned that items in these rucksacks e.g. reading books and diaries are frequently damaged by leaking drinks bottles etc.

The only things that our children need to bring to and from school are their **reading book, reading/homework diary** and any **homework** all of which can be *easily* carried within our school book bags. There is **no need** for them to bring any of the following to school: *pencil cases, phones, folders, notebooks or toys*.



Therefore, we have made the decision that from **after Easter**—**ALL year groups, with the exception of year 6, will be expected to use a book bag**. As one of the privileges of being our eldest pupils as well as a way of assisting with their transition to secondary school, our Y6 children will be allowed to bring rucksacks to school and to bring a pencil case of their own. **For this summer term, we will also allow our Year 5 pupils to continue using their rucksacks** rather than expect them to buy a book bag for just one term before they move up to y6.

Book bags are available from the school office at the cost of £4.00.

Please note that the school does not make any profit from the sale of these bags this is to ensure that they are offered to parents at the cheapest price possible.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Goodbye Mrs Gluck

Sadly we have had to say **goodbye** to **Mrs Gluck** today. We would like to wish her luck on her travels to Australia and would like to thank her for all her hard work, dedication & enthusiasm. She has been a real asset to our school & it has been a pleasure to have her as part of our team. Shortly after Easter, we will be welcoming back Mrs Pudney, who will be teaching our Year 1 children until Mrs Topsey-Eaton returns from her maternity leave.



Class Assemblies

Our class assemblies are on Friday afternoons at **2.45pm** and they have been planned on the following dates:

Friday 25th April

Yellow class

Friday 2nd May

Red class

Friday 16th May

Blue class

Well done to **ORANGE** class who presented their **very** entertaining assembly last week based on their learning on growing and living things.

P.E plea!

Over the Easter Holidays... we would really appreciate it if all parents could **check** that their **child's P.E kit is clearly named**, this avoids items getting mixed up and lost.



What's on ...

Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April



EASTER HOLIDAYS



Tuesday 22nd April

Back to school—Summer Term begins

No clubs this week—Summer Clubs letters to be sent home this week

Children to begin using **Book bags please**

Wednesday 23rd April

NO swimming due to closure of PZ Leisure Centre—swimming will resume after the summer half term holiday

Friday 25th April

2.45pm YELLOW class Assembly

Looking Ahead: Sports Day—Wed 16th July