



Respect Resilience High Expectations

5th April 2019

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my best wishes to you all for the Easter break I hope that you manage to relax and enjoy the time with your children. Remember to keep reading! Roehampton library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Y1 trip to the Garden Centre

My favourite flowers were the daffodils. Dauud
It was so colourful at the garden centre. Abdul
We saw so many different plants. Georgia

Spring Competitions

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Spring competitions. Some children made cakes, others made hats and decorated t-shirts, while others created scenes using eggs. Thank you so much to everyone for your efforts. The winners were: N- Skylar Rose, R- Tyler, Y1- Maeda, Y2- Leighla, Y3- Xhyriel, Y4- Mahsheed, Y5- Mujeeb, Y6- Isla
We also raised over £100 in the cake sale for WaterAid. This will be donated in memory of Revd McKinney.

Strengthening Families

Strengthening Families are running a programme starting from 24th April every Wednesday for our Urdu speaking parents. If you are interested, please speak to Miss Green.

Clubs

I have met with Matt this morning to discuss the after-school clubs that we run here at school. I was really disappointed to see that several parents are simply not paying for clubs. This is despite us phoning to remind you. This is not acceptable – we already significantly subsidise the cost of the clubs for parents to make them affordable. Children get 55mins of good quality after-school provision and it has to be paid for. Those parents who are not paying, must pay, otherwise your children will not be allowed to attend. If you are experiencing a period of financial hardship, you must come and speak to Mrs Scopes (Anita) or I about having the place funded.

I have also been made aware that we have had some cancellations of clubs this term, which affects the consistency for the children. We are going to work harder to make sure cancellations only happens in a real emergency.

School Improvement

On Monday, Mrs Earle and I went to Chesterton School in Battersea to take part in an early reading showcase. We observed phonics being taught very skilfully and then talked about how we could further improve our practice. There was also a lot of discussion on how to improve vocabulary and it has helped me to think about how we can implement a more structure approach to this. Also this week, I have met with the Y5 and the Y3 teams to review the progress of every child. There are many children who are making excellent progress at the moment.

Staffing Update

As you know, we will be saying goodbye to our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Cooper today and I know that lots of children will really miss him. He certainly leaves a legacy with how many more children now read for pleasure. We also are saying goodbye to Miss Etienne, who works in the Early Years. She has been at the school for a long time, but has had 2 children close together and has decided to stay at home to look after them. Miss Barrick (Early Years teacher) has also let me know recently that she is moving back to the West Midlands and so will not be returning from her maternity leave. We will be saying goodbye to her on 25th April. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Cooper, Miss Etienne and Miss Barrick all the best in the next stages of their lives and thank them for everything they have done for the children at Heathmere over many years.

Attendance

We are already looking forward to our next attendance assembly! This will take place on the 3rd May and I am already looking forward to seeing who will get their bronze badge!

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| 1 half term at 100% | Blue badge |
| 2 half terms at 100% | Green badge |
| 3 half terms at 100% | Red badge |
| 4 half terms at 100% | Bronze badge |
| 5 half terms at 100% | Silver badge |
| 6 half terms at 100% | Gold badge |

| | Events | Clubs |
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| Monday 22 nd April | | Clubs for next term are being finalised as I write this |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | | |
| Wednesday 24 th April | Y3 swimming | |
| Thursday 25 th April | | |
| Friday 26 th April | Y6 WW2 workshop | |