



As 2019 comes to an end, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Thank you to all the parents who have attended the Christmas events over the past couple of weeks. The Fair raised £555 so thank you to Mrs Kennedy and her organisation team!

Staffing

Today, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Cannell and to Ms Van Eeden. Both have worked at Heathmere for some time now, and they will be missed. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and wish them all the best in their next steps. 2C will become 2DM as we welcome Mrs De Mel to the team. Ms Van Eeden's role will be covered in a variety of ways, which I will be explaining to the children today. We will also be welcoming Miss Bio as an additional teacher into Reception. We are lucky to have had some new children arrive which means we have increased our staffing accordingly. Mrs Earle will remain in charge of Reception and Miss Bio will be supporting.

Swimming

There were some issues with the pool at Ibstock School, which meant Y5 missed their final assessment lesson. As a result, Y5 will attend one more session and then Y4 will start swimming on Tuesday 14th January. I will let you know if this changes. Children must bring their swimming kit every week and must also wear a swimming hat.

PE kits

We are intending to increase the amount of PE in school the children are receiving. It would really help if PE kits can please be left in school for the whole half term. The children (Y1 – Y6 only) are expected to wear black shorts, a plain white t-shirt or a Heathmere t-shirt and black plimsols. Please help us by providing this. You can buy black shorts and Heathmere t-shirts from the office. (Limited Stock)

School Improvement

We have been working hard this week to make sure all of the preparations are securely in place for the Spring term. There will be a dance specialist, music specialist and an artist in residence all working in the school. These specialist staff will be linking into the year groups' curriculum topic.

Reading

The most important thing you can do to help over the holidays is to make sure that your children are enjoying reading. If you are stuck for Christmas ideas, get to the library or the book shop. Roehampton library is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday and Saturdays. Check online for Christmas opening!

Times Tables Rockstars

We have signed up all children in Years 2-6 for Times Table Rockstars. Your child should receive a user name and password so they can practise on a phone, computer or tablet. See if they can beat their friends or teachers!

Back to School

We come back to school on Monday 6th January. Other schools may have a training day, but we are straight back on Monday. Please make sure you are here; it is really important for children to be here on the first day of a new topic.

Attendance

The measles outbreak has unfortunately really scuppered our excellent start to our 2019/20 attendance. Hopefully this will resolve itself over the holidays.

I look forward to seeing lots of attendance badge winners on Friday 10th January.

	Events	Clubs
Monday 6 th January		
Tuesday 7 th January	Y5 swimming – this will be the final session TfL talk to Y6 children	
Wednesday 8 th January		Y1-Y3 Dance Club- Funky Dance Move
Thursday 9 th January		
Friday 10 th January	9am attendance assembly	