



I am sure you are all aware that it is half term next week so there will be no school work to complete. We also have a training day tomorrow so school will be closed to all children. Online learning will resume at 9am on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Your children's Zooms will be the same time as they have been this half term.

## When will school re-open?

Lots of parents have been asking me when school will re-open. The government have told us that we will receive more information on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February – so please make sure you are watching the news on that day! We know that the earliest possible date for reopening is 8<sup>th</sup> March but I will keep you updated when we know more.

In line with government requirements, Nursery is now open to all children who wish to attend. Please contact Mrs Antonio if you would like to discuss this further.

## Laptops for Remote Learning

We still have some spare laptops that we can lend to families for the children's remote learning. Please phone Judy if you would like to borrow one. We have enough so all children can have access to their own device.

## On-line Safety

Attached to this email, there are some links around helping parents and children to understand on-line safety. Please use them at home to explain how important online safety is.

## Nursery September 2021

Offers for children to start Nursery in September 2021 will be posted out on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. If you have a child who turns 3 years old before September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, please contact the office for a Nursery application form.

All children are entitled to 15 hours. At Heathmere, this is 9am – 12pm Monday – Friday. However, we can be flexible with this offer if required.

Some children are entitled to 30 hours. This is based on parents' working hours. Please speak to Anita in the office if you would like more information.

## School Improvement

During the training day tomorrow, the teachers will be looking at how science is planned in different year groups. They will be thinking carefully about how to teach the children to think scientifically.

The support staff will be reflecting on some recent training on Autism. They will revisit the strategies and decide what changes we can make to better-support children with Autism.

In the afternoon, the Senior Leadership Team will be looking at what it means to be an effective leader.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on March 4<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be treated to virtual performances by The Really Big Pants Theatre Company – links to these performances will be sent out via email. We will also be running a school reading competition, with prizes available – details to follow after half term!

## Dates for your Diary

Training Day	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March School will be closed
Parents Evening	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March School finishes at 2pm
Easter Break	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March School finishes at 2pm
Return to School	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Half term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Training Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June School will be closed
Summer Break	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July School finishes at 2pm
Return to School	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September

## Parents Evening

This term, Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. It is deliberately later this year as we are hoping to have the children back in school by then. We will decide nearer the time whether these meetings will be face-to-face or over Zoom.

	Events	Clubs
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Change reading books 10.30am – 11.30am or 1.30pm – 2.30pm	No clubs this week
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February		
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February		
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February		