



Rev McKinney

I am sure that many of you will have heard by now that Rev McKinney sadly passed away a few days ago. He had been the vicar at Holy Trinity Church (where KS2 go at Christmas) since 1996. His death is a great loss for the community of Roehampton and I am sure you will join me in sending condolences to his family. I will be attending the funeral today on behalf of the school.

Nursery Sept 2019

If you have a child who will be 3 years old before August 31st 2019, come and speak to the office about applying for a Nursery place in September.

Visitors in School

It has been a great pleasure to welcome 30 teachers from different schools to Heathmere this week. They are all in their first year of teaching and take part in a 10-day training programme over the year. Heathmere runs the day on Inclusion where we look at strategies to meet the needs of all learners in the classroom. Thank you to Miss Bettridge who helped run the sessions.

Pupil Absences

It is very important to let the office know if your child is absent by calling the absent line or the office by 9am

Sims Agora

If you would like to pay online for lunches, clubs and breakfast club please email us on admin@heathmere.wandsworth.sch.uk to set up an account.

School Improvement

We have been thinking really carefully over the past few weeks about how writing is taught. It is really important that good quality reading texts are used as the starting points. This way, children will be able to develop their language into the writing much more effectively. We have decided as a school that we have some improvements to make and so have been working hard to turn these into a reality. These improvements include:

- *A greater focus on the vocabulary choices that the children are being taught
- *Increased expectations around handwriting and presentation
- *Ensuring new skills are taught 'microscopically' so that children develop a greater depth of understanding.

Photographer

I am sure you will agree that we need to update the pictures around school. We will be welcoming a photographer on Thursday who will be taking lots of pictures of the children in their lessons and at play. Ms van Eeden is going to spend the day accompanying him. We have a list of parents who do not wish their children's photos to be used for any publicity. If you have any queries about this, please speak to Ms van Eeden or the school office.

Attendance

We have seen snow in the air this week. Please note that we will always make every effort to open the school, whatever the weather. Please still get your children to school – even if it snows!

	Events	Clubs
Monday 4 th February	Y5 to the IMAX Cinema Y2 to the Science Museum Y3 to Roehampton Library	Y1/2/3 Ninja Kids! – Matt Y4/5/6 Basketball – Tim
Tuesday 5 th February	Y4 Swimming Some Y5/6 children to a netball tournament	Y4/5/6 Football Team Training – Matt Y4/5/6 Arts and Crafts – Miss Agypong
Wednesday 6 th February	Trumpets Some Y5/6 girls to a football competition Some to Y4 Rackets Cubed 3pm – 6pm	KS2 Gymnastics – Matt & Minesh (until 5pm) Y1/2/3 Arts and Crafts – Miss Agypong
Thursday 7 th February	9am 2L Class Assembly Craig the Storyteller to Y6 Photographer in all day 3.45pm Kingswood meeting for Y6 parents	Invite only competition training – Matt KS2 Tag Rugby
Friday 8 th February	Some Y5/6 children to a football tournament Sarah from Story Storks to EYFS	Y4/5/6 Dodgeball - Tim