



In everything that went on last week, I didn't write a weekly newsletter last Friday for the first time ever as Headteacher of Heathmere Primary School. During this uncertain period of school closure, I will still write a newsletter every Friday to keep in touch with you.

Mini-School

All children have had a paper-based pack this week that I hope they have been working on at home in their mini-schools. Please be aware that while we have given you a suggested timetable, we only ask parents that you do your best to support your children with this. We understand that you are not teachers, lots of you speak English as your second or even third language, and lots of you have several children at home. We do not expect you to replicate what we do at school with the children.

Google Classroom

Your children's teachers will be contacting you to make sure you are set up for Google Classroom, which goes live on Monday. It really is very simple and nothing to worry about. We will be phoning you to make sure you have it all set up. Again, please just do your best with this and we are here to help you. Some parents are worried about their ability to access Google Classroom if all they have is a mobile phone. Please try your best this week; we do not have the capacity at the moment to give you any alternatives for the children's learning. If this is a significant barrier for you, please talk to your child's teacher after the Easter Holidays.

Thank you to the teaching staff for working so hard this week to organise their Google Classrooms.

Contact with School

The best way to contact the school is via email:

office@heathmere.wandsworth.sch.uk

You can also phone us but please be aware there is only one person in the office at the moment so the phone will not always be answered straight away. Your child's teacher will contact you every week by telephone. The call will come from an 'unknown number'. If the teacher is not able to get through to you, we will try and call from the school number.

School Improvement

We are doing everything we can to keep the school structure as 'normal' as possible at the moment. The senior team met online via Zoom on Monday night to discuss some of the issues facing us at the moment. And then the teaching team met via Zoom for our weekly staff meeting on Tuesday at 3.45pm where we were trained in how to use Google Classroom.

Percy – our Therapy Dog

Dear Miss Lewis and children,
I hope you are all well. I am missing seeing the children and all the cuddles and tickles they give me. I also really miss the stories that they read to me and I cannot wait to see them all again. I hope that they are continuing to read so that they will be even better when I next come to school.

In the meantime, I wanted to send you some photos so you can see what I have been getting up to. I am really enjoying the sunshine - but still try to get as muddy and as wet as possible!

Lots of love from Percy xxx

P.S. Keep safe and keep washing those hands (I'm getting my paws cleaned when I have been out) xx

Twitter

Follow the school on Twitter to see the photos of Percy @heathmereschool. You can also follow me on @emmalewis_HT. This will help you keep in touch with what is happening.

Attendance

For those who kept their children at home before school closure, please don't worry about your children's attendance record – those absences will be excused.

Free School Meals

We are working with Wandsworth to get a voucher system set up for parents of children who are entitled to free school meals. More information will come out soon. Thank you to the office team for working hard to organise this.

	Events
Monday 30 th March	Google Classroom Launches
Tuesday 31 st March	
Wednesday 1 st April	
Thursday 2 nd April	
Friday 3 rd April	Break up for Easter holidays