#### Heathmere



#### **Heathmere Primary School Newsletter**

**Respect Resilience High Expectations** 

15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

I hope that you and your families are keeping well. Let's hope the sunny weather stays over the weekend. Remember that you are now allowed outside in your household groups for an unlimited amount of time, so I hope that lots of you will get to Richmond Park and Wimbledon Common over the weekend.

### **School Opening**

The government have announced this week that schools may be re-opening for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on Monday  $1^{\rm st}$  June. Parents of those children will receive a separate letter over email. For children in Year 2/3/4/5 we will continue with Google Classroom.

I am working hard to ensure the necessary risk assessments and organisation is in place to plan for this possible re-opening. The government have said that if parents choose to keep their children at home, there will be no penalty.

We will continue to offer school places for children in Y2/3/4/5 who have key worker parents or who are 'vulnerable'. Please contact the school or speak to your child's teacher in the weekly phone call if you have any questions or concerns.

I expect the government to make a final decision during half term.

#### **Half Term**

It is half term  $25^{th} - 29^{th}$  May. School will be closed to all children and there will be no Google Classroom. The office will be open though and we will still be doing the Roehampton Community Boxes. We had planned for a teacher training day on Monday  $1^{st}$  June. This has been cancelled so school will be open and Google Classroom will re-start.

### Fencing around the school

You may have noticed that we are having our perimeter fencing replaced around Alton Road. We have been trying to get this done for years so are very thankful that Wandsworth have agreed to do this. It will look so much better and will also be much safer.

# **School Improvement**

This week, Miss Durston has organised some training on how to improve our teaching of writing. The teachers have been watching some online training materials and then meeting virtually in groups after to discuss how they can use this when they teach writing. Mr Howland has also been doing something very similar with maths. Staff have been thinking about how to teach place value and how to support children to understand the value of each number.

### Roehampton Community Box

It's been great to see more parents contacting the school to request a Roehampton Community Box. We have 193 families at Heathmere and over 100 families are receiving a box. If you would like one, please phone or email the office.

We will continue the boxes over half term. Your delivery or pick up day will remain the same.

# **Little Village**

Little Village is a charity that supports parents with children aged 0-5 by providing baby clothes and equipment. There is now a hub at Eastwood Children's Centre, 166 Roehampton Lane. If you need help from them, either contact them directly or contact us at Heathmere and we can pass your details onto them.

### **Online Learning**

If you would like your children to have more online learning, can I suggest that you use:

# bbc bitesize oak national academy

Both are online learning programmes that have been specifically designed for children to learn during this period of school closure.

	Events
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	School-based children can bring their bikes and scooters into school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	

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