



Respect Resilience High Expectations

I hope you all managed to get some rest over half term. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week, looking refreshed.

Coronavirus Update

As you will know, we headed back into lock down from yesterday. The children probably won't notice any difference in school to how things have been since September. Thank you to parents for wearing face masks on the playground and for understanding that this is now necessary.

Please keep reminding your children about how they can help. This includes:

- Regular handwashing
- Sneeze into your elbow and wash hands afterwards
- No hugging (apart from your household)

And of course, children must not be sent into school if any member of their household has a high temperature, a dry persistent cough or a change in their sense of taste or smell.

Parents' Evening

A reminder that children must be collected at 2pm on Tuesday 10th November as we have parents' evening. You should have received an allocated time slot for the class teacher to phone you. Remember that most teachers will telephone from an **unknown number** so please be ready to answer.

Y2 London Workshop

Year 2 had a lovely drama workshop from the Bigfoot Company based on the London Landmarks. The children did some amazing singing and dancing to the song 'London Bridge is falling down'.

It made me feel like I was walking along the River Thames. Lili
I enjoyed singing and dancing. Hamza

School Improvement

On Monday, every single member of the teaching staff, from Nursery up to Year 6, completed an online phonics training programme. We watched recorded lessons and looked at research around what needs to happen to support children's early reading skills. This training supports our whole school improvement focus of 'Early Reading: a Balanced Approach'. We also spent time looking at how to further develop our curriculum.

Citizens Advice

I am happy to announce that Heathmere Primary have partnered with Citizens Advice Wandsworth (CAW), to provide a free, confidential advice telephone service for parents of children attending Heathmere Primary. Please see the information that is attached to this newsletter and contact Tracey Green for more information. (Tracey stands in the playground by Year 2 in the mornings.)

After School Clubs

I had come up with a plan to start introducing some after school clubs for the older children in a covid-safe way. However, the DfE issued new guidance on Wednesday which stated that during this period of lockdown, schools are not allowed to offer this provision unless it is solely for childcare purposes. I will keep monitoring the guidance and let you know if this changes.

When we are allowed to offer after-school clubs, it will probably initially only be for Y5 and Y6 children because we have to keep the children in their year group bubbles. In my plan, there will be 2 clubs offered to all Y5 children and another 2 clubs to all Y6 children; all children will be expected to participate in one of these clubs wherever possible. I will keep you updated.

	Events	Clubs
Monday 9 th November		No clubs this week
Tuesday 10 th November	Parents Evening – School will close at 2pm	
Wednesday 11 th November		
Thursday 12 th November		
Friday 13 th November		