



Mrs Fouracre

I have received news that Mrs Fouracre passed away last week. Those of you who have been parents at Heathmere for a long time, will remember her as the Headteacher here for 6 years up to December 2012. Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.

Leading Maths

As you are aware, Mr Howland (our maths leader) is a Mastery Specialist Teacher of Maths and so yesterday welcomed teachers from six other primary schools who came to Heathmere to watch him teach a maths lesson to 4HD. The children were amazing with so many adults in the room and really raised their game! The feedback from the teachers was excellent. These observations will be a regular feature at Heathmere over the year.

KS1 phonics workshop

We had another excellent turn out for a parent workshop last week with approximately 20 parents, mostly from Year 1, coming to find out how we teach phonics in school. Ms Hussein and I have spoken about possibly running the session again so that more parents can come. We will keep you updated.

Open Hour

As you know, we open the school for one hour every half term for parents to come and join their children in class. This will take place 9am – 10am on Thursday 10th October. All are welcome. On this occasion, it will be just Y1 – Y6 classes that are open. I hope parents are able to come and join us. It is so important for the children to see their parents supporting them with their learning.

Parents evening

Parents evening is on Tuesday 15th October. School will close at 2pm on this day.

School Improvement

We had a visitor working with the Wandle Teaching Alliance (based at Chesterton Primary School in Battersea) come to Heathmere yesterday to review our phonics provision. She watched us teach phonics and audited the home-reading books we send home in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. She has given us some really helpful feedback and we will be implementing her advice very soon. Watch out for some new home-reading books in the near future!

Celebration Hall

I have some very exciting news to share. We are in the design stages of completely knocking down and rebuilding our celebration hall, renovating the dining room and creating a better space for the meeting room. I had another discussion this week and things are definitely moving forward. This is a huge project for Heathmere and will give the children and community an amazing new facility. I will be talking about this in more detail once things are further along the process.

Bed Time

I have been talking to lots of children about their bed time recently. The oldest children should be asleep by 9pm (or even before) and younger children between 7pm and 8pm. Can I also please request that children do not have phones and tablets in their bedrooms at night – they are too much of a distraction when the children should be sleeping!

Attendance

It definitely feels as if attendance is picking up this term. Reception has made a brilliant start and their attendance is currently 96.9%. 6L are in the lead as their overall attendance is currently 99%. 3R are close behind with 98%!

	Events	Clubs
Monday 7 th October	Y6 SEND reviews meetings	Y2/3/4 Football - Tim
Tuesday 8 th October	Y5 Swimming Y4 to The Globe Theatre Y1 to Wimbledon Common	
Wednesday 9 th October	9am Maths workshop for Reception parents Trumpets 2C to Pizza Express 3pm Y4 to Rackets Cubed	
Thursday 10 th October	9am – 10am Open Hour for parents of children in Y1 – Y6	Football Team - Tim
Friday 11 th October	Story Storks to Nursery and Reception Some Y3/4 children to cricket competition	