



Welcome back! School has felt really lovely over the last couple of days and there is a real buzz around the place. I hope that you have all had a relaxing 6 weeks and no doubt most parents were happy for school to start again!

Welcome to new staff

As ever, we welcome several new staff to the team. I am sure they will all settle in quickly.

Mr Burton 6B teacher

Miss Bettridge 5B teacher

Mr Howland 3H teacher

Miss de Wit 3H teaching assistant

Miss Ramsamy 3R teacher

Miss Johnson 2W teacher alongside Miss White

Miss Stevens 2L teaching assistant

Miss Cannell 1V teaching assistant

We also welcome back to the staff team Mrs Van der Merwe who worked at Heathmere for many years. Miss Faris has become Mrs Gaynor and Miss Francis has become Mrs McNamara as both got married recently. Finally, a reminder that Mr Taylor and Mrs Lipinska have changed their roles and both are class teachers now.

Roehampton Library

Roehampton Library have been in touch - there are still lots of books to be returned from last year. Please check at home and return these books to school.

New books!

We have literally hundreds of new books in school, both in our school library and in the class book corners. Please make sure children are enjoying these books and reading them at home. It is also important that the children look after them so other children can enjoy them too.

Parent meetings

These take place over the next couple of weeks for parents of children in Y1 – Y6. Please attend. Parents of children in Y1 and Y2 who also have older children please note that we will bring your older children along to the meeting for you.

School Improvement

I am starting with some positive news! You may remember that in July we underwent an assessment for our Inclusion Quality Mark. This was a very rigorous day where an assessor spent the day in school looking at learning, speaking to children, staff, parents and governors. It was decided that Heathmere should be awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark and the assessor was so impressed that she suggested the school becomes a Centre of Excellence for its work around inclusion.

Building Work

I am very excited as it has been confirmed that we are finally being given the money by Wandsworth council to replace the windows in KS1. This is fantastic news as I am sure you will agree with me that they look awful at the moment. The new windows and doors will be put into 1A, 1V, 2L and 2W. I hope they will be in by Christmas. In addition, the roof over Nursery and Reception will be replaced. And finally, there will be another project undertaken in the Early Years outdoor area to further develop the space. I don't have a start date for this yet but I will keep you posted.

Uniform

Most children arrived yesterday looking very smart for the new year! Can I please remind all parents that children need to wear the correct uniform. This includes proper school shoes and a school jumper. Blue or black cardigans are not part of the school uniform.

Lunch boxes

There is some information on the back of the newsletter to remind parents about healthy lunchboxes. If your child has a packed lunch, it MUST be healthy. A small treat is allowed on a Friday. Please note that we have several children with nut allergies so please do not send nuts into school in packed lunches or on birthday cakes.

	Events	Clubs
Monday 7 th September	Year 6 Viking workshop 3.25pm Y2 parent information meeting in the celebration hall	Clubs start next week
Tuesday 8 th September	Reception children start part time	
Wednesday 9 th September	3.35pm Y6 parent information meeting in 6J classroom	
Thursday 10 th September	3.35pm Y5 parent information meeting in 5F classroom	
Friday 11 th September	Reception children start full time Y5 and Y6 swimming at Ibstock School Attendance assembly	