



It's been a good first full week at Heathmere. We were visited by Dawn Warwick, the Director of Education and Social Services for Wandsworth who commented on what a lovely feel there was around our school. They came to inspect the building work which remains on track to finish on 7th November.

Stepping back in time...

On Thursday the year three children had an Iron Age and Stone Age workshop. It was so much fun! Each class was given a name of a tribe. We had battles and Stone Age burial and a Celt burial. We also tried to start a fire! Danielle 3S



Early Years

Welcome to all of our new parents in Nursery and Reception – I hope that you are happy with how your children are settling in. Should you have any concerns, please speak to the class teachers. Mr Cooper (Deputy Head) and I are usually available before and after school if you wish to speak with us.

Training Days

This year, school will be closed on Friday 19th September and Friday 1st May for school training days. Parents' Evening will be Tuesday 21st October and school will close at 2pm on this day.

Ofsted Update

Our school link inspector visited yesterday. He commented on how quickly the children have settled into the new year and how strong their attitudes to learning continue to be. We spent much of the day looking at Nursery and Reception provision as Early Years is now judged separately by Ofsted. An action plan has been written to continue to improve the quality of provision.

Swimming

Swimming will start for Y4 and Y6 on Friday 26th September at Ibstock School. Children will be travelling by public bus from outside Heathmere to the top of Clarence Lane. Mr Lawrence, who is a qualified swimming teacher, lifeguard and first-aider will be leading the swimming. Your child's class teacher will also be present. Y5 will swim at Ibstock during the Spring term. Arrangements are still being made for Y2 and Y3.

Scooters

By the side entrance on Alton Road, there are new scooter racks. Children can ride their scooters to school and leave them there. They can be locked away if you have a chain and all scooters are left at your own risk. Once the builders have finished, we will also put them into the Early Years playground. I will look into bike racks for older children once the builders have finished.

Attendance

As many of you know, I feel like I am always talking about attendance. We cannot teach your children if they are not here. And this year I will be talking even more about punctuality. Learning starts at 9am so please be here at 8.50am.

Class with the highest attendance: 2S with 96%

Most punctual class: 5F

Individual attendance winners: Ozgur 6P, Ricardo 4F and Archie 3K.

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	Events	Clubs
Monday 15 th September	3.30pm Y1 parent information meeting in Celebration Hall	Y1/2 football club
Tuesday 16 th September		Y3/4/5/6 dance club
Wednesday 17 th September	3.30pm Y3 parent information meeting in the Sports Hall 3.30pm Putney Ark information meeting for Y6 parents in the Celebration Hall	Y1/2 dance club
Thursday 18 th September	9am phonics workshop for Reception parents 3.30pm Y4 parent information meeting in 6J classroom	Y3/4 football club Y5/6 football club
Friday 19 th September	School closed for teacher training day	