



Welcome back to a new year at Heathmere. I am sure that none of us could have predicted what has happened so far in 2020. Our aim now is to make sure things are as stable for the children as possible. School felt very calm yesterday and it was a real pleasure to welcome everyone back. There were a lot of happy faces from staff, parents and children!

## Reminders for Parents

- Please socially distance from other families in the playground
- Keep your family group together; children are not able to run around at the end of the day
- Communicate with the office via email [office@heathmere.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:office@heathmere.wandsworth.sch.uk)
- Avoid arriving at gates and doors early
- If you are running late, phone the office to let them know. Otherwise, be on time!
- Parents are not able to walk through the school building unless invited to

## Staff Changes

Thankfully there are not many staff changes this year!

Welcome back to Mrs Van der Merwe who is returning as a Y4 teacher. She has taught at Heathmere several times before so it is a pleasure to see her again.

Miss Maria has changed her role and will now be teaching the children's PE lessons with Miss Baiza supporting her.

Our new dance specialist is called Conor and he will start with Y3 and Y4 on Tuesday.

Sid, our specialist music teacher, returns on Tuesday. He will start with Y6, Y1, Y2 and Nursery.

## Mrs Mitwali

Mrs Mitwali had a baby boy in July and has called him Robin. She has been sending photos through and everything is going well. I am sure you will join me in sending her and her partner our best wishes.

## Reading Books

Please return any books that you have at home!

|                                     | Events   | Clubs              |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September    | 3.25pm 1M Parent Information Meeting                       | No clubs this week |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September   | 3.25pm 1B Parent Information Meeting                       |                    |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September | 3.30pm 3R Parent Information Meeting                       |                    |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September | 3.30pm 3L Parent Information Meeting<br>Y6 Viking Workshop |                    |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September   |  |                    |

## School Improvement

We received a very positive report from the Inclusion Quality Mark assessor which meant that we have retained our Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship Status for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. Last night, I met with governors and the senior leadership team to think about our long term plans for the school. Once these are finalised next week, I will be sharing them with you.

## Parent Information Meetings

These will start next week. We politely request that there is only one parent per family and you don't bring children to the meeting (unless you have young children who can't be otherwise looked after). Your school-aged children will be looked after outside by members of staff. Please wear a face-mask where you can as it may be difficult to ensure social distancing. The meetings will take place in the classroom.

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| 1M  | 3.25pm | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September     |
| 1B  | 3.25pm | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September    |
| 3R  | 3.30pm | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| 3L  | 3.30pm | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| 2HD | 3.25pm | Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September    |
| 2DM | 3.25pm | Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| 4V  | 3.30pm | Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September |
| 4G  | 3.30pm | Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| 5T  | 3.30pm | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September    |
| 6B  | 3.30pm | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September   |
| 6L  | 3.30pm | Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September |

## PE Kits

We won't be using PE kits, so children will stay in their uniform. I will let you know when this changes. PE days may change, but are currently timetabled for:

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Year 1 and Year 2 | Wednesdays             |
| Year 3 and Year 4 | Tuesdays and Thursdays |
| Year 5 and Year 6 | Tuesdays               |

**Children must wear trainers to school on PE days.**

## Attendance

School attendance is now compulsory. Children only stay at home if they have a high temperature or a persistent cough.