



# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

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Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a lovely break over the summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead. It's been great to have the children back in school and to see how quickly they have settled into their new classes and routines.

A special welcome to our new families with children in our Nursery and Reception classes and to those who have joined us in higher year groups. We're excited to have you as part of our school community and are here to support you as your children begin this exciting journey.

Over the Summer holidays, we have been very busy at Heber! There have been a number of premises projects that have been completed including decorating the school kitchen, laying new flooring in the downstairs children's toilets and most excitingly, completely revamping the Reception outdoor area. Special thanks to Ms Marsh, our School Business Manager, who applied (and won!) a bid to finance this Reception project. The new Reception children were very excited to use it on their first morning at Heber!

Keep an eye on our newsletters to find out what we are up to in school and for reminders of upcoming events.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Kyprios



## Emotional Literacy - RULER

At Heber we truly believe that children learn better when they're happy. The first week of a new school year is the perfect opportunity to reset and remind everyone how we teach Emotional Literacy at Heber and how we ensure we are equipping our children to be emotionally intelligent. In classes we have seen fabulous Mood Meters being created and used. It is always so great to see how different the mood meters are and even better when we know that the Mood Meters lead to open discussions about how we are all feeling. The Class Charters have been written and signed by each class emphasising the importance of working together to create the right atmosphere in the room.



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## Year Group Bulletins

This term's Bulletins are available to view on our website. The Bulletins give detailed information regarding the curriculum that will be taught this term as well as general routines and P.E days. Teachers have also added key dates to the bulletins – including the much-anticipated Christmas performance dates!

<https://heberprimaryschool.com/learning/year-group-bulletins/>

## Upcoming Meetings/Parent Workshops

We offer a wide range of workshops throughout the course of the school year. If you are unable to attend in person, the presentation and resources will be available on the school website on our [Parent Workshop](#) page.

### Curriculum Meeting

The teachers will soon be holding Curriculum Meetings in school. These meetings are a great opportunity to get to know your child's teacher and hear all about the curriculum plans for the year. You will find out more about the day to day running of the class and year group learning expectations. All meetings will start at 4:00pm. Due to changes in staff timetables, there have been some changes to previously published dates, so please check the session dates below.

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Years 2 and 3
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Years 1 and 4
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Years 5 and 6

### Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm, we are holding a Monster Phonics workshop for parents and carers to attend. The workshop will help parents have an understanding of the whole school phonic scheme and introduce ways you can support your child at home with their Reading and Writing development.



## Year 6 – Transition to Secondary School

Although your child has only just started Year 6, it is vital you start thinking about secondary schools. The closing date for applications is **31st October**. Although there will be a transition meeting in a few weeks to talk through the process, [here](#) is the guidance from Southwark, which contains details of all local secondary schools. Our advice is to visit as many schools as you can. They all offer something different and when you visit you will be able to gain a better understanding of the school. Please be aware that the open day /evening events start very soon and for some schools you will need to book a place. If you have any questions, please email Mrs Jefford via the school office.



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## Attendance Reminders

Welcome to the start of another school year! We are delighted to have the children back, and it has been wonderful to see their happy faces as they settle into their new routines.

As we embark on this academic journey together, we would like to remind you of the importance of regular attendance and punctuality for both academic success and social development. The Department for Education requires us to monitor attendance closely and to report to parents when a child's attendance falls below 96%. Please note that the school gates will close at 8.55am for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. If your child is unwell, kindly inform the school office before 9am on the day of absence. Additionally, if your child is experiencing emotional challenges and requires support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. As Heber is a Local Authority school, we have a statutory responsibility to follow Southwark's Attendance Policy which can be found [here](#)

### Days Off School Add Up to Lost Learning

#### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



### Lost Minutes Results in Lost Learning

#### Getting your child to school on time really matters

If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
*****	*****	*****
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

## Year 5 & 6 Parents Reminder

Please remember to fill in the Google form if your child has permission to walk home from school by themselves.

<https://forms.gle/TnfnBTFxCURop54k7>

## PE Teacher Staffing

Please do not panic, I am not letting Mr Neve-Dunn retire just yet! He is however, reducing his days this year. To continue our high-level specialist provision of PE at Heber, we are welcoming Joe Howard, who is an incredibly experienced Sports Coach. He will be teaching PE at Heber on Fridays from next week. He has worked for Southwark's PE and School Sports Network for a number of years. The PE & School Sports Network works with over 70 primary, secondary, and special schools to deliver high-quality PE, inclusive competitions, and leadership opportunities—helping every child get active, build confidence, and enjoy the benefits of sport. As long as the school calendar can handle it, we are excited at the potential for new fixtures and competitions across the borough that Joe will bring to Heber.





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## New Mud Kitchen fun!

Miss Rose, our wonderful new Eco Committee Lead teacher, has been very busy over the summer holidays building Heber its very own mud kitchen! The children have started using it today and are very excited! It was great to see many of our older children thoroughly enjoying using it. Children will have access to the mud kitchen during playtimes and lunchtimes. Thanks to Miss Rose for all of the hard work that went into building it!





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## September

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Immersion Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment clubs begin (except Inventors Club, which begins 23/09) Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents (2:15pm)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Meeting – Years 2 and 3 (4:00pm) Year 2, 3 and 4 Immersion Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Meeting – Years 1 and 4 (4:00pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Meeting – Years 5 and 6 (4:00pm) Year 1 Immersion Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Immersion Day Inventors Club begin
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Residential Meeting (3.45pm)

## October

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Years 2 and 3 Road Safety Workshop
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Photography Day – Individual photos
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Photography Day – Sibling photos
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Swimming
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term Holiday</b>	