



# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

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Welcome back to the new school year and a very warm welcome to our new families. It is wonderful to have our children back where they belong. We have been so impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into their routines. Our nursery and reception children have blown us away with how well they have adjusted to their new classes too.

Our routines for parents are somewhat different this year. I want to thank all parents and carers for your patience and understanding, particularly around our start and end of the day procedures. I appreciate that the staggered timings can be inconvenient to you, but they are essential in keeping our community safe and our school open! We are monitoring these procedures and will adjust them if necessary. There are a number of things that we would like you to do to help us:

- Please do not gather in front of the school gates. This makes it harder for staff to dismiss the children safely or see who is waiting to come in. Instead, line up along the pavement so that we can send children in/out one at a time. Stand in front of the gate when you get to the front of the line and ask for your child.
- Move away from the line if it is not the correct pick up/drop off time for your child.
- Whilst as a school, we cannot enforce mask wearing, we would like to encourage this if you feel that you are unable to socially distance around the school entrances
- Please avoid standing in the road. We don't want children to learn that this is a safe place to stand.
- Please share this information with the person who picks up your children

**Rivka Rosenberg**

## Planned Road Closure on Heber Road

We are working with the local authority with the hope of instigating a timed road closure. After a very long time on their waiting list, we were offered this opportunity at the end of the last academic but due to poor timing and the requirements on the school, including the need for us to conduct a consultation with the neighbours, we had to ask for a postponement.

We are committed to prioritising this and are in contact with the council, however, as we have pavement widening measures in place, we are no longer seen as priority school.

If the road closure is approved, we will be looking to recruit a team of parent volunteers to help us manage this. We will keep you updated as soon as we have more information. In the meantime, if you must drive your children to school, please try to park on the streets away from Heber Road and Jennings Road. As always, we would like to encourage you to travel to school by bike, scooter or on foot.

## Collecting Siblings

We have always had a 10-minute gap between Key Stage collection times. Due to the new staggered arrangements at the end of the day, there are some families who now have a 20-minute wait. We are working on a procedure to help the families that this applies to and will be getting in touch next week.

## Punctuality and Attendance

Please make sure that your children arrive at school on time for the start of the day. Our timetables are very full and every minute of the school day is important. Punctuality and attendance are key to the success of your child's education, and good routines contribute significantly towards preparing your child for his or her future. Children who arrive late at school often;

- miss vital parts of the lesson, information and news
- disrupt the class when the lesson is underway
- find it embarrassing entering a class, once the lesson has started.



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## Help Fund a Visualiser

With social distancing between staff and children in place in classrooms, it's tricky to see and respond to the children's work in the moment. The school would like visualisers to:

- Carry out live demonstrations without the need for children to crowd around a table
- Look at children's work as a class to support editing and provide feedback that can no longer be done in close proximity show work/objects/artefacts that would usually be passed around the class
- Magnify worksheets etc. so that they can be seen from the back of the classroom
- Connect classrooms for assemblies.

The Parents and Friends of Heber School is working with the school to put a visualiser in every classroom. We're asking for your generous support to help make this happen as soon as possible, so that all of the children and staff at Heber can benefit right from the start.

All proceeds will be used to fund a total of 18 visualisers at a cost of £50 each; any surplus will go towards the P&F's campaign to improve IT facilities at the school.

To make your donation, please visit our P&F JustGiving page:

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/help-heber>



## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week this week:

Year 1 – Adrian (1DJ) and Mercy (1H)

Year 2 – Leyla (2L) and Miley (2B)

Year 3 – Ivo (3LE) and Tycan (3C)

Year 4 – Callum (4W) and Rowena (4P)

Year 5 – Joe (5S) and Felix (5A)

Year 6 – Miami (6F) and Freya (6K)

Stars of the Week and other

achievements have been celebrated in class this week. Once our visualisers are up and running we will be starting up our weekly Merit Assembly on Fridays.

## Applying for a Secondary School Place

Before applying for a secondary school place for your child to start in Year 7 in September 2021, you should research all the schools that you and your child are interested in. You can find information here:

- [Starting secondary school in Southwark 2021-22](#) (pdf, 2.5mb)
- [Secondary schools open days and evenings](#) (open sessions)

If you're a Southwark resident, you must [apply online for a secondary school place](#). You can find further information on completing an online school admissions application here:

- [How to apply online](#)
- Apply for your child's school place [online guidance leaflet](#) (pdf, 38kb)

If you do not live in Southwark, you must complete the admission application for the borough in which you live even if you'd like to apply for a school in Southwark.

For more information on the application process, visit the [Secondary Applications](#) page on the Southwark Council website



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## Join Parents and Friends at this Year's AGM

The Parents and Friends' Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm.

A huge thank you to all of you who contributed to the fundraising efforts of last year – the events we were able to run were really successful and enjoyed by many. The total raised from fundraising was **£35k**, with £23k of this coming from P&F events (pre-lockdown) and the rest from direct donations.

We would love to “see” as many of you as possible at the AGM where we will discuss future activities and how we all can help the school. This year, there are some committee roles which are vacant (communication and sponsorship leads and as we will be moving to online events people with expertise in setting these up!). Being part of the committee is both enjoyable and rewarding and enables a privileged involvement in the school. If you like to know more about each role, you can email us on [heberpandf@gmail.com](mailto:heberpandf@gmail.com) or simply join the AGM.

If you would like to be part of the P&F, have some (virtual) fundraising ideas, think you like to help out with one of the roles or just like to hear what it's all about – please do join the meeting.

This AGM will be held via Zoom. Meeting ID: 969 6227 4977

Either access through the Zoom App or by using one of the following dial in details:

020 3966 8818

0131 460 1196

020 3051 2874

Many thanks

**Louise and Laura (Co-Chairs)**

## Welcome Back Mrs Kyrios

Mrs Kyrios, our Deputy Headteacher, is back from her year long maternity leave. She would like to say a warm welcome to all of the new parents and children who have joined Heber in the last year. She is also looking forward to catching up with all of our existing families. Mrs Kyrios will continue to lead on Teaching and Learning across the school.

## Personalised School Uniforms Labels

Stikins Labels are high-quality, permanent labels with your child's name. You can stick them on clothes, hats, shoes, water bottles, and more. No need to sew or iron. You can order at [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) using the Heber voucher code 9323 so that we will receive 30% commission.

## Easy Fundraising

Easyfundraising: Turn everyday shopping into free donations by signing-up to [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) and choose Parents & Friends of Heber School as your cause.

Donations are available through over 3,700 online brands, supermarkets and retailers who donate up to 8% of your order value and even more when you switch utility providers.

Join Shop Raise

**Collect FREE funds for us**  
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## This Week in School



We have been so busy in Year 1! We can't believe how settled the children are already. This week we have begun our Maths teaching and we have been very impressed with their counting skills. In English we began reading our class text - The Magic Bed. Today we had a brilliant time doing a story 'Whoosh' where we retold the story.



Year 5 have been creating timelines of historical events. They have also started their new class book, 'Origami Yoda' and have been trying out some origami for themselves.

Reception have already started to write and publish their own stories!



## September

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Remote Parents' Evenings begin
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> (8:00pm)	The Parents and Friends' Annual General Meeting

## October

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Closed – INSET Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Secondary school application deadline