



HEATHBROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Returning to School

On Monday 22nd February, the government is expected to announce its review about whether schools will reopen on Monday 8th March. We intend to contact you as soon as possible after the 22nd to explain what it means for everyone here at Heathbrook. Please remember that next week is half term week.

Getting Ready to Start School Again

Please be starting to think about ways you can support your child to transition back into school, when it happens. From after half term (Monday 22nd February), vulnerable children and the children of critical workers will be expected to wear uniform in school to help them prepare.

More Cuppas and Chats

Following the positive attendance at our [‘Cuppa and Chat’ Zoom sessions](#), we are going to continue these after half term. Please follow the link for extra dates.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Free school meal vouchers have already been sent out for half term.

Please Remember...

This helpful feedback from parents and carers at our Cuppas and Chats:

- ✓ There is no ‘right’ way to manage things at the moment, no magic wand
- ✓ Coping is ok; just getting through each day is a success
- ✓ Most children are regressing (e.g. with sleep, resilience, a cuddly toy) and finding it hard to leave the home or talk on the phone or online
- ✓ Give your child plenty of hugs and emotional reassurance - say “it’s ok”
- ✓ Hook up with other families in whichever way is possible and safe for you
- ✓ The brains of primary school age children will adapt and heal.

Another Half Term Recommendation

[Elevate Lambeth](#), who connect children of all ages to creativity and culture, are offering some exciting activities you could explore together next week. Take part in the biggest art exhibition ever! Watch a puppet performance from the Little Angel Theatre. Join Florence Nightingale... on Zoom!? Play games that children enjoyed during the second world war and more.

Last week we recommended an [online storytelling musical coding experience](#).

PTA Coffee Collectors

As part of supporting our outdoor learning, the PTA have been making links with local coffee shops. Once parents have [collected used coffee grounds](#), children are able to add them to our compost bins. Coffee is rich in nitrogen which helps our plants to grow even bigger! If you want to join our team of collectors, then please email HeathbrookPTA@gmail.com.