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| **Friday 15th February 2019 Issue: 30** |
| **The New School**  We’ve finally made it! When the children return after their break they will be coming back to our new school! We are all really excited about this new chapter in the history of West Heath Primary School. School will reopen to the children on Monday 4th March, which will give us the time to have everything in place. Below are a few things you may need to know in relation to the move and the term ahead.  The First Day Back  Please bring your children to school at the usual time. We will have lots of staff available to direct the children into the new school. All of the children will initially be taken to the new school hall before being taken to their new classrooms. Playtimes and lunchtimes will take place at the same times as they currently do. At the end of the day lots of staff will again be on hand to direct parents to the places where their children will now be picked up from. We will also put out signs so that everybody knows where it is they need to go. We anticipate that it will take a few days to ‘fine tune’ routines, please be patient with us whilst we get everything running exactly the way we want them to.  After School Clubs  There will be no afterschool clubs taking place during the first two weeks back. Clubs will now restart in the new school on Monday 18th March. This is due to Parents Evening and other events. The children will carry on in the clubs they are currently in for the remainder of the term. Spare places will be allocated during this week. If your child no longer wants their place, please inform the school office so that it can be allocated to another child.  Parents Evening  Parents Evenings will be held on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March. We will also be using this night to show parents around the new school. For the last Parents Evening we used the E-Schools online booking system which worked really well. During the first week that the children return to school, this will become live. We will be sending you information about exactly what you need to do to book an appointment straight away after half term.  Waterproof coats for PE  As always, children are expected to have PE kits that consist of white t-shirts, black shorts (no logos) and plimsolls. However, many PE lessons will take place outside so children are also advised to have black tracksuit bottoms (no logos), their PE hoodies in school and trainers. Outdoor PE will also take place when it is raining and we are therefore asking every child to bring a waterproof coat and trousers to school that can be used at these times. All children have their own PE box; therefore, they do not need to bring a backpack to school every day! There is nowhere in the new school for backpacks to be stored!  School lunches  We now have a new chef and the food is fabulous! In the new school, we have a brilliant kitchen so all food will be cooked on site. Please let the school office know if you want to change from sandwiches to cooked meals! Remember that dinners for EYFS, Y1, Y2 are free of charge!    Lunch boxes and Backpacks  Some of the children’s lunchboxes have been getting bigger and bigger over recent weeks. This creates storage issues in school and ‘squashed’ lunches! If children do choose to bring a packed lunch to school make sure that they actually bring a lunchbox and not a backpack in which to store their lunch! We will be monitoring this after half term and will stop children bringing in lunch storage that is too big or unsuitable!  Uniform  It has become necessary for us to reiterate some of our expectations in regard to school uniform as some things have started to slip. Some of the girl’s skirts are too short; especially in upper KS2. All skirts need to be knee length. If children choose to wear bows in their hair these need to be small, otherwise children will be asked to take them out. Trainers are only allowed for PE! Finally, tramlines/pattern in children’s hair are not permitted. These haircuts must be kept for the school holidays. |

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| **Dates for your Diary:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Monday 25th February to Friday 1st March 2019 | School Closed for relocation | | Monday 11th March | Class 7 trip to Buddhist Temple | | Monday 18th March | Afterschool Clubs restart | | Tuesday 12th March | Class 8 trip to Buddhist Temple | | Wednesday 13th March  Thursday 14th March | Parents Evening | |