



HEATH LANE NURSERY SCHOOL
AND CHILDREN'S CLUB
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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe the children have only been to nursery for three weeks. Most children are really settled now and where there have been a few teething problems we have worked with you to change things for the better. Staff and parents are saying they can see progress already! I expect the children are very tired too as they have met new friends, explored their new environment and learnt the new routines!

There were three nominations for Parent Governors at the deadline on Thursday 29th September. This means a vote is not required and the following parents will shortly become governors at Heath Lane.

Mrs Masters (Harrison's Mum in afternoon nursery) will be able to continue the two year post she has held already.

Mr Lainton (Charlie's Dad in morning nursery) and Mr Pierce (Barnaby's Dad in morning nursery) will be welcomed onto the Governing Body at the next meeting on Tuesday 18th October.

Samir Yasmin (Ibraheem's Mum in afternoon nursery) will continue her appointment.

Don't forget the AGM for the PTA is tomorrow on 4th October at 7pm-9pm and is held in the nursery foyer. All parents are welcome. If you cannot attend but would like to help out please let us know. Thank you for all the reply slips returned so far as they help us to cater effectively.

All support from parents and carers is much appreciated and helps to ensure a positive experience for children starting their school journey. Thank you.

With best wishes

Mrs R Heath

Dates

Friday 7th October is Jeans for Genes Day. A box will be available to collect donations if you wish to make them and wear your jeans!

Saturday 8th October - Together Time for Working Parents at nursery 10-11:15. Please book with the Children's Centre in the front office at nursery.

Advance Notice:

- Miss Plows will shortly be running four sessions in November called “**ABOUT BOYS**” on Friday mornings. If you are interested please let Mrs Heath know.
- Boxmoor Trust will be holding their annual **CONKER FESTIVAL** on the Moor on the 16th October. At half term they are holding Harry Potter themed activities. For more information please see their website www.boxmoortrust.org.uk The nursery has worked with Boxmoor Trust over the years to encourage children's development through outdoor experiences.
- The photographer Kim Thorns will be taking **individual photos** of children on Tuesday 1st November.

ABSENCE

Please ring nursery and club if your child is absent for any reason including sickness. If your child suffers from vomiting or diarrhoea the earliest they should return to school is 48 hours after the last episode. This helps to prevent the spread of infection and enables your child to recover fully before a busy day playing and learning. If going on holiday please collect a leave of absence form from the office.

PARKING

This is an ongoing and complicated issue! For your child's safety

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY.

Do not park in the staff car park. We appreciate there are not enough spaces for everyone in the turning circle and we would point out that schools do not automatically provide parking for parents. Parents and carers bringing children to school need to allow additional time to their journey to park and walk. There are several roads nearby where parking is permitted. The council have allowed parking in the residents' bays for 9am and 3:15pm times only. This is in agreement with the residents. The council have also suggested parents park in Anchor Lane over the lunchtime period. The governors will continue to work with the Council to improve the situation.

As we identify South Hill School parents parking at nursery we do make it clear to them that this is not permitted. The staff at the Child Development Centre are also concerned that some of their customers are unable to park in either of the two disabled bays. Please only park there if you have a disabled badge.

PACKED LUNCHES

If your child brings a packed lunch please avoid products with **nuts and sesame**. We have several children with allergies. Sweets and chocolate should not be part of lunch but staff are happy to help children peel satsumas and other healthy foods. If you would like to see our Packed Lunch Policy please email admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk