



HEATH LANE NURSERY SCHOOL  
AND CHILDREN'S CLUB  
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16<sup>TH</sup> September 2011

Dear Parents and Carers

The staff and I would like to say a huge THANK YOU for the welcome we received on all the home visits. It has made the settling in process much easier for us to manage and has really helped us to get to know your children. We are very pleased with the way they are settling into the nursery and club routines after only a few days. We hope the home visits have been helpful for you too.

Our theme for this first half-term is "All About Me" which helps us to get to know the children. Please send a photo with all the members of your family that you could lend to nursery. This will help staff to talk with children about the other important people in their lives.

You will find other useful information and reminders on the rest of this newsletter. Any queries please contact the office number or email [admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk)

With best wishes for a happy nursery year

Mrs R Heath

### **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**

Please do NOT park in the staff car park. Doctors and therapists at the Child Development Centre and school staff need to be able to park at different times throughout the day. Please try and walk to school with your child, or park a short distance away and walk, which is an excellent way of teaching them road safety.

## **SCHOOL DINNERS**

We still have a few spaces for school dinners. If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be eligible to claim free school dinners. Ring 01438 737370 to check your entitlement. Please speak to the nursery office for more information or to request a dinner place.

## **ACCESS TO INTERNET**

Could you let us know if you do not have ready access to the internet. Last year when the snow came we were able to communicate with nearly all our families regarding emergency school closures. The home page of the school website [www.heathlane.herts.sch.uk](http://www.heathlane.herts.sch.uk) was updated daily to enable parents to plan accordingly. For those few parents without access I am happy to make phone contact to keep you informed.

## **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

The AGM for the PTA is on 4<sup>th</sup> 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. A formal invitation will be in your child's book bag next week.

## **Red Circle Signs**

You may have noticed two red circle signs outside. The children also use this sign in nursery to know it means STOP and that it is not a good place to play. Climbing on the salt bin and up the steep wall near the road are not to be allowed and we would ask parents and carers to support us in reinforcing this. Please do not let your children play on the grass as it can be distracting to patients in the Child Development Centre.

## **JUNK MODELLING**

Please deliver any empty boxes for modelling in the office providing they are nut and sesame seed free. We have several children with severe allergies this year. Soap powder boxes are not suitable for nursery use either.

## **School Terms and Holiday Dates**

## **Academic Year 2011/12**

**Autumn Term 2011** Finishes on Friday 16 December 2011

**Half Term - school closed** Monday 24 Oct to Friday 28 October 2011

**Occasional Day - school closed** - Friday 18 November 2011

**Spring Term 2011** Tuesday 3 January to Friday 30 March 2012

**Half Term - school closed** Monday 13 Feb to Friday 17 February 2012

**INSET Day - school closed** - Tuesday 3 January 2012

**Summer Term 2012** Tuesday 16 April to Monday 23 July 2012

**Half Term** Monday 4 June to Friday 8 June 2012

**School closed** May Bank Holiday: 7 May 2011

**INSET Days - school closed** - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Friday 1 June & Monday 23 July 2012

