



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

We are really pleased with the way all the children have settled this term. The staff have patiently taught the children the necessary rules to keep them safe and secure and the children have been quick to learn the routines and how to settle in group activities. We are really enjoying a lot of different activities with them including forest school.

On Friday the nursery supports Jeans for Genes day and if you wish your child to wear jeans that day and you wish to make a voluntary contribution there will be a collection tin available.

The following week on Friday 8th October James Reveley will be coming morning and afternoon to share a story with the children about harvest time. The children will be learning about different foods and two harvest songs for the occasion. This year, as last year, we would like to support DENS (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter). See www.dens.org.uk for more information or ask in the office. This is a local charity for homeless people and provides meals for those in need. If you would like to make a small harvest donation of a tin of food to bring on Thursday or Friday we shall ensure DENS receives it the following week.

There are some dates in the diary now ready for Christmas so please take some time to check through the rest of the newsletter for information and dates. Thank you everybody for your prompt return of the PTA and digital images forms. It is very helpful when planning events to have all this information well in advance.

With best wishes

Mrs R Heath

PTA

The first meeting of the year for the PTA is on Tuesday 5th October at 7:30pm here at nursery. Don't worry if you cannot make it. When they send the next letter out the PTA will let you know how you can help and how the money raised is going to be spent.

Book Bags and Names

We are happy for you to add a ribbon or tag of some kind to the handle of your child's book bag to speed up identification. Those parents and carers who have written their child's name in biro on the label (or used name tags) in the sweatshirts and coats have made it much easier for us to return clothing to the correct owner. As the woolly hats and gloves start to come out please make sure they are named.

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.

AUTOMATIC DOORS

Please note the first door on entry is fully automatic and uses a sensor to detect people approaching. On wet days we aim to turn the key so that the door reverts back to manual. That way parents, carers and children waiting to come into nursery can stand under the cover. The inner door has to be managed with a push button system. They have to be at wheelchair user height and it is good to see how sensible the children have been when opening the door.

Children Centre Showcase Event

On Saturday 2nd October 10:30am- 1:30pm the mayor of Dacorum and the MP Mike Penning are coming to this event at South Hill Centre. There will be an entertainer and other activities for children as well as information about child care, family finance and health. Please see the notice on the information board for more details or ask at the children's centre office.

Applying for School Places

The deadline for applying for a school place for children born between 1st September 2006 and 31st August 2007 is Saturday 15th January 2011. You can apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. If you would like help with this or any questions please ask Mrs Heath or Mrs Harris in the children's centre.

Christmas Dates!

29th November - school closed but children's club is open. Please contact Mrs Haynes on 01442 234687 to confirm places or if you want an ad hoc place.

Thursday 9th December - Christmas Celebrations at St John's Church. There will be no normal nursery sessions. Instead we hope you will be able to bring your children for an hour down to the church where they will tell you the story of HUMPH the CAMEL! 10am-11am for morning nursery and 1:30-2:30 for afternoon nursery.

Wednesday 15th December - the nursery sessions will include a Christmas Party and entertainer. Details to follow.

