



HEATH LANE NURSERY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers

This half term has been very busy and the walks to Locker's Park School grounds this week have been a great success. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have accompanied the children and helped with clothing and wellies. The walk has coincided with our focus on walking to school and it has been encouraging to see many children understanding the need for hand holding and safety when walking on the pavement. As the weather turns colder please make sure your children come to school with a coat. Mittens and hats are also a good idea but please make sure they are named!

Thank you for all your support settling the new children into the nursery routines. Please don't hesitate to speak to your child's key worker if there is any matter you are concerned about. You will have the opportunity to talk in more detail about their progress in a 10 minute consultation the week beginning the 15th November. Please sign up for appointments the week after half term.

After half term the curriculum will be planned around celebrations and festivals. If your family has any special celebrations you would like to share with us staff would welcome your expertise and knowledge. If you would like to do some cooking, story telling or other activities within the nursery or club you would be most welcome. If you have considered volunteering on a weekly basis please speak to Mrs Heath.

With best wishes for a relaxing half term break

Mrs R Heath

PTA

The PTA are planning a special Christmas evening. Details to follow tomorrow in a separate flier.

Boxmoor Trust

Boxmoor Trust are holding an autumn activity day on Thursday 28th October in half term week. It is called Colours and Patterns in Autumn. If you would like to find out more please contact the trust on 01442 253300 and read the flier on the nursery notice board.

Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch please avoid products with nuts and sesame. Sweets and chocolate should not be part of lunch but staff are happy to help children peel satsumas and other healthy foods.

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.

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.

The nursery and Child Development Centre are considering the need for a barrier to the site. This would be an additional and ongoing cost which would take away much needed funds to both services. If you have any other suggestions for improving parking issues such as a walking bus please don't hesitate to put them in writing to Mrs Heath.

Applying for School Places

The deadline for applying for a primary 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. **If your child has a flexible or additional hours pattern please speak to the office to confirm arrangements.**