



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

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Welcome back to the start of a new school term. We hope you have had fun over the Christmas holiday. The staff would like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts we were given at the end of last term. They are much appreciated. Once again the snow disrupted the last day of term but eventually everyone was collected and home safely.

WELCOME to the new children who have started this week. It has been lovely to see them joining in straight away with all the activities. If you have any questions please chat to your child's key worker or ring the office.

We know many of you were dealing with **sickness** over the holiday. Staff will be teaching and reminding children over the next few weeks about hand washing and nose blowing to reduce the risk of infection in school. Please ring to inform us if your child is unwell. They should return to school when they are symptom free and have enough energy to enjoy all the activities.

The theme this term is **PATTERNS** which can be seen everywhere. Animals, clothes, plants and weather all come under the spotlight. If you have any particular examples of patterns please don't hesitate to share them with staff. The role play area will soon be a jungle!

With best wishes

Mrs R Heath

Diary Dates to follow next week.

APPLYING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES. URGENT!!!!

All parents and carers should have applied for a school place by now!

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.

SNOW PROCEDURES

- With the very cold weather please make sure your children come to nursery and club with extra layers and hat, mittens (easier to put on) and scarf. It is really helpful when all clothes have a child's name on the label too!
- In the event of snow it may be necessary to close the school if staff are unable to travel in safely. If the decision is made to close the school and club due to snow or severe weather conditions please check the home page on www.hertsdirect.org.uk (which is designed to cope with heavy demand) or the nursery school website for information

www.heathlane.herts.sch.uk

We will also be using the local radio stations 'Snowline' to inform parents
Heart FM Radio 97.6FM 828AM

BBC Three Counties Radio 103.8FM/ 95.5FM or 630MW/ 1161MW

If you do not have access to the internet please let Mrs Heath know. Alternative arrangements can be made. If the internet crashes (as it did on one day last year) please be patient. Children are not marked as absent or late on snow days because of the travel difficulties.

- Please note that we try to keep the nursery and club open but safety for children and staff is paramount. Snow also falls differently each time causing different types of chaos on the roads which makes it tricky to plan ahead.
- If you find yourself at home with your children unexpectedly then the nursery website has some snow related activities for you to try out. Last year we had a great response from parents who used the activities and filled in Post Its and took photographs for their child's learning journey. It makes settling back into routines much better as well as a great way to share learning and teaching opportunities.

CHILDREN'S CLUB

There are vacancies at the Children's Club for breakfast club and after school club for regular attendance or ad hoc arrangements if you need some extra time in a day. Please speak to Mrs Haynes. She also has spaces in both the morning and afternoon early years sessions if you would like to extend their hours at Heath Lane. Mrs Haynes can be contacted on 01442 234687.

