



HEATH LANE NURSERY SCHOOL
AND CHILDREN'S CLUB
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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 1
10TH September 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

In your child's book bag today there are quite a few letters! Please ensure you complete the information about **PASSWORDS** and return it to school by return. The **SAFEGUARDING** sheet will clarify all the different activities we undertake to ensure your child's safety. You will also receive the Ofsted report and the newsletter from the Children's Centre which is on the green sheet.

I have listed below other useful information which will help us to work with you to support your child's needs. Please don't hesitate to pass on information to your child's keyworker if there have been any changes at home which may affect your child.

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

With best wishes

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 Mrs Humphrey in 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 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.

AUTOMATIC DOORS

Over the weekend work on the path to the doors should be completed which means as you approach nursery the front door will open automatically. Initially children running ahead up the path may be confused by this. They should not enter the building unless they are with you. Special arrangements will be made at nursery opening times so that the door is fixed open.

The inner door works on a push button system. It is good practice for adults to press the button to ensure children do not play with them.

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 2010/11

Autumn Term 2010 Thursday 2 September to Friday 17 December 2010

Half Term Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2010

INSET Days - school closed - 2 & 3 September 2010

Occasional Day - school closed - Monday 29 November 2010

Spring Term 2011 Monday 3 January to Friday 1 April 2011

Half Term Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February 2011

INSET Day - school closed - Tuesday 4 January 2011

Bank Holiday - Monday 3 January 2011

Summer Term 2011 Tuesday 26 April to Tuesday 26 July 2011

Half Term Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2011

School closed May Bank Holiday: 2 May 2011

INSET Days - school closed - Monday 25 July & Tuesday 26 July 2011

