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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a lovely start to the term! We have 21 new children who have all started at Heath Lane this week. We are really delighted with how well they are getting on and we are so proud of our older children who have been so caring and supportive of the new cohort.

### **Cloakroom**

We are aware that our cloakroom area is now much busier. We appreciate that some of the pegs are a bit randomly placed and are not as easy to access as others. We are planning on renovating this space during February half term. Please bear with us at in the meantime and we will do the best we can.

### **Parent Feedback**

At the Nativity we gave out feedback sheets. Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete them.

A summary of your feedback was this:

#### ***What's gone well this term...***

- Settling at the start of term
- The use of Facebook
- Forest school
- Story sacks / busy finger packs
- The home learning video clips

#### ***Even better if...***

- Written feedback
- Photos of the daily board for parents who do not collect
- Consistent 'catch ups'

#### **As a result, we will be doing the following:**

- Written snapshots of progress will be sent out this term.
- When 'Catch ups' are face to face staff will be explicit that they will be taking the place of a call.
- All key persons will have a 'Catch up' tracking sheet to support with ensuring consistency.

Unfortunately, we do not feel able to post daily photos of the daily board. We will, however, not clear the board until 8.30 the next day. This will allow you to do any of the following:

- Ask whoever picks up to take a photo of the board



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- Check the board at pick up from after school club.
- Check the board at drop off to breakfast club the following day.

### **Facebook**

If you are on Facebook do like our school page if you have not already done so. We post at least twice a week and we use this as another way of communicating with you.

### **Names on item**

Just a reminder to put your child's name on everything you possibly can - coats, hats, gloves, scarves, change of clothes bags, lunchboxes, equipment, wellies etc... It really is so useful when returning items of lost property.

### **Story Sacks / Busy Fingers packs**

Our parents who were with us in the autumn term will be aware that we launched story sacks and busy fingers packs to support with home learning. Next week we will be sending busy finger packs home with all of our new children along with guidance on the importance of fine motor control.

### **Suggested Activity for Home**

The children have been getting back in the swing of independently getting themselves dressed to go in the outside area. In preparation for next week's forest school sessions in the garden we would love the children to practice the following:

- Putting their coat on / Taking their coat off
- Taking shoes on and off
- Putting gloves/hats on

Try making a game of this and timing them to see if they can get faster over the weekend! We'd love to see photos of them practicing - please e-mail any to: [admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk) and they can be shared with the key group.

With kind regards,

Hayley Yendell

Headteacher