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25th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This spring term seems to have flown by but the children have all had an exciting and interesting time, making good progress in all areas of their development. Such a mixed weather pattern though - many days of high winds and rain which, on some days, made it difficult to use the lower outdoor learning area. However, staff were creative as always and brought Forest School activities into the classroom.

I hope you were all able to speak with your child's Keyworker about your child's progress and to share your child's Learning Journal. If you were unable to attend any of the Parents' Evening sessions, please do speak with your child's keyworker and arrange another date.

'COME AND PLAY'



I would like to invite you attend a 'Come and Play' session during the last week of this term. Below are the dates for each Keyworker group.

Wednesday 3 rd April	Thursday 4 th April
Morning: Badger and Hedgehog Groups 9.45 am	Owl and Robin Groups 9.45 am
Afternoon: Butterfly Group 1.45 pm	Fox and Squirrel Groups 1.45 pm

You are of course welcome to attend any session if the one specified is inconvenient. Please speak with your child's Keyworker if these dates are not convenient for you.



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REMINDER

Our last day of Spring Term is Friday, 5th April and the children start back for the Summer Term on Tuesday, 23rd April.

HEATH LANE MARATHON

On Thursday, 25th April we will be welcoming Pippa's Dad Harry to Nursery to talk about the London Marathon. He is running this year on Sunday, 28th April to raise money and awareness for the charity Aspire. Aspire is a national charity that provides practical help to people who have been paralysed by Spinal Cord injury. <https://www.aspire.org.uk>

Pippa's Dad will talk to the children at the start of each Nursery session about the marathon, why he loves running and the importance of exercise to stay healthy. After this the children will take part in running laps around the road track and in other exercise stations. On this day, please send your child to Nursery in sports clothes and trainers. We would gratefully receive donations which would go directly to the Aspire charity. Many thanks in advance for your support.

ARK FARM VISIT

On Tuesday, 4th June Ark Farm will be visiting our Nursery. They will bring a range of animals with them for the children to meet. We are asking for a £3 contribution from each child to cover the cost of this experience. Please send money in a sealed envelope to Nursery by Friday, 17th May.

SEAT BELTS

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN WEARING SEAT BELTS AND THE USE OF CAR SEATS.

Children

You must make sure that any children in the vehicle you're driving are:

- in the [correct car seat](#) for their height or weight until they reach 135 centimetres tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first
- wearing a seat belt if they're 12 or 13 years old, or younger and over 135cm tall



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In addition, we have received the following information from Herts County Council Road Safety Officer.



Most people do wear their seatbelts but still nearly ten per cent choose not to - help them make the right decision for themselves and others. If you have friends or family, who still do not realize how important it is to belt up, have that conversation and make sure they know how much you value their safety, and everyone else's in the vehicle.

Please make sure children are secured in the most appropriate car seat for their age and height. For more on seatbelts and car seats go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/seatbelts

The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership is supporting the seatbelt campaign run by Roads Policing, raising awareness about the importance of wearing your seatbelt. You can receive a fine of up to £500 if you are caught not wearing your seatbelt.

FAREWELLS AND NEW BEGINNINGS

My last day at Heath Lane Nursery School will be on Tuesday 30th April, which will be after the Easter holiday. Leaving this lovely Nursery School will leave a void for me but as Mrs Hayley Yendell will be taking over the Headship from Tuesday 23rd April, I am delighted to be able to tell you that we will be able to work together at the beginning of term to help ensure continuity for you, the children and staff.

With kind regards,

P Kirtley
Headteacher