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## INSPIRING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO LEARN, GROW AND HAVE FUN

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27th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The autumn term is flying by but we are having a wonderful time with your children. This term many enjoyable events have taken place and there are more to follow!

### Parent Governor

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Christina Gibson on to the Governing Body as a Parent Governor. Her son is in the Butterfly group.

### Coffee mornings and Afternoon Teas



It was lovely having an opportunity to meet with parents who were able to come along to the coffee morning and afternoon tea events. We will hold these again on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February so when you bring your children to the Nursery and once they are settled, come to the staff room for a cup of tea or coffee.

### Support For Charities

Thank you for your support for Jeans for Genes. We raised £43.66 for this great cause. For Children in Need, your donations raised £48.50. Thank you for your generosity.

### PTA Christmas Fair 18<sup>th</sup> December

Many parents had wished to attend the PTA AGM, but unfortunately were unable to attend so a formal AGM was unable to take place. Future meetings will be held during the day and this might be easier for parents to attend. I appreciate the support you all give to the Nursery in the ways that you are able to. The main fundraising event this term will be our Christmas Fair on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 3.45-5.30 pm. Thank you for the wonderful donations of toys and books for the children's stall. We will have a tombola and we will be grateful for any donations of new items for this from next week. Please put the date in your diary!

### Diversity

To ensure that we are continually providing learning opportunities that reflect the diversity in modern Britain and in our Nursery we do encourage you to share your family celebrations with us. We provide Magic Moment sheets you could use to put on photographs of your children and write about the special occasion. These could also show a magic moment of achievement for your child. We



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would like to invite parents to come into the Nursery to read stories that their children particularly enjoy hearing or songs they enjoy singing at home. If you would like to do this, please speak to your child's keyworker and arrange a time! If the story or song is in a different language, then this would be a lovely opportunity for your child to share their first language and for children to hear a different language being spoken or sung.

Earlier this term we thought about the Harvest Festival and I would like to thank you for the donations of baby toiletries etc. that you kindly gave. These were gratefully received by South Hill Church and will be distributed to those who are in need.



Mrs Giriyappa kindly came in and spoke to the children about Diwali. On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November Miss Patel will be coming into the Nursery to show the children some Indian dancing.

Dr Jenni Wulf, a governor will be speaking with the children about the Jewish Festival Hanakkuh which is being celebrated this year between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December.



### Your Help is Needed!

We are holding a Christmas Creative Day tomorrow, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. On this day the children will be able to make a Christmas card of their choice at workstations around the classroom. We would love to have some parents to help at each station. Please sign up on the parent's board if you can help and state which time you can come in - 8.30 am or 12.30 pm



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## Future Dates

### Christmas Concert

Morning session	<b><u>Tuesday 11th December at Nursery.</u></b>	Afternoon session
8.30am	Children arrive at usual time.	12:30pm
9:50 for a 10am start	Christmas Play begins! Parents enter nursery by side gate and playground door. Only two guests per child.	1:50 for a 2pm start
11am	Parents take children home early (unless booked in for lunch/additional sessions at club)	3pm

### **Christmas Tree Decoration at St. John's Church, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

Each year, we support St John's Church's Christmas Tree Festival. The children make decorations in the Nursery, which they take to the Church to decorate a Christmas tree. We will require any parents, carers, relatives who can support us with walking to and from the Church on the day. A returnable slip is attached which enables you to give permission for your child to participate in this.



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## Christmas Party Day

Morning session	<b><u>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at Nursery.</u></b> <b>PARTY TIME!</b>	Afternoon session
8.30am	Arrival at nursery as usual in party clothes.	12:30pm
9.30-10.30	Christmas Party Entertainer (PTA funded)	1:30-2:30
10.30-11.00	Visit from Father Christmas (Present funded by PTA)	2:30-3pm
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Earlier HOME TIME</b>	<b>3pm</b>

Children who attend additional sessions at the Children's Club will attend as normal. However, if you wish to take your child home after the party please advise the school office as soon as possible.

## Carol Service at St. John's Church, Thursday 20th December

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, instead of the usual Nursery sessions, there will be a whole nursery school Carol Service. Please bring your child to the Church by 8.45 am. The Service will begin at 9.00 am and will probably last about an hour. **There must be at least one parent or carer who remains with your child during the Service.** All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us for this Service. Following the Service, there will be refreshments for you and your children at the back of the church. Donations will be gratefully received.

The Nursery will be closed on 20<sup>th</sup> December but the last day of term is 21<sup>st</sup> December and we will be open as normal for both sessions.

## **Singing in the Community**

Before the end of term, we will be taking the children to sing some of their Christmas songs to elderly people in the community. Permission slips and how you can support us with this will follow soon.



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### Dates for the New Year, 2019

#### *Come and Play! week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

During the week beginning 28th January we will be holding Come and Plays.

#### *Parents' Evenings*

We will be holding Parents evenings on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 4.00-6.00 pm. Parents of children who attend the morning sessions, Hedgehogs and Badgers, will be able to meet their child's keyworker on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. For parents of children who attend the afternoon session, Fox group, you will meet with your child's keyworker on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. For children who attend all day, those in the Butterfly and Owl groups, both evenings will be available for you to meet with your child's keyworkers. Appointments will be made nearer the time.

#### *Children's Holiday Club*

The Children's Club offers a highly regarded holiday club for school holidays, apart from the Christmas break. All children aged 3 to 8 are welcome; this club is not restricted to just Heath Lane Nursery Children. The sessions available are 8.30am to 12.30pm for the morning session and 12.30pm to 4.30pm for the afternoon session. Each session is £20 per child per session. For a booking form or further details please see the Children's Club section on our website or speak to a member of Club staff.

#### *After School Club*

We also run an After School Club from 3.30-5.30 pm. Should you be interested in a place either regularly or ad-hoc, please contact Mrs Haynes at N1 on 01442 234687 or the Nursery Office on 01442 255418.

#### *30-Hour Funding*

For those families currently accessing a 30-hour funded place at Heath Lane Nursery, it is essential that you monitor your account regularly to ensure that you continue to be eligible for the additional 15 hours of funding. You will need to log on to your account on the HMRC website where you originally applied for your code and this should confirm when you need to reapply. It is worth noting that the code itself will not change, this remains with you for the duration of your funding.





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**Please note: This is government funding and the responsibility for ensuring eligibility lies with the parent. I do have to inform you that your 30-hour place will have to be withdrawn if you do not renew your code in time.**

**Primary School Application**

A reminder that the application deadline for applying for your child's Primary (Reception Class) School place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

If you require any assistance in applying for your child's school place, please speak to a member of the Children's Centre. Their office is based in our main reception.

We are looking forward to seeing you over the next few weeks. Please speak with your child's Keyworker or contact the office if you have any concerns regarding these opportunities to share and contribute to your child's learning and development.

With kind regards

**Pauline M Kirtley  
Headteacher**



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**AUTUMN TERM 2018**

Monday 3 September -Friday 21 December 2018

**Occasional Day - (NURSERY BUILDINGS 1 & 2 CLOSED)**

Friday 30 November 2018

Nursery Closed on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
to enable children to attend the morning Carol Service at St John's Church.

**SPRING TERM 2019**

Monday 7 January - Friday 5 April 2019

**INSET Day (NURSERY BUILDINGS 1 & 2 CLOSED)**

Monday 7 January 2019

**Half Term**

Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019

**Easter Break**

Monday 8 April to Thursday 18 April 2019

**EASTER BANK HOLIDAYS (NURSERY BUILDINGS 1 & 2 CLOSED)**

Good Friday - Friday 19 April 2019

Easter Monday - Monday 22 April 2019

**SUMMER TERM 2019**

Tuesday 23 April to Wednesday 24 July 2019

**INSET Day (NURSERY BUILDINGS 1 & 2 CLOSED)**

Tuesday 23 April 2019

Tuesday 23 July & Wednesday 24 July 2019 (HOLIDAY PLAYScheme AVAILABLE)

**MAY BANK HOLIDAY (NURSERY BUILDINGS 1 & 2 CLOSED)**

Monday 6 May 2019

**Half Term**

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019

**MAY BANK HOLIDAY (NURSERY BUILDINGS 1 & 2 CLOSED)**

Monday 27 May 2019