



28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a lovely, busy half term this has been! The children have taken part in so many exciting activities. They have had visits from animals, celebrated EID, taken part in cooking, started to find out about the environment, read lots of books, learnt new signs and songs...

I would like to thank the staff for their continual hard work in making these things happen and for always going above and beyond to make Heath Lane Nursery School such a happy, vibrant exciting place to be!

### **Staff News**

As some of you will be aware Mrs Aston went on maternity leave at the end of the summer last year. She has chosen not to return to work at this current time so sadly we are saying goodbye to her. However, we are delighted that she will get to spend lots of quality time with her family and catch up with doing all the fun things that she hadn't been able to do having her maternity leave over lockdown.



Emma has worked at the school nearly 10 years. She started as a learning support assistant and is leaving us as an amazing qualified teacher. In that time, she has worked with hundreds of families and has been an absolute asset to the school. She was an instrumental member of staff in supporting me with my vision for the school when I first started. She has created resources and established systems that continue to be used.

On behalf of everyone at Heath Lane we would like to wish her and her family all the best for the future.

### **COVID Update**

Please see the email sent yesterday with information from HCC with current guidance on COVID.



### **We need your help!**

We have paid for members from the Early Years team at Herts for Learning (the local authority quality assurance provider) to carry out an audit of the quality of provision at Heath Lane Nursery. We are always keen to find out what we are doing well, what we could improve and we hope that this visit will support us with refining our practices and procedures further.

The two auditors will spend the day here on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. They will observe the staff teaching, the children in their play, meet with school leaders and ask the children their opinions! However, they are also keen to hear parent voice and so we need some volunteers to chat with them. They will be asking parents their views of the Nursery. We would love some of you to volunteer to have a quick chat with them over the phone. If you would be happy to have a chat with these auditors please let us know by emailing [admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk)

We would really appreciate it and could work timings around when is convenient for you.

### **Suggested Activities over half-term**

Hopefully you will have received a 'Challenge Chart' and an email today with suggested activities for you over half term. These are entirely optional but could provide you with some activities that will excite the children. Do send in any photos of your children taking part in any of the activities and we will add these to our display in the foyer.

Enjoy!

### **Reminders**

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** is a Staff Inset Day so we will be closed to children on this day.
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** The school photographer will be in taking group photos.
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** Ark Farm will visit the school.

Have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing you back on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June!**

**Hayley Yendell**  
**Headteacher**