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Dear Parents and Carers,

Every week I love receiving photos of the children! It is so lovely to see what they have been doing and I know that parents, staff and most importantly the children themselves have enjoyed watching the weekly Facebook slideshow. Please keep the photos coming!

However, this week I wanted to acknowledge that between the great moments captured through snapshots we might all be experiencing some difficult times. When looking at my personal Facebook newsfeed this week it struck me that my friends generally post their children's best/funniest/most noteworthy moments. There were none of the more challenging times that they have been experiencing. I know that this week I did not grab my phone to capture my son's animated annoyance at his maths homework! So be kind to yourselves during this time-do what you can to get through, keep yourselves as safe as you can and remember that this will not last forever.

Exit Plan

You will be aware that the government are going to announce the lockdown exit strategy this weekend. This will include (we hope!) the plan for the safe return of children to school. You might have seen a great deal of speculation in the press regarding a phased return. However, schools have had no official directives or guidance so we are all waiting for this official announcement.

In preparation for planning the children's return to Heath Lane I will be taking part in two online meetings next week; one with the 13 other Nursery school Headteachers in Hertfordshire to discuss the challenges pertinent to children of Nursery school age and the other with all the local Headteachers in Hemel Hempstead to ensure a collaborative approach to returning.

I assure you that I will keep you as well informed as possible. I envisage directives and guidance changing at a rapid pace. This could result in the need to e-mail regularly with short updates. These e-mails will have the subject line '**Return to School**' so do keep an eye out for them.

Thank you!

This week you will have been sent an e-mail with a link to a survey monkey. Thank you so much to those of you who found the time to complete this. It is really important to us that we receive feedback from you.



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There is still time to let us know your feedback using the link. We will feed back the findings in next week's newsletter.

Rainbows

Thank you so much for the wonderful photos of rainbows that your children have made/painted/coloured. These have been printed off and the display will be up on Monday. We will take a photo and share on Facebook and through e-mail. If you and your child want to make one this weekend and send in it is not too late! Send to the usual e-mail address: admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk

ONGOING REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Facebook

We have had a great response to our weekly slideshow so will be continuing this, every Friday. If you would like your child's photo/s to be included please send by 3pm Friday to: admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk

Supporting Key Workers

You will be aware that we are open for the children of key workers and staff are continuing to provide care and continuity for those children of parents who have a key role in the fight against COVID 19. We are aware that working circumstances/government guidance are changing at a rapid place. If you believe that you are a key worker and require a school space to support you go to work please e-mail us at:

admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk

Financial Challenges

I am very aware that some of you will be facing great financial challenge in the days/weeks/months ahead. If you are in a very difficult situation already and do not have the funds to purchase food please contact me directly on: Head@heathlane.herts.sch.uk

With kind regards,

Hayley Yendell

Headteacher