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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA Christmas Event

The PTA have been busy organising the 'Family Christmas Event.' It will be a movie afternoon for the whole family. This will take place on **14th December 2019 in the Nursery 2-3.30pm**. Tickets are **£3 per person** which is payable on schoolcomms. This price will include:

- "Stick Man" the movie
- Popcorn and juice for the children
- "Letter to Santa" writing station
- teas and coffees for adults

Siblings, family and friends welcome. Bring blankets, cushions, beanbags for a cosy, Christmassy afternoon! We might even get a visit from the big man himself...

How you can help!

We will be having a raffle on the day. We would love any of the following donations for a Christmas hamper and tombola items:

- Unwanted gifts
- Bottles
- Toiletries
- Christmas food items

We will start collecting these in from the 25th November. Look out for the basket in the playground...

Primary Place

Applications for primary places are now open. The deadline to apply for your child's primary place is **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. Apply online at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



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Autumn Trail Sponsorships

As you will have seen on our Facebook page the children have been using their Autumn Trail findings for a wide range of learning opportunities this week. We have used them for sorting, describing, transitional art, comparing.....

So far we have raised over £120! We look forward to the rest of the sponsor money coming in so that we can purchase new waterproofs for the outside area.

Your feedback!

We were delighted that 100% of you found the story sack clip useful. We have received lots of positive feedback on how much you and your children are enjoying using the story sacks. Please feel free to change these when you have finished!

Reading Books

Just a reminder that you can change your child's reading book whenever you are in the school. Each key person has a basket of books to select from.

Home Learning Clip

Next week we will launch our second home learning clip. The focus will be on 'Busy Fingers' developing your child's fine motor skills. Keep a lookout for this...

School Comms

Over 60% of you have now signed up and registered for schoolcomms. This is fantastic as we are going 'cashless' and will be requesting all future payments through the app. If you are having difficulty signing up please come to the office where the admin team will support you.

Snack Money

It is so important to us that our children access a wide range of healthy snacks on a daily basis. We ensure that the 'Heath Lane Café' always has a variety of fruit and vegetables on offer. We also provide ingredients for cooking throughout the year. This provides children with the chance to develop so many skills including: chopping, peeling, spreading, cutting, squeezing, mixing, blending, weighing and measuring to mention but a few real life



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skills. Nursery schools get no funding toward this so we are reliant on voluntary contributions to support us. We would kindly request the following donations per term:

15 hour child: £8 per term

30 hour children: £16 per term

Payable immediately on schoolcomms



This will allow unlimited access to the café. We would like to thank you in advance for supporting us with this valuable part of Nursery provision.

Spare Clothes

At this point of the year, despite our best efforts with waterproof clothing, our children do get wet during outdoor play. Please make sure that your child has a spare set of dry clothes in school at all times. This will allow us to change them into dry outfit after a fun session in the mud kitchen!

Please ensure all clothing is named.

Bookstart Packs

Nearly all our children now have their Bookstart pack. The remaining few will be sent home at the beginning of next week. The pack contains:

- **Simon Sock** - a high quality story book for you to share with your child
- **Reading with your child** - a really useful guide for adults with top tips for making the most of story sessions in the home



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Those families who speak an additional language in the home should find an extra book with text in your home language. We highly value the home language and hope that you find these texts useful.

Suggested Activity for Home

Simon Sock is a story about an odd sock who tries to find his matching partner. Next week we will look at themes from the story. At home you could give your child a selection of socks and ask them to:

- **Find the matching pairs**

This will support the children in identifying similarities and differences and making independent choices

- **Sort the socks by colour / pattern / size and ask them to explain their choices**

This will support children's mathematical ability to classify and sort by different criteria

- **Ball the pairs of socks**

This will support the children's fine motor development – this is quite a tricky thing to do!

Useful words to use would be; **matching, similar, different, odd,**

Please e-mail in any photos in to admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk

Finally...

I recognise that we are asking for a number of contributions, at what can be, a financially challenging point of the year. Please do come and see me if you are experiencing difficulties as I would not want any of you to feel your children are excluded from any events due to financial constraints.

With kind regards,

Hayley Yendell

Headteacher