

## School News



This week in Nursery we had an exciting visit from “Ned” the tortoise. We observed him eating, discussed looking after him and what he likes. All children had the opportunity to hold or touch him if they wished.

It is feeling very autumnal this week! The children have been enjoying jumping in puddles, using the umbrellas and watching how fabric travels in the wind. We provide waterproofs and wellies, but please ensure that your child has a suitable coat to wear and non fabric shoes.

## Message from Federation Headteachers



GEMMA

### Transition Survey

Thank you so much to all of you who took the time to respond to the transition surveys. We will be spending time this week looking through your responses with our school leaders - be assured that every comment is read and considered. Next week we will provide feedback on what we will be doing in response to the feedback. We know we do not always get things right so we really do value your opinion on our continual journey of improvement.



HAYLEY

## Curriculum – Why we do what we do – Communication and Language

### Communication & Language

#### *What we do at school:*

Research tells us that the size of a child's vocabulary at the age of 5 can have an impact on their future learning and even their future earning power! In our Nursery schools we carefully plan the vocabulary we teach. We provide opportunities in the day for children to communicate with both adults and their friends either verbally or through signing and there are designed spaces that promote conversation.



#### *How you can help at home:*

Please ensure that you are logged into the MarvellousMe App where your child's keyperson will share key words. Use these words with your child as much as you can that week. You can also check the sign of the week on the Friday newsletter and practice this with your child.

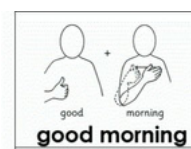



## Sign of the Week

At the Nursery we teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued.

This week's sign is: Good Morning/Good Afternoon

Ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.

 <p>good morning</p>	<p>Using dominant hand, do the thumb up GOOD sign then fingertips of dominant hand tap non-dominant side of chest followed by tapping dominant side of chest</p>
 <p>good afternoon</p>	<p>Using dominant hand, do the thumb up GOOD sign, then index and middle finger of dominant hand (N shape) move forwards and away from top lip.</p>

# Information / Reminders

## SAD NEWS - KAREN ROBINSON IS MOVING ON...

After over 24 years of working at Heath Lane Nursery School when her daughter started, she is moving on to working in a new role with the elderly. She has had a number of different roles over the years, including breakfast and lunch club supervisor, Keyworker, EAL support and in recent years as a Familiar Adult. We wish Karen all the best with her new chapter and thank her for all her hard work, dedication and loyalty over the years.



## LOVELY NEWS - BETHANY STARTS HER WELL EARNED MATERNITY LEAVE...

As some of you may well have noticed on the door at the start of term, Bethany will be welcoming her third child in the next month. We all wish her a relaxing maternity leave before the fun begins!

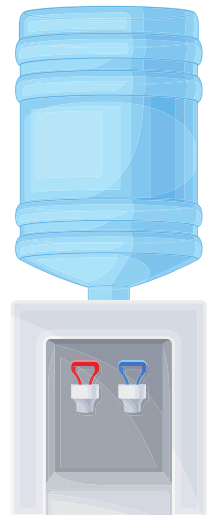


## WATER BOTTLES

All children have access to fresh water and clean cups at all points throughout the day. All children are encouraged to drink from cups for many reasons including:

- Development - continued use of water spouts does not promote and support good oral muscles.
- Hygiene - it is difficult to monitor whether children are drinking from their own bottles therefore increasing risk of cross contamination from germs.
- Logistic - water can warm up across the day as we do not have cool spaces for bottles.

Please speak to your child's keyperson if your child requires a water bottle due to medical reasons.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB MENU

We are waiting for our wraparound care numbers to settle and then we will be in touch with further information regarding menus etc.

## DATES COMING UP:

*Week beginning 18th September:*

- Catch-up calls will continue

*- Week beginning the 23rd October:*

- Half term Holiday - school closed to children



HEADTEACHER: MRS GEMMA WILLIAMSON & HAYLEY YENDELL