



16th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a lovely start to the term! The children have settled back in amazingly well. The weather has started to look slightly more summery and we are excited to be planting seeds and using our garden all the time. A big thank you to Mrs Wagnall and Mrs Hutchins who came in during the holiday to prepare the flower beds and allotment bays and generally tidy up the garden. They have done a fantastic job!

School Allocations

Those of you who applied for a school Reception place for your child should receive an offer of a place by e-mail from today. Every year there are families that do not get their first choice of school. If this is the case for your family remember the following:

- Your child will take the lead from you. Whilst you might be very disappointed do not share your disappointment with your child (as difficult as this might be). Instead present the new school as an exciting adventure!
- Many children started at Heath Lane Nursery not knowing any other children but they soon made friends and now are confident and thriving!
- After a few weeks in a new school children are highly unlikely to stick to exactly the same friendship group they have here at Nursery. Instead they will relish the chance to meet even more children their age they can make friends with!
- Often it is us, the adults, who find change more difficult than our children; just think about how well they have coped with the enormous changes made to their life over the past year! If they can be resilient throughout an international pandemic they will definitely be able to join a new setting with confidence and ease!

At Heath Lane we have no influence over the allocation of school places but are happy to discuss any concerns you have regarding your allocations if you feel that would be useful. Contact us on admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk and one of the team will call you.

COVID Update

It has been lovely to see the impact of the slight easing of restrictions; we have admired some of the children's haircuts and noticed lots of parents and carers eyebrows and nails! However, just a reminder that social distancing measures are still in place and we are still required to minimise the risk of the ongoing threat of COVID 19.

Remember: Hands-Face-Space



Safeguarding

Just a reminder that mobile phones **CANNOT** be used on the school site. Please refrain from using or checking your phones whilst inside the school grounds. Thank you in advance for this.

Building Work Update

Green Shed:

Unfortunately, the front panel for the 'The Garden Room' did not arrive over the Easter holidays. However, it shouldn't be long now! We will be using this space for children to get changed into all-weather clothing including welly boots.

Welly Boots

To support the children with getting ready for the garden independently we have purchased a welly rack and 30 pairs of "Muddy Puddles" boots in a range of sizes. We will be sending home the children's individual wellies. Currently the children have to try to find their boots out of the 82 bags hung up! As you can imagine this is very tricky and can really hold them back. It will be far easier to know if you are a red, yellow or green welly child! We will put the welly rack outside the Nursery next week. Please take your child's home.

Imagination Bags!

Thank you all so much for your comments, photos and feedback on the imagination bags. The children have really enjoyed using them and discussing the contents of the box. We have attached a document today with all of the zoom recordings sent out over the Easter holidays in case this is useful to you. You might well be able to use one of the links on a rainy day.

Marvellous Me!

We are delighted that 86% of parents have signed up to this app. We hope that you received the daily 'Imagination Bag update' through the app. We also sent out a message through the app, earlier in the week, to let you know what your child's group have been learning this week. We will start sending more group specific information out through the app. Please do make sure that you have signed up and look at it when you get the notifications. If you do have any problems do contact us on admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk where we will be able to offer support.

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