



18th December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Well what a week! The children have made their cards, practiced their singing, performed for the filmed performance (some children twice!) and had a visit from Santa! The children have been so excited but still incredibly sensible and despite being very tired we have all survived the week!

Thanks!

We have all been blown away by your lovely messages, beautiful cards and generous presents. We shall be living off chocolates and biscuits well into the New Year-what a fabulous way to live! Thank you x

Reporting positive COVID-19 cases during the Christmas holidays

You would have been sent an e-mail on Tuesday afternoon with information on how to report a positive COVID-19 case from now until Christmas Eve. If your child receives a positive test result for COVID-19 anytime up until and including Christmas Eve you **must** inform the school by e-mailing admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk. Myself and the admin team have a duty to check the e-mails until this point and will be required to carry out track and trace.

Back to School in January

Just a reminder of the start dates in January:

- Monday 4th January: NO SCHOOL – Staff training Day
- Tuesday 5th January: NO SCHOOL – visits for new children starting in January
- Wednesday 6th January: School open to all children

Wear it Festive!

We are delighted that we raised £85 for the Hospice of St Francis with your contributions. Thank you so much for your generosity in these very difficult times.

Christmas Performance

We were delighted to be able to share the film with you through 'we transfer.' This is far easier to watch on a laptop, PC or tablet rather than a phone. In January we will start using the MarvellousMe app to share photos and messages so do please keep on your phones.



Thank you Santa!

A big thank you to Mr Hanson for playing such a pivotal role in the Santa visit on Wednesday. Mr Hanson assured us that he just liaised with the big man himself but the two have never been seen at the same time...

Home Learning

You will have been sent the following in the book bags this week:

- The Gingerbread Man recipe
- The Christmas Scavenger Hunt

We have also attached to this e-mail ideas for activities for each of the books that Santa gave out. These are entirely optional activities. We know Christmas can be a very busy time but these are there if you want to have a go!

A message from the admin team...

We would just like to thank you all for being so responsive this term; logging into apps, returning forms and permission slips and doing this all so promptly! Thank you.

And Finally...

This has been for me the most bizarre year both personally and professionally. I imagine this is the same for all of you. Everything has changed, sometimes at a rapid pace, and it has at times felt incredibly challenging. My final thanks of the year go to everyone who has made the year as safe, calm and fun as possible. To the school governors who give their time voluntarily and do a huge amount of work behind the scenes to ensure that we are safe, secure and moving forward educationally. To my incredible staff team who always go above and beyond to ensure the children here have a fantastic environment in which to thrive. To you, parents and carers, who have been amazingly supportive of the measures and procedures we have had to put in place. But my greatest thanks are to the children who have kept us all going through a global pandemic; their desire to learn, natural curiosity and capacity to find awe, wonder and joy in the world around them reminds us that better times are to come.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas and looking forward to welcoming you back in January 2021!

Hayley Yendell x