



4th December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been a wet week here but has not dampened the children's (or staff!) enthusiasm. We were lucky enough to have a visit from 'Pirate Hutch' midweek - she has now sailed off on her adventures but we are sure that this won't be the last we see of her...

Parent Survey

Thank you so much all of you who filled in our Autumn parent survey. It is really useful to have feedback on what we do. We will report the results back to you at the end of term but there is still time to complete if you have not had the chance. The survey can be found [here](#).

A big thank you!

Wrapping

Thank you so much for the offers of help with wrapping! It is one of my least favourite things to do and I am highly unskilful in this art (think cracker wrapped disasters!) so I am hugely grateful and in awe of anyone who can volunteer and take this in their stride! The books from 'Santa' will be given out on the last Wednesday of term. We might even get a socially distanced visit from the man himself. He is just completing a COVID risk assessment before setting off...

Donations

Thank you so much for the amazing donations for the writing area! There has been an explosion of writing and mark making this week due to the exciting resources that have been given to us. Thank you so much!

The Gift Shed

We have been overwhelmed by the lovely donations for our Christmas present shed. We will be putting the presents in the shed in the last week of term. If either you, or anyone you know, would benefit from a package being made up prior to gifts going into the shed please contact me directly (head@heathlane.herts.sch.uk) and I will ensure that this package is put aside for you to discreetly collect.

Sign of the Week

As we start practicing our Christmas songs we are learning a number of Christmas related signs. Please see the 'Suggested activity for home' for current Christmas signs!



Christmas Performance

We will be filming the children's short singing performance on the last Wednesday of term (Wednesday 16th December.) We will be sending out letters early next week for permission for your child to be included in the film. If you would rather that your child was not filmed they will take part in a fun cooking activity instead.

Heath Lane Promotional Film

We are delighted with the final film produced by our film company. Thanks to those of you who have given us feedback. The link will be going onto the website next week and we will hopefully share the social media clip over the next few days. I have probably watched the full film over 30 times now and each time I am so proud and impressed of the staff and children at this Nursery!

Individual Summaries

There will not be as many catch up calls over the next two weeks as staff are starting to write individual summaries recording children's achievements and their next steps. These will be given out during the first week back in the New Year. The reason for not giving them out at the end of this term is due to staff wellbeing. The end of this term is always busy due to Christmas but on top of that this year staff have given up much of their preparation time to ensuring that the Nursery is clean and as COVID secure as we can possibly manage. At the end of sessions staff have been mopping, hoovering and wiping down surfaces. I would like to thank them unreservedly for this commitment to the school and would like to give them slightly longer than usual to complete these summaries. I hope that you can bear with us on this.

Suggested activity for Home - Practice singing and signing!

We have started to learn the songs for our short Christmas singing performance. We will be signing some of the songs. We are learning to sing and sign 'We wish you a merry Christmas.' There is a fantastic demonstration by the Singing Hands on YouTube. You can find it [here](#).

Happy singing and signing!

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