

## School News

This week we have been visited by more Secret Storytellers and it is wonderful to see the children's faces when they arrive. They have been immersed further into the story of "We are going on Lion Hunt" and participating in getting ready for school activities. "Ned" the tortoise arrived on Thursday for a visit, with all children getting an opportunity to hold him if they wish and learn about his likes/dislikes. We will have our second visit from Electric Umbrella.



## Message from Federation Leaders

We are delighted to have started a partnership with Electric Umbrella. We wanted to signpost the drop in sessions that they offer on Friday mornings. Unfortunately they are term time only but those children staying with us could attend whilst school is closed for Inset on

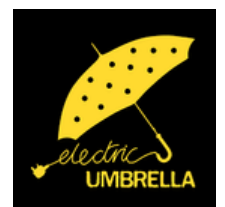
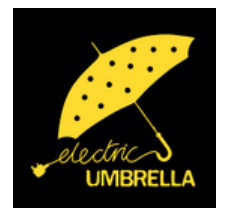
**Friday 5th September.** The sessions are at 10:15am at their studio in the Marlowes Shopping Centre, Hemel Hempstead. The Studio is in the middle of the Marlowes Centre, right next to Muffin Break and the mini indoor play area. For all children age 0-5, with their parent/ carer, the sessions are £6 and people can pay cash/ card on the door. It's 40 minutes of musical fun, followed by refreshments.



## Curriculum - Why we do what we do - Electric Umbrella Visits

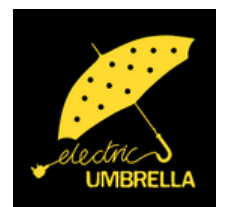
### What we do in school:

All three schools in our federation have really enjoyed the visits from Electric Umbrella. The sessions have been interactive and encouraged dancing, singing and active participation. They have also ensured that our children see learning disabled members of the group leading sessions and sharing their musical talents. Positive representation is incredibly important to us as we aspire to celebrate and embrace difference. We strive to ensure that all members of our school and local community are represented positively through images displayed, carefully selected books, celebrated events and thoughtful conversation. We are aspirational for all children and believe that providing a range of role models is vital.



### How to help at home:

- Take your child to a drop in session for Electric Umbrella (see details in 'Federation Leaders' section above!)
- Watch the Paralympic Games with your child. They are being held between 28th August to 8th September 2024, with over 11 days of competition. Such as inspirational and aspirational event!



# Reminders / Information

## STAFFING IN THE AUTUMN TERM

Sadly we will say goodbye to Suzie Pilgrim who has worked throughout the Roots Federation for the past 2 years. Most recently Suzie has been a Senior Teacher at Heath Lane. We would like to say a big thank you to Suzie for her contribution to Roots and wish her the best of luck for the future.



More news! From September 2024 Emma Mitchell will move across to Muriel Green and continue in her role as a Senior Teacher. We will miss having Emma at Heath Lane but know that we will see her within the Roots Federation.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

You will all have hopefully received your class photograph proofs this week. Please ensure that all orders are placed by Monday 8th July. This is to ensure that they are printed and distributed to you before the end of term on Friday 19th July.

## SOCKS

Can we please request that all socks loaned from nursery come back to us as soon as possible. Additionally if you have any spare pairs of socks that you no longer need and would be willing to kindly donate it would be much appreciated as our supplies have run out.

## SUMMER CELEBRATION- FRIDAY 19TH OF JULY

Please make sure that you read the email sent out on **Wednesday 26th June** regarding the details for the end of term celebration. Children not usually in on a Friday are more than welcome to come back with you at 3:00pm to join in!  
*Please note there will be no After School Club running on that Friday.*



## DATES;

- Electric Umbrella are visiting us: 28th June, 5th July, 12th July and 18th July.
- Thursday 11th July - Transition morning in some primary schools (check with your child's school)
- End of term celebration - Friday 19th July 3pm
- Last day of term; Friday 19th July.



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