

## Head of School's Message

"This week at nursery has been a joyful celebration of festive traditions! The children delighted in watching a magical Christmas play, bringing the Christmas story to life. We also welcomed the sound of voices from Lockers Park School Choir as the children came together for a performance, listening to carols that filled the air with holiday cheer. Adding a sweet touch to the week, the children rolled up their sleeves and created their very own gingerbread house, decorating it with colorful icing and decorations. It's been a wonderful week full of creativity, music, and festive spirit!"



## KEYWORDS

Research tells us that a wide vocabulary in childhood is linked to future success both at school and in the wider world!

We are growing our children's vocabulary by carefully selecting words that will support their understanding of current learning. This week's words in today's newsletter are the key words for next week. Please do share these words with your child in your home language.

Keypersons will explicitly introduce the words to their groups then all staff in the room will be use these words throughout the sessions each day

Please look out for the words in each newsletter and support your child by:

- asking your child about these words
- using these words at home in your conversations (where possible!)

**Regular exposure to these words at home and at school will maximise the chances of the words being understood and / or used by your child.**

## Nursery School

Nativity  
Carols  
Spirit  
Kindness

Please do share these words with  
your child in your home  
language.

## DATES COMING UP:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (NURSERY CLOSED): MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER TO TUESDAY 7TH  
JANUARY 2025

STAY AND PLAY - SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY 10.00AM TO 11.00AM, ALL FAMILIES WELCOME TO  
VISIT.

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION CLASS PLACE: 15TH JANUARY 2025

# Information / Reminders

## PARENT / CARER SURVEY

### We need your feedback!

You will find the link to our Autumn term parent / carer survey in the main email. The survey has been designed to gather feedback and hear your voice. We really want to know how you feel your children are doing, what communication you are finding useful and tweaks that we need to make.



### What happens with the feedback?

All results are reviewed and every comment is read. They are looked at by the Federation Executive team, governors and school leaders. School leaders then consider what is going well and what needs to change.

We would really appreciate you spending 5 minutes completing the 9 questions-thank you in advance!

## NOTICES

- “Winter Lights” Festival - please come and visit the Nursery from 4pm-5pm next Wednesday 18th December, where we are celebrating a number of different festivals and will be serving some wintery treats (hot chocolate, gingerbread biscuits etc).
- If anyone has a Snow Light Projector - please could we borrow it in the new year for our next “Talk for Writing” text.
- Remember to return any Story Sacks or Busy Finger Packs by the end of term so that we can get them ready for the next group in the New Year.
- We are looking for some balance bikes (plus helmets) for the children to use in Nursery - we welcome any donations.



## SUCCESS STORY OF THE WEEK!

The children have all made decorations with clay and these have been hung on the tree at St John’s Church. Please go along with your family and visit the Christmas Tree Festival between Friday 13th December and Tuesday 17th December, see if your child can spot their decoration.





# Christmas at Heath Lane



## Week beginning 2nd December

We are looking for some budding volunteers to come in on Wednesday 4th December to come in to the staff room and wrap the book presents ready for the children to be given by Santa. The books and wrapping paper will be provided by us and there will be mince pies, tea and coffee available. Please email the office [admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk) if you are able to help.

## Tuesday 3rd December

We have a parent volunteer coming in to talk to the children about Christmas and Festivals in the afternoon.

## Monday 9th December

The children will be going to South Hill Primary School in the morning to watch their Nativity play. Consent for organised outings has been previously requested on the Permissions Form.

## Tuesday 10th December

A choir from Lockers Park will be visiting us in the morning to perform Christmas Carols.

## Wednesday 11th December

Santa will be visiting the Nursery during the morning and afternoon sessions so that all the children can pay him a visit and receive their gift.

## Wednesday 18th December – Winter Lights Festival

The Nursery will be open from 4pm to 5pm to you to visit with your child and family. There will be many festivals being celebrated in different areas of the Nursery with biscuits, hot chocolate and marshmallows being served. Please come and help us celebrate the Autumn Term.

## Christmas Clothing

During the last two weeks of term the children are welcome to come to school wearing something festive- a sparkly headband, Christmas socks, Santa t-shirt, tinsel etc

## St John's Church – Christmas Tree Festival

This year's Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church Boxmoor will follow the theme of "Joy to the World!".

The Festival opens on the Friday 13th December and runs until the end of the following Tuesday 17th December. Every year we sponsor a Christmas Tree for the Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church. The children have made the decorations that will be displayed on our tree. Please pop along to the Festival and see if your child can spot their decoration on the tree.

## Last day of the Autumn term: Friday 20th December

We will be finishing at the normal finish time of 3.30pm and After School club will be running as normal until 4.30pm. Do let the office know if your child will not be attending.

