Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a restful break and enjoyed some precious time with your family.
The children have thrown themselves into their learning this week, I think having a full two weeks off has really refreshed them (and the staff!) and they have returned eager to get started on new topics and new learning.
I must thank you for the way the children have returned to school – their behaviour, particularly their manners, have been exemplary. This newsletter is to let you know about some of the events from the end of the Autumn Term plus give a few key reminders as we start off the new year.

As we always say if you have any questions regarding any aspect of your child’s education please do not hesitate to ask, we are here to work as a team to give our children the best possible start in life.

Kind regards

Ms S Foord
Headteacher

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**SEND Forum**

Our next SEND Forum will take place on Tuesday 22nd January at 9.15am in the Infant Hall. There will be guest speakers from Trafford's Parent Forum to share information about their service and local events.

Please come along and join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Mrs Meacock and the SEND Forum Team
Governors

At the end of last half term we sadly said goodbye to two of our longest standing School Governors. Cllr Mrs Dixon MBE, who joined the school as a governor in 1990 and was chair for 20 years has retired from the Board. Mrs Dixon has worked tirelessly for the school for 28 years and played a pivotal role during the school’s amalgamation. The KS2 children put on a wonderful assembly for Mrs Dixon, including songs, facts and shared images of some of the special times she has shared at Heyes Lane.

Mr Gary Spilsbury, who has been our most recent Chair of the Board, finished his last term of office in December. Mr Spilsbury has been linked to Heyes Lane since 1967 in one way or another, being a student himself, a parent and Board member and most recently Chair of the Committee.

We would like to thank both Mrs Dixon and Mr Spilsbury for their time, dedication and commitment they have shown towards Heyes Lane over such a period of time.

As of January 2019, our vice Chair of the Board, Mr Tom Meacock, will take on the role of Acting Chair.

Twitter

If you haven’t already joined our Year Group Twitter feeds, please do so. It is an excellent way of finding out what your child has been learning about and will give you information to prompt conversations about school. Therefore stopping that age old answer of ‘I can’t remember what I did today!’ The links are as below:

Year 6:  https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY6
Year 5:  https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY5
Year 4:  https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY4
Year 3:  https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY3
Year 2:  https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY2
Year 1:  https://twitter.com/HeyesLaneY1
Reception: https://twitter.com/HLPSReception

Christmas Fair

We would like to thank everyone who contributed, attended or supported our Christmas Fair in December through their generous contributions. There was a great turn out and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The event raised £3,680.36 for the school, so thank you for your kind generosity.

School Clubs

Our before, during and after school clubs commence from next week. They will run from the week beginning: 14th January and the final week of clubs will be during the week beginning: 17th March. There are a few places remaining in certain clubs so log on to ParentPay and book your child into a club while there’s still spaces.
Charity Donations

In the Autumn Term we had a variety of charity events running which I am happy to say raised huge funds for some very worthy causes.

Our Harvest Festival Foodbank donations raised three car loads of contributions for the Timperley Foodbank. A group of children from across the school went down to the Methodist Church and helped process the donations and see how valuable our tins, packets and boxes of food were to them.

Our Remembrance Poppy sales of reflectors, pencils, pens etc also raised over £300 for the Royal British Legion.

This year our Y6 children out did themselves with their Children in Need event, they raised the largest amount for the charity in Heyes Lane history, an amazing £4,200.

Our Toy Appeal for children who live in poverty in the Manchester area was more popular than the charity could ever have believed, to the extent that they couldn’t use their usual pick up service but had to hire a van!

Finally our Christmas Jumper Day for the Royal Manchester Children’s Hospital collected £512 in donations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for their support and generosity. Making the children aware of these type of causes is helping to advance the global citizenship aspect of our new and developing curriculum.

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that during last half term we welcomed two healthy babies to the Heyes Lane staff team. Miss Schofield, gave birth in early November (a little sooner than she had expected!) to a healthy baby boy named Felix. And in late November, Mrs Peattie, welcomed her second child into the world, Xander. Both mothers and babies are doing well.

Miss Connolly will be commencing her maternity leave on Friday 18th January and Mrs Ellis will be taking over. Mrs Ellis started with us straight after Christmas and is already starting to get to know 1MC well.

Mrs Sproston has returned from her third maternity leave after Christmas and is delighted to be back in school. She will be working across KS2 delivering PPA and supporting various classes and groups. We are happy to announce Mrs Bowes and her husband are expecting their first child later this year.

Mrs Harkin and I are in the process of recruiting a teacher to take over her role for the Summer term. Finally we have two new faces in school, Mrs Hatch, who is working as a teaching assistant in KS1 and Mrs Blythe who will be running the front desk Wednesdays to Fridays in the School Office.

Welcome to the team both of you.

Car Parking...

Can we please remind all parents about parking and driving responsibly on the streets surrounding school. With the cooler weather more parents are choosing to drive their child to and from school and sadly in recent months we have had multiple ‘near misses’. The school car park is solely for staff during the hours of 8am—5pm and the school driveway should not be used as a turning area!

I have contacted Trafford Council and they will be undertaking spot checks over the coming weeks and months.
Volunteering in School
Thank you to all those parents who came forward to offer their time, skills, knowledge or donate items to the school after our Parental Involvement flyer. We now have new furniture in school, nearly new books and resources, new clubs starting and more volunteers in school to name but a few things. However, we will happily welcome even more!

Many of the people Mrs Harkin has spoken to have started their sentence with ‘you probably won’t want this but…’ and so far she has said yes to everything! No suggestion or offer is a silly one, please email her if you have something you are throwing away after a Spring clean or you have a hidden talent we never knew about. Her email is sally.harkin@heyeslane.co.uk.

See the next box in the newsletter for an upcoming event in March where we will need parental support during the day.

Tree Planting
Heyes Lane has teamed up with The Conservation Volunteers group from Sale to take part in the ‘Trees for Learning Project’ backed by DEFRA. The project aims to plant 1 million trees with primary schools across the UK by 2020. Over three days in March the project will get every child in our school to take part in planting trees and bushes around our school site, they will also provide education around the importance of green spaces and the role trees plays in our environment.

More details about these exciting days will follow after half term however if you would like to come and help on one of the days, all of the days or just for a couple of hours please let Mrs Harkin know. The dates are Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Friday 15th March.

Or if you can’t commit to coming into school but would still like to contribute we would welcome any old pairs of children’s wellies, please send those in as I’m sure we’ll need some emergency pairs!

Unclaimed Christmas Raffle Prizes
There are three Christmas Raffle prizes which have not yet been claimed. The tickets are: Yellow 686, Yellow 601 and Peach 837. Please pop into the School Office with your ticket to claim your prize.
## Upcoming Dates for your Diary:

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 - 2019

AUTUMN TERM
Tuesday 4th September 2018 to Friday 19th October 2018

Half Term Break
Monday 22nd October 2018 — Friday 26th October 2018 (school closed)

Tuesday 30th October 2018 to Friday 21st December 2018

Xmas Break
Monday 24th December 2018 — Friday 4th January 2019 (school closed)

SPRING TERM
Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 8th February 2019

Half Term Break
Monday 11th February 2019 — Friday 15th February 2019 (school closed)

Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 29th March 2019

Easter Break
Monday 1st April 2019 — Friday 12th April 2019 (school closed)

SUMMER TERM
Monday 15th April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019
Friday 19th April 2019 (Good Friday) and Monday 22nd April 2019 (school closed for Easter Weekend)

Whitsun Break
Monday 27th May 2019 — Friday 7th June 2019 (school closed)

Monday 10th June 2019 to Friday 26th July 2019

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NON PUPIL DAYS (school closed)
Monday 3rd September 2018
Monday 29th October 2018
Friday 4th January 2019
Thursday 2nd May 2019 (Polling Day) (To be confirmed)
Friday 3rd May 2019

School is also closed on the following days:
Monday 6th May 2019 (May Day)

TEST WEEKS
Week commencing Monday 13th May 2019

IMPORTANT
The law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time.
Any application for absence must only be made in exceptional circumstances.
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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019 - 2020

AUTUMN TERM
Tuesday 3rd September 2019 to Friday 18th October 2019 (34 days)

Half Term Break
Tuesday 29th October 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019 (39 days)

SPRING TERM
Tuesday 7th January 2020 to Friday 7th February 2020 (24 days)

Half Term Break
Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 27th March 2020 (30 days)

SUMMER TERM
Tuesday 14th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020 (28 days)

Whitsun Break
Monday 8th June 2020 to Friday 24th July 2020 (35 days)

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NON PUPIL DAYS
Monday 2nd September 2019
Monday 28th October 2019
Monday 6th January 2020
Thursday 30th April 2020 (Polling Day)
Friday 1st May 2020

School is also closed on the following days:
Monday 4th May 2020 (May Day)

TEST WEEKS
Week commencing Monday 11th May 2020

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