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Dear Parents

### **Power Failure**

We, along with the surrounding area, unfortunately suffered a power failure yesterday morning and I would like to apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused you. With no guarantee of when the power (including heat) was to be reinstated, it was in the children's best interests to play safe and request you to collect your children early. As it turned out, the power was restored late morning but was intermittent throughout the day, with power surges affecting our internet and phone lines. Apologies if you had any difficulty contacting us and for any inconvenience caused.

### **Jingle and Mingle**

We are looking forward to our first parent rep event next week, with an opportunity to 'jingle and mingle' with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. As a reminder, parents of full day children are invited for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and parents of half day children for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. Both events will run from 6.30-8.00pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

### **Arrangements for the end of term**

We have a very busy final week of term ahead of us. On Friday the children will enjoy a party in their classrooms and if they would like to wear something special, they are more than welcome. We also look forward to welcoming you to our concerts; as a reminder they are at the following times, in Class 7:

10.45am for Class 2,3 & 4AM

11.20am for Class 6 & 7

11.55am for Class 5 and Reception

2.45 pm for Class 2,3 & 4 PM

You are invited to take your child home directly from the concerts.

### **School Visits**

I visited Gabriel Solti on Tuesday this week, offering a further opportunity to visit the Junior School sites of South Hampstead High School. It was lovely to see the girls fully engaged in their lessons

and to see some of the girls that were at Broadhurst last year. They certainly looked to have settled in well. It was also very helpful to spend time with Miss Solti, discussing assessments and the transition from Nursery to School.

### Curriculum News

The children are in full cheer and in the Christmas spirit. In class, we have been creating wonderful crafts and decorations and all the classrooms are looking enchanting. You may like to try some more craft activities over the holidays.



Hand and footprint crafts



Cupcake case Christmas trees



Button Christmas Wreaths

Make a large, loose loop at one end of the pipe cleaner so that the buttons don't fall off while you are working. Thread the pipe cleaner in and out through each button, spacing the buttons as you go. Bend into a circle, then twist the top of the circle together to secure the buttons in place. Tie a ribbon or bow around the top on the wreath.



Paper roll Snowman



**Miss Belzer**

## **Class 7 News**

It has been an exciting week in Class 7, particularly with a visit on Wednesday, from Samuel the Scientist.

The children learnt all about teeth in both humans and animals. They made their own human mouth, using mini marshmallows to represent teeth. They learnt about incisors, canines and molars. Samuel then asked the children to help him make toothpaste from household goods. The children successfully dirtied plastic plates and then used the toothpaste to scrub them clean, with a toothbrush, of course!

We discussed the effects of sugary foods and drinks on our teeth. Samuel explained to the children that, "Sweets are bad for your teeth." The children were given a test tube and some cracked egg shell. Samuel then filled pipettes of coca cola for the children to transfer to the test tubes, to cover the egg shells. Samuel explained that coca cola contains lots of sugar and gas called carbon monoxide which in a matter of days, will damage the egg shell and eventually disappear!

We look forward to singing to our Mummy's and Daddy's and especially to Father Christmas at our Christmas concert next Friday.

## **Miss Clare**





Yours sincerely

**Mrs Sylvester**

Headmistress

**Proprietor:  
Mr. B. J. Berkery**