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Dear Parents

### **School visits this week**

I have spent time this week at The Hall, St Christopher's and St Anthony's schools. My visits to all three schools were most valuable, particularly in terms of meeting with the Heads. Although Kirsty Anderson is departing The Hall at the end of this term, it was interesting to spend some time with her and also Katie Bonham-Carter. Katie will be Acting Head next term and will be taking an active role in the assessment process. I was delighted to also meet Emma Nash, who will be taking over as Head of St Christopher's in January 2018. Emma is already working at St Christopher's two days a week and is looking forward to meeting her potential first cohort of girls at the assessments in January. Finally, Paul Keyte of St Anthony's spent time showing me around the school he is rightfully very proud of. I am grateful to all three Heads for the time and effort they have afforded me this week.

**Mrs Sylvester**

### **ISA Autumn Conference**

Mrs Sylvester is away from school today, as she is attending a two day study conference run by ISA.

### **Nursery Rhyme Week**

Nursery Rhymes play an important part in early language development and support children's communication skills. We are passionate about Nursery Rhymes at Broadhurst and the children regularly sing along to rhymes in circle time. Children learn about rhythm, rhyme, music and movement.

Next week we will be taking part in Nursery Rhyme week with a 'Rhyme a Day Challenge'. The children will participate in a range of activities throughout the week. Nursery Rhymes will include Lavenders Blue, Hickory Dickory Dock and Wind the Bobbin Up. We look forward to the children having fun learning some new rhymes next week.

## Children In Need

Children in Need will be on Friday 17 November. We will be supporting this charity and invite the children to wear something spotty next Friday. Money donated will be used to support disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. Head bands and key rings will also be available to purchase. Children in Need is currently supporting around 2 400 projects that are working with children with a range of disadvantages.

## Choking Training

First aid choking training for parents has been rescheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 4:00pm. If you would like to join us, please email the office to confirm your attendance. It is anticipated that the session will last one hour.

## Curriculum News

Fine Motor activities continue to be a high priority in our provision at Broadhurst and the children have been exploring a range of activities including cutting cooked spaghetti, collecting sequins in hair gel, mark making in coloured rice and manipulating kinetic sand made from flour and baby oil. As children strengthen the muscles in their hands, fingers and wrists they develop the dexterity for writing and drawing.

You may like to try these activities at home:



Attaching paper clips on a paper towel roll.



Pouring activities – encourage your child to pour from left to right in order to train their eye from left to right which will assist your child's ability to track letters and words when learning to read.

## Class 3 News

Class 3 had a wonderful week exploring and learning all about autumn. The children have spent time playing and exploring our autumn treasure tray and have discovered a variety of different coloured leaves, conkers and materials to help make a home for our hedgehog 'Harry'. They have been glittering real autumn leaves and explored a lovely story called 'Little Acorn' to help enhance their understanding of the seasons. We have started to create our Christmas decorations and can not wait for you to see what we have made!

**Mrs Mercado**





Yours sincerely

**Miss Belzer**  
**Deputy Head**

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