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**Dear Parents** 

### Class 1

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a special 'Well Done' to Class 1. Our newest and youngest children have made a fantastic start to their Broadhurst journey and have settled in very well. I hope that, both new and returning parents, have had an opportunity to get to know each other a little, through the settling in period, and we look forward to a long and successful partnership with you. We also look forward to welcoming the Class 1 parents to tea on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> January at 4.30pm.

## Parking outside school

As you are aware, pollution in London is a cause for concern not least for our very young children. Just this week, the BBC reported that Marylebone Road, not far from Broadhurst, is one of the most polluted postcodes in central London. I would like to politely request that if you are waiting outside school in your car, that you do not keep the engine running.

#### **Assessments**

Many of our children are in the midst of visiting potential future schools and I hope very much that the experiences have been positive for them thus far. I have heard back from both the children and parents many stories about baking, eating cookies, and playing on a roof garden, which leads me to believe this is certainly the case. Please remember to keep the office informed of future assessment dates, and results, as we endeavour to continue to support everyone through the process.

# **Phonics Focus**

We started this term with a day of staff training on the teaching of phonics. This was presented by Janna White, an education consultant and founder of Fun Phonics, who gave the staff a wealth of inspiring ideas for engaging children in learning phonics. Amongst her recommendations, was a website called Teach Your Monster to Read. <a href="https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com">www.teachyourmonstertoread.com</a> You may like to dip in to it at some point.

### **Class 5 News**

Class 5 have had a busy week enjoying their first Yoga session and starting their new topic 'Around the World.' The children had fun finding out what is magnetic and what items are not in the science investigation area and playing with bubbles in the garden. They placed numbers in order and matched quantities to numerals. Next week, the children will be off on an imaginary journey across the globe and will be talking about all the different countries we are from.











I wish you all a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Mrs Sylvester Headmistress

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