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Dear Parents

Half term

School finishes today for the half term break. We return to school on Monday 30th October. The children have had a fantastic first half term and are certainly ready for a break. Please take this opportunity to enjoy time with your children. They have worked and played hard since the beginning of term, and half term will give them a chance to recharge their batteries.

Choking training for parents

As previously mentioned, we are running a first aid session, for parents, on choking. This will be on Wednesday 1st 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.

Visit to UCS and Highgate Schools

Earlier this week I made a visit to UCS Pre-Prep School. I met with Dr Zoe Dunn and had another look around the school. It was lovely to see some ex-Broadhurst pupils enjoying their lunch, looking very grown up in their uniforms. It was very interesting to hear from Dr Dunn about the developments of the Pre-Prep and to see the new Design Technology and cooking area that they have created, where the Nursery used to stand. The school is now taking boys directly into Reception, with subsequently more places on offer at 4+. If any parents would like to talk to me more about UCS, I would be more than happy to speak to them.

I also attended a meeting at Highgate Pre-Prep School. This was a meeting with various other Headteachers where we discussed topics as wide ranging as 'Mindfulness' to recommendations for school photographers. We were given a tour of the school and met a number of teachers. It was very nice to reacquaint myself with the school and spend time with Diane Hecht, the Principal.

Clarion Call

Hopefully all parents have now received at least one message from the school, through our new text messaging service Clarion Call. We are looking to use this service increasingly to convey simple messages in a timely fashion. Please let the office know if you have not received a message from us thus far.

Magus Education

Magus Education are educational consultants offering a range of services from workshops to individual consultations and placement. They have published some interesting articles on assessment that you may find interesting to read.

<http://www.maguseducation.com/en/2016/11/15/expect-4-assessments/>

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Class 5 News

Class 5 have had a very busy half term and have really enjoyed being in their new class. We have been developing our fine motor skills by cutting up playdough and spaghetti and been practising our scissor control by cutting up drinking straws and wool. We have experienced lots of arts and crafts linked to the Jolly Phonics sounds, including a collaged Elmer elephant for the 'e' sound and castanets for 'c'. Lots of fun has been had with our topic 'Colours and Shapes Numbers and Measures' and we have been learning through play to consolidate our knowledge of shapes and numbers. We are looking forward to our new topic 'Food and Keeping Healthy' after half term.

Miss Wigmore





Yours sincerely

Mrs Sylvester
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