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Dear Parents

End of term arrangements

As we are rapidly approaching the end of term, please note that school finishes for the Easter holidays on Thursday 22nd March. Half day sessions will run as usual, 8.40-11.40am and 12.40-3.40pm. Full day children will finish school at 12.00Noon. We return to start the summer term on Wednesday 12th April.

Stop and Drop

In our efforts to help parents at the 8.40am drop off, I would like to please ask parents not to park where the cones are placed for Stop and Drop. It makes it very difficult for parents wishing to use the service to do so, if they are unable to pull in. Thank you to those parents who have completed their stint, sometimes in very poor weather. If you are unable to commit to your slot, we would appreciate you finding a willing parent to swap with.

World Book Day donations

We were delighted with the generous donations of books for The Royal Free Hospital. Thank you so much for your contributions. I believe that for the children, giving something tangible will give them a good understanding of helping other children less fortunate than themselves. Dr Kalra, Rahul, Ishani and myself delivered the books to the hospital, where they were gratefully received.



Parents Evenings

It is always lovely to welcome parents for parents evening and I hope that you found your meetings helpful this week. I know how much the teachers value speaking with you about the children's progress as we continue to work in partnership with you.

Written notice for parents of half day children

If you are not intending to return to Broadhurst for the academic year 2018-2019, please may I remind you of the requirement to give the school one full term's written notice.

IAPS Leadership Conference

For two days last week, I was away from school attending a conference run by IAPS (Independent Association of Prep Schools.) The conference is a fantastic opportunity for learning about current trends in Early Years education, to pick up ideas for teaching and learning, and also to network with other Heads and Leaders. Speakers included Professor Pat Preedy who is a renowned expert in the field of Early Years. She spoke to us with passion and conviction about the importance of play and working in partnership with parents. She also talked about the importance of the process of learning with young children as being as important as the content. I could particularly relate to her expression that as Early Years teachers, we are in the privileged position to give children 'roots to grow, and wings to fly.'

Curriculum News

What are CVC words?

A CVC word is a word that is made up of a consonant - vowel - consonant sound. Cat, pat, tip, man and hut are all CVC words. As children build their confidence with recognising sounds by sight they then begin to 'blend' sounds together to hear and read words. In order to read, children are required to recall the individual sounds with enough fluency to string the sounds together, rather than saying three individual sounds. It is important that children have a firm letter sound awareness. However, they do not need to know all the alphabet sounds before they can start to read CVC words. It is important that children have a solid awareness and recognition of the first 6 letter sounds before moving onto new ones. The first letter sounds taught are s,a,t,i,p,n. A range of CVC words can be built from these words including sat, pin, tap, nap and sip. CVC words are integral as they are the first step from knowing letter sounds to sounding out simple words. CVC words are incredibly rewarding for children, as they allow them to experience and understand the transformation of simple sounds into words.

Half Day children may enjoy playing this game at home:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html#>

Full Day children may enjoy playing this game at home:

http://www.ictgames.com/blendingBingo_LS.html

Miss Belzer

Deputy Head

Stop and Drop Rota

Please see below the rota for stop and drop next week. If you are unable to do the slot you have been assigned, we would appreciate it if you could endeavour to swap with another parent.

19/03/2018	Abbas	Bukhari
19/03/2018	Alana	Tulsiani
19/03/2018	Alec	Gentle
19/03/2018	Alexander	Gehl
20/03/2018	Alexander	Grimm
20/03/2018	Alexander	Waidhofer
20/03/2018	Alfie	Mercey
20/03/2018	Amara	Agrawal-Kulkarni
21/03/2018	Anaya	Shah
21/03/2018	Anika	Ruparelia
21/03/2018	Arhaan	Sharwani
21/03/2018	Ari	Jamal
22/03/2018	Aristotle & Stamos	Fafalios
22/03/2018	Arjun	Kapoor
22/03/2018	Arya & Riyan	Ahuja
22/03/2018	Beatrice	Isaac

Class 5 News

Class 5 have been busy exploring our new topic Emergency Services. The children dressed up as fire fighters in the role-play areas and used hoses to put out the fire. We learnt which service is needed for specific emergencies and used our knowledge and critical thinking skills to answer questions about how we could help with emergencies. We have been building our phonetic knowledge by playing word games and decoding words as well as clapping and tapping out c.v.c words. We found some numbers in the garden and have been sharing out counters and learning about same/more and less.





I wish you all a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Mrs Sylvester
Headmistress

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