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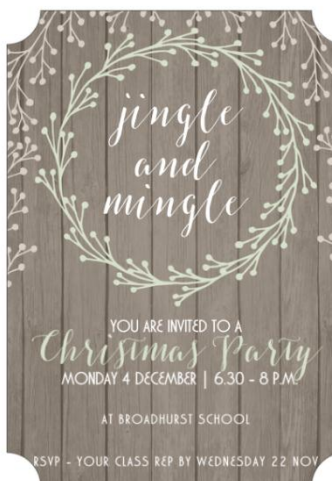
Dear Parents

Children in Need

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you all, for your generosity supporting Children in Need today. We have raised an amazing £593 which will go towards supporting disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. Since 1980 the charity has raised over £600 million and we are delighted to support this worthy cause.

Parent Reps News

Our newly formed parent reps group have wasted no time in organising their first social event of the year. Hopefully you have all received the invitation below and we would kindly ask for R.S.V.P.'s to your rep, by 22nd November, for us to make the necessary arrangements. Please note that Monday 4th Dec is for full day parents and Tuesday 5th is for half day parents.



School Visits

This week I spent some time at The Hall, Queen's College Prep School, and Cavendish School, in Camden. I was very pleased to meet Kevin Dobson at The Hall. Mr Dobson takes up the post of Head of The Hall Junior School in the summer term. Mr Dobson is currently Deputy Head at Grimsdell Pre-Prep, part of Mill Hill School. He is very much looking forward to starting at The Hall

and will be spending some time, over the next term, visiting the school and acquainting himself with the assessment process. He is also keen to visit Broadhurst, particularly to meet the boys who will be joining the school either in September 2018 (4+) or 2019 (5+).

It was also a pleasure to meet up again with Emma Webb at Queen's College and to meet the new Head of Cavendish School, Jane Rogers. Ms Rogers has recently joined the school from City of London Prep School.

Staffing News

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Sorrel Keel to Broadhurst. Mrs Keel will take up the position of Class 1 class teacher for our new half day children, starting in January 2018. Miss Sorrel is looking forward to spending the next few weeks getting to know the children, staff and school routines ahead of January and will start on Monday 20th November.

We are also looking forward to Miss Sophie Breden joining the team in January, as a float assistant. Miss Sophie comes to Broadhurst with experience of working as a Kindergarten teacher at Miss Daisy's Nursery, as well as a nursery assistant at Hampstead Hill School and a nanny.

I look forward to introducing you to Miss Keel and Miss Sophie in due course.

Curriculum News

This week the children have celebrated Nursery Rhyme Week and relished in listening to and joining in with nursery rhymes and songs full of rhyming, rhythm and repetition. These core elements help boost children's language, communication and literacy development. Introducing children to a variety of nursery rhymes can help them understand and learn about different sounds. This is an important part of developing early literacy skills. Listening to different sounds in the environment, as well as in nursery rhymes, provides children with the foundations for reading and writing. As nursery rhymes are fun and full of sounds, children tune into these sounds. Older children will experiment with combining sounds and blending them together to form a word.

Nursery Rhymes are important for:

- Learning new words
- Developing non-verbal communication skills
- Learning early maths skills
- Enabling children to copy actions
- Supporting children's social skills
- Learning about different beats and rhythms

Nursery Rhyme Week has provided the opportunity for our children to value language and become confident learners. The children have had fun singing, dancing and making crafts related to many of the best loved and traditional rhymes.

Miss Belzer

Class 2 News

In Class 2 we have been learning lots of nursery rhymes for Nursery Rhyme Week. We learnt 'Hey Diddle Diddle' and Rian went home singing it to his mother. The children also got to choose a song from our visual song book and sang their favourite song with musical instruments. When we were learning 'Incy Wincy Spider', the children loved threading the spiders giant web and sequencing the pictures, whilst retelling the rhyme in their own words. During free drawing, Dania drew a picture of a spider's web, which she was very proud of. In addition, we have been practising our Christmas songs for the Christmas concert, with Gareth Sparkles. We are looking forward to putting on a show for you. It has been a sparkly week in our class with lots of shimmer and glitter, as we get ready for Christmas. In our autumn indoor garden, Anika and Zeina made homes with leaves and feathers for the owls and squirrels, as they get ready to hibernate for the winter. Anika said, "It's very cold, they need to sleep!"

Miss Chauhan



Yours sincerely

Mrs Sylvester
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