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**Dear Parents** 

### **Class 1 Drinks**

Thank you very much to the Class 1 parents that joined us for welcome drinks last night. It was a pleasure to spend a little bit of time getting to know you and sharing some stories of your children's early days at Broadhurst.

#### **School Visits**

This week I made visits to Hereward House and Lyndhurst House. It was a pleasure to meet with Pascal Evans and Andrew Reid, respectively, who welcomed me warmly and were rightfully proud to share with me recent developments in their schools. It was also very helpful to discuss the current assessment process.

I enjoyed welcoming Harriet Connor-Earl from St Mary's to Broadhurst this afternoon, as she was keen to look around the school and meet with staff and children. It is so valuable to continue to build and strengthen our growing relationships with local schools.

#### **Assessment Dates**

Please be sure to keep us informed of all assessment dates and offers that come through. It is extremely helpful for us, in terms of supporting the children, if we have the full picture.

### **Curriculum News**

#### Numbers and Counting

It is vital to lay a secure foundation in early mathematics. We want children to engage with numbers and to learn to use them in their everyday environment. Counting is a significant aspect of children's early understanding of number. We aim to introduce children to a broad experience of counting. Children need to hear, see, use and talk about numbers. Counting rhymes, books and songs help them to develop their understanding of number and counting. Using a range of materials help to provide children with the skills they need to support further learning and enquiry, giving them the confidence to 'have a go' and to develop their understanding and skills.

Children learn to recognise numbers through play and real-life experiences. You may enjoy trying some of these activities at home.



Numbers on Duplo

Order the numbers to make a tower.



Match numbers to their quantity to open the padlocks



Numbers on recycled bottles





Counting into an egg carton or cake cases.

Counting pasta shells, beans, Cheerios, jelly beans, seeds, raisins, buttons etc.

## Charity

We are always very grateful for the support we receive in our fundraising events for charity. I am very pleased to tell you that from January 2017 to December 2017, we raised a total of £3491.00. The money raised has gone to support Place2Be, Grenfell Tower Relief Fund, Teenage Cancer Trust, Children in Need and Alzheimer's Society. Thank you very much for your generosity.

We are looking forward to a charity day this term, in support of The Autistic Society. Further details will follow.

# **Parent's Evening**

We will be running Parent's Evening on the following dates this term. A sign-up sheet will be put up outside your child's class nearer the time to reserve an appointment time.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 3:45p.m. – 6:00p.m. Class 5, 6, 7, Reception

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 3:45p.m. – 6:00p.m. Class 5, 6, 7, Reception

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 3:45p.m. – 6:00p.m. Class 1, 2, 3, 4 Class 7 - 3:45p.m. – 5:15p.m.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 3:45p.m. – 6:00p.m. Class 1, 2, 3, 4

## **Class 4 News**

We have been learning 'All About Me' and 'London'. We drew and painted pictures of some London icons and talked about different places we have visited. We also looked at the human life cycle and spoke about things we could or could not do when we were babies, what we can do now and what our Mummies and Daddies can do.

We also had fun bathing elephants in glitter and going on a letter hunt.













I wish you all a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

<u>Mrs Sylvester</u> Headmistress