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Dear Parents

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of the third week of term already. The school is now running full steam ahead with an energy which is fantastic to see. It has been lovely to see the classes settling so quickly into their routines. The weather has been fair to us this week, allowing the children to enjoy the garden as well as their time in class.

#### **Naming snack boxes**

May I please remind you to ensure that your child's snack box is named. We do encourage the children's independence and it is very helpful for our snack 'helpers' and 'captains' if names are clearly visible.

#### **Assessment Dates**

You will shortly receive a letter from us requesting the assessment dates that you have been given from the respective schools. If you have any dates already, please let the office know as soon as possible.

#### **Phonics Workshops**

Miss Belzer is looking forward to talking to you about our approach to teaching phonics and how this can be supported at home. The dates are Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm. For administrative purposes, if you have not already confirmed your attendance, please do so with the office.

#### **First Aid- Choking**

At the beginning of this term, all Broadhurst teaching staff completed two days paediatric first aid training. As part of the training, we were instructed on how to deal with choking. We will be offering a one-hour session, run by the same first aid trainer, to parents and carers on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 4.00pm. We will send a reminder a little nearer the time, although you may want to make a note in your diaries.

#### **Reception Class News**

Reception have made a fantastic start to the new school year.

The topic "Ask Me" has given the children lots of opportunities to communicate their thoughts, ideas and feelings and to build relationships with their peers. So far, we have prompted the questions, 'what colour is love?' and 'what is your favourite colour and why?' As a group, we decided that 'love' is all around us and that every colour is our favourite.

Our PE lessons have started with great enthusiasm and we used balloons to help develop the children's gross motor skills, upper body strength and core development.

Today we have had a fabulous music lesson with Gareth from Lucy Sparkles. The children sang and used a variety of percussion instruments.



With kind regards

**Mrs Sylvester**  
Headmistress

**Proprietor:**  
**Mr. B. J. Berkery**