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Dear Parents

School Visits

I have just returned from Channing Junior School this morning where I had a further opportunity to look around and speak with Mrs Louise Lawrence. The school have some very exciting building plans which Mrs Lawrence was proud to share with me. This is a two-year project involving the building of a new sports hall, changing rooms and classrooms. The girls at Channing were in full swing in the classrooms, many of whom were having maths lessons. The school has taken on and embraced a Singapore inspired programme of teaching maths and the results that I saw this morning were very impressive. The girls were confidently engaged in their maths learning and enjoying tackling some challenging problems.

On Tuesday I visited Arnold House and met with Susie Dart (Head of Pre-Prep) and Leonie Flynn (Head of Reading Development and English teacher). We had a very interesting discussion on the merits of 'reading for meaning' and the importance of children understanding what is behind the words in a book. Leonie has volunteered to give a talk at Broadhurst about reading – further details will follow. It was also lovely to see the school again and to see the boys in action, in classes and in the gym. It was also wonderful to see some of the Broadhurst 'old boys' looking very settled in their new schools.

Parent Reps Meeting

Thank you to the parents who joined me on Wednesday morning. We had a good discussion on a number of topics which I am sure will be fed back to you by our reps. We particularly focused on the early planning stages for our 60th Birthday Party Celebration which will take place on Saturday 30th June. As we are expecting a strong turnout, it was agreed that we would split the afternoon into two halves. Full day parents and children will be invited from 12.00-2.00pm and half day families from 2.00-4.00pm. There will be further updates to follow.

Extra-Curricular Science Club

We are very pleased to announce that we will be introducing Little House of Science to Broadhurst for the summer term. The science club will be open to 15 full day children on a Friday afternoon. Children that are signed up will need to bring a packed lunch to school and pick up time will be 1.35pm. If you would like to find out more and sign up for the term, please register online at <https://www.littlehouseofscience.com/timetable> Places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Stop and Drop

I would like to remind you that Stop and Drop will start on our return from the half term break, that is Monday 19th February. Please note that it is not compulsory to use the stop and drop scheme, if you would prefer to bring your child into school yourself. We hope that you will find the scheme helpful and it will certainly ease congestion, on Greencroft Gardens, in the early mornings.

Clarion Call

As you are aware the school uses Clarion Call as a text messaging service. If you are aware that you have not received any messages from us, please could you let Arpuna in the office know so that we can add your details to the database.

Notifying School of absence

If your child will not be in school for any reason, we would very much appreciate a telephone call to let us know not to expect him/her.

Class 1 News

We have been learning about 'People Who Help Us'. We have talked about all the people who help us at home, at school and out and about. We have enjoyed making our own emergency vehicle collages too!

In our role play area we have been Doctors and Nurses looking after the babies in our 'Baby Care Unit'.

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for our gardening session. We really enjoyed being 'green-fingered' and planting daffodils.

Well done to the children in Class 1 who have all settled really well and have had a lovely first half term.





I wish you all a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Mrs Sylvester
Headmistress

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