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## NEWSLETTER 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents

### Upcoming Events

On our return from half term, we are looking forward to the following Heads talks.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov- Zoe Dunn from UCS.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov- Emma Crawford Nash from St Christopher's School.

Both talks will start at 4.30 pm

If you have not already informed the office of your attendance, please drop us an email.

### Assessment and Observations staff training

Staff attended an excellent training session last night, to explore and learn more about making and recording observations of children and assessing their progress across the curriculum. We are keen to hone our expertise in this area and ultimately improve the outcomes for the children. This new online platform offers us plenty of scope and we are excited to be bringing this to the forefront of our practice.

### Parent Reps Meeting

We held our first parent reps meeting of the year on Thursday this week. It was a great opportunity to meet as a group, for the first time, and start the ball rolling by organising our first social event of the year.

A date for your diaries is:

### **Christmas Drinks Party**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30 until 8.00 pm for full day parents

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30 until 8.00 pm for half day parents

Invitations will follow shortly

### Curriculum News - Opposites

Young children are naturally curious about what is the same and different in their world. Children come to understand the concept of opposites by using their five senses. By giving them chances to explore opposites, children will begin to learn skills in maths, science, problem solving, and such activities, will also support the development of their vocabulary. Making opportunities to explore opposites can include the differences between big and little, hot and cold, up and down, loud and soft, smooth and rough, tall and short and many more.

Activities at home might include:

### **Opposites Games**

Opposite picture match games to find sets of opposites such as, happy and sad, full and empty etc.

## **Opposites with Movement**

Reach high to the sky and low to the ground

Take a big step and a little step

Clap your hands loudly and quietly

Run fast and then slow

Make a happy face and a sad face

Fill a cup with water and empty the cup

Open a lid and close a lid

Sit down and stand up

Whisper their name and shout their name

Turn to the right and then left

## **Class 5 News**

Class 5 have had a wonderful adventure reading and exploring traditional tales. This has been an exciting topic and we have had the chance to discover all these characters together.

We started with a huff and puff and created our own houses for the Three Little Pigs. Move over 'Great British Bake Off' because we had the chance to bake our very own tasty Gingerbread Men! We had so much fun mixing and tasting ingredients. Along the way we met Jack and planted our very own beanstalks. What a discovery as we discussed plant growth!

We have rounded off the first half of the term by perfecting the making of porridge with the Three Bears; we all know it has to be "just right".

I am so pleased to say that the end of this first half term has ended with a happily ever after.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term and we look forward to the children returning to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

With best wishes



**Mrs Sylvester**

