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## NEWSLETTER 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents

### Winter illness

Children and staff in school are particularly susceptible to infections which increase over the winter months such as flu, coughs and colds, and stomach infections. These can be very infectious, and we are seeing a number of outbreaks in school at the present time. The spread of illness is increased by the close contact amongst children and staff.

Public Health England publish guidance for London Schools on how to best prepared for winter, recognise outbreaks and reporting arrangements of outbreaks to our local health protection team, where necessary.

At school, we are as vigilant as we can in terms of keeping children well, including maintaining a hygienic environment, regular handwashing and wrapping up warm to go into the garden.

I would please ask that you do not bring your child into school if they are showing any symptoms of flu, diarrhoea and/or vomiting. I would also like to remind you of the 48 hour exclusion period following vomiting or diarrhoea.

We have a number of children in school at the moment who really would be better off at home until they are fully fit and well and able to fully participate in School. I am also keen to keep staff and other children well and would

very much appreciate your support and understanding.

If we are concerned that a child is not well, we will contact you to collect your child as soon as possible.

### Children In Need

Thank you very much for your donations to Children in Need last week. From selling 'Pudsey' ears and keyrings, we have raised £186.36.

### Lesson Observations

I have spent time this week, in classes, observing maths teaching around the school. I have been really impressed with the children's focus and engagement in their learning and the creativity, energy and hard work that the teachers are putting into their lesson preparation and delivery.

### Curriculum News

'Lucy Sparkles & Friends' provides our exciting music classes at Broadhurst each Friday. All of the lessons are linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage practice and curriculum. The children engage in fun, meaningful and age appropriate lessons. Learning is enhanced through developing physical, emotional and intellectual skills. The sessions are stimulating and interactive, creating a love of drama, music and dance. A thoughtful and tested structure to each weekly session establishes a comfortable and friendly environment for children.

## Upcoming Events

Christmas concerts dates are as follows:

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:

FULL DAY and RECEPTION

9:30 – 10:00 – Class 6

10:15 – 10:45 – Class 7

11:00 – 11:30 – Class 8

11:45 – 12:15 – Reception

The School day will run as normal.

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December:

HALF DAY

9:30 – 10:00 – Class 1 and 2 AM

10:15 – 10:45 – Class 3 AM

11:00 – 11:30 – Class 4 and 5 AM

1:00 – 1:30 – Class 1 and 2 PM

1:45 – 2:15 – Class 3 PM

2:30 – 3:00 Class 4 and 5 PM

Half day children will be dismissed following their concert, as above.

Full Day and Reception children will be dismissed at 12 noon.

## Parent Rep News

We met yesterday to finalise the arrangements for the Christmas parties coming up on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December. I would like to thank all the parents that have already donated to our raffle. As some parents are unable to attend the actual events, we thought it would be good to offer the opportunity to buy raffle tickets in advance. We have some lovely prizes in store.

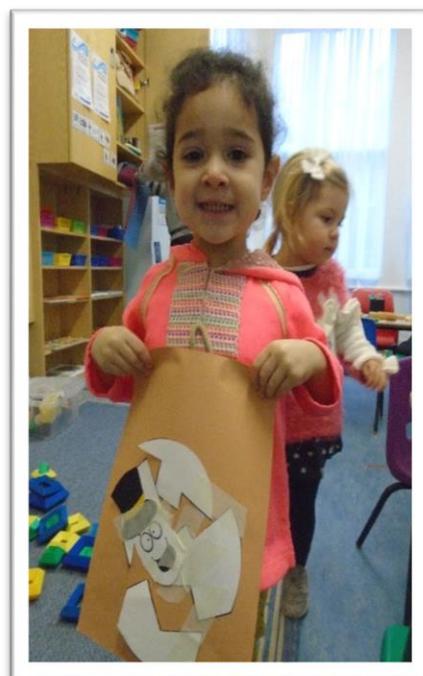
If you would like to buy a ticket or two, please contact your rep who will happily organise this.

Children respond and follow along with live guitar or ukulele, action songs, rhymes and play along with percussion instruments.

There are countless benefits to exposing children to music in their early years, including:

- Development of social skills
- Development of musicality
- An increase in sensory awareness and processing
- Development of memory
- Improved listening and concentration
- Introduction to beat and rhythm

We look forward to 'Lucy Sparkles' being part of our Christmas showcase.



## Class 2 News

In Class 2 we have been learning lots of Nursery Rhymes and songs for Nursery Rhyme Week. We sang about a turtle called Tiny Tim and learnt that we do not eat soap because we can end up with bubbles in our throat! Humpty Dumpty fell from the wall so many times but do not worry, we were able to put him back together again in our collage. He now looks brand new!

We also talked about our emotions and what makes us happy and sad. Olivia said, "Miss Anna makes me happy." Anya said, "My mummy and daddy make me happy." The children copied the expressions on the emotion dolls with mastery, especially the happy face which we always love to see.

On Thursday, we celebrated Thanksgiving by talking about what we are thankful for and created thankful turkeys. Daphne said, "I'm thankful for pumpkin pie." Benjamin was thankful for presents, toys and bubbles.



I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Sylvester".

Mrs Sylvester



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