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## NEWSLETTER 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Dear Parents

#### Upcoming Events

#### **Phonics Workshop Wednesday 25th September-4.30pm**

We are looking forward to seeing those of you who will be attending the Phonics Workshop for parents next week. If you would like to attend, please email the school office, if you have not done so already, so that we can plan accordingly.

#### Snacks for children

We kindly ask you to ensure that any large pieces of fruit e.g. apples, are cut for the children. If grapes are provided, these should also be cut in half lengthways. We provide milk and water for the children. It is also most helpful to us that all containers are clearly named. If in any doubt, please speak to your class teachers.

#### Creative Movements

We are delighted to introduce Creative Movements to our Full Day children this term. The classes are energetic and educational, encouraging children to harness their own creativity as well as promote their physical development, coordination and balance.

Through storytelling, role play, music and movement the children:

- build solid foundations for literacy
- discover, mimic, consider and understand how their bodies move
- build self-esteem, physical strength and learn strategies to manage their emotions
- listen, question, communicate, challenge and accept others who are different to themselves

The children were fully immersed in their first session with Miss Harriet as they became whales exploring the ocean. We are looking forward to these exciting sessions each Tuesday afternoon.

#### Curriculum News from Miss Belzer

##### **Mathematics**

All our children across the school have made a wonderful start to their Maths learning. Children in Half Day have been exploring, naming and sorting colours. Purple, blue, pink and orange are among our favourite colours. They have also been singing a selection of number and counting songs and, exploring shapes around the room. Full Day children have been exploring number and quantities, investigating shapes and making patterns. Reception children have been representing numbers using a Tens Frame. We encourage you to come and see our whole school Maths display in the basement corridor.

## Class 8 News

Class 8 have had a really fantastic week revising the sounds 's' 'a' and 't'. We completed a range of activities and games to secure our learning and be introduced to blending words. To strengthen our hand muscles for writing, we did some 'Dough Disco' - squeezing and patting the dough in a range of ways. We practised our cutting skills and cut funny hair styles on imaginary characters. We have also been using our imagination to be astronauts in space in the role play area. Finally, please ask us to sing a nursery rhyme as we now know lots!



I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

With best wishes

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

**Mrs Sylvester**

**Proprietor  
Mr B. Berkery**