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Dear Parents

As we finish the summer term next Thursday, this will be my last newsletter of the year. It has certainly been an unusual end to the academic year and one that none of us could have anticipated or hoped for. I am so proud of all the children and the resilience and adaptability they have shown since we went into lockdown back in March.

The remote learning has been an overall resounding success and my thanks go to you for your support in making this happen. My teaching staff have found new skills they did not know they previously had, and we have all been on a steep learning curve, demonstrating a true 'growth mindset' in our approach to this challenge.

It has been wonderful to welcome the vast majority of children to school, this half term. Personally, for me, I have welcomed the opportunity to reconnect with you all, albeit, from a safe 'cone' distance on Greencroft Gardens, in most cases. The children have benefitted enormously from re-establishing their friendships and their relationships with their teachers. We have very quickly adapted to our 'new normal' practices and have unexpectedly discovered some improvements to how we work, in the process, for example, the children's independence when saying goodbye to their parents outside, and in full day, managing their own belongings as they come into school. I have heard some parents comment that they find this new system preferable to the busy indoor morning rush we had in pre-coronavirus times. In the garden, with less equipment and resources available to them, we have observed the children's imaginative play developing extremely well and their interpersonal skills as they negotiate and interact with their friends.

As we anticipate the future, and how the world may look moving forward, I do believe we have all learnt some valuable lessons from the last few months, for us to take forward. I am looking forward to next year but will certainly miss the children and families that are leaving us next week. I wish you all the very best for the next chapter.

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Mr. B. J. Berkery.**

Staffing changes

As we come to the end of the academic year, we are bidding farewell to some of our staff. Miss Coote is moving out of London to take on a teaching role in Greenford. Miss Leah and Miss Bennison are not moving quite so far as they join St Mary's in Hampstead and Northbridge House, West Hampstead in September. Miss Anna has also taken on the position of Reception class teacher at a school in Hendon. I would like to thank them for their contribution to Broadhurst in their time with us. We wish them all the best as they progress in their teaching careers.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming some new teachers to the team next term who are extremely excited to be joining us.

Miss Charlotte Buckler is a very dedicated early years teacher with 6 years' experience teaching Nursery and Reception age children. Her experience includes working in an international kindergarten in China, volunteering for Mencap, running activities for children with severe and moderate learning needs, and travelling extensively in India and South East Asia. Miss Buckler will be teaching in full day and will have the additional responsibility of observations and assessment lead throughout the school.

Miss Melissa Clarkson is also joining us to take a full day class. Miss Clarkson is a newly qualified teacher having completed her training at London South Bank University. She has completed her teaching placements in Early Years and has a clear passion for this age range. In her own words, "I am a very active, highly motivated and enthusiastic individual and would contribute greatly to the caring and strong educational ethos of Broadhurst School bringing with me enthusiasm, new ideas and a positive attitude."

Miss Harriet Ashworth is joining our half day team as class teacher for Class 4. Miss Harriet's drive to be a teacher is clearly in her blood as she follows in her mother's footsteps. She started her teaching career as a teaching assistant working on a bilingual project run by The British Council, in a school in Monza, Italy. From here, she worked as an au pair in France and Italy and has helped many children learn English through these experiences. Having completed her teacher training at University College London (IOE), Miss Harriet is looking forward to joining Broadhurst where she is particularly looking ahead to using her creativity to generate enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn in the children.

I am sure that you will share in offering our new members of the team a warm welcome in September.

Book Bags for full day children

We would be very grateful for the return of all books and book bags that you may still have at home.

Suspect Male

It has been reported to me that a suspicious looking man, aged around the age of fifty and wearing a baseball cap, appeared to follow two of our parents after school, with their children, from the top of Greencroft Gardens as they made their way home on Wednesday this week. This was just before 4.00pm. Fortunately, the parents and children were not approached by this man and they got home safely. I have not been made aware of any other similar incidents and this individual has not been seen since.

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Final Week Arrangements

- Monday 6 July-** Food donations, from parents, to be collected for parties
- Tuesday 7 July-** Personal belongings, such as change of clothes will be sent home
- Wednesday 8 July-** Full day class parties will take place in the afternoon.
Completed work folders for this term will be sent home for all children
- Thursday 9 July-** Half day class parties will take place.
Portfolios for the year will be sent home to all children.
Full day children will finish with their garden send offs. We welcome parents to attend at the following times
Class 9- 10.45am
Class 8- 11.15am
Class 7- 11.45am
Half day children will finish term at the usual times of 11.30/11.40am and 3.40pm
- Friday 10 July-** School reports will be emailed to parents

I wish you all a relaxing and pleasant weekend and I look forward to the last week of term, with everyone, next week.

Yours sincerely



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