

Friday 2 October 2020

Dear Parents

Parent Reps

I was delighted to host our first Parent Rep meeting of the year, yesterday. It was a good opportunity to introduce everyone and I am grateful for the positivity shared at the beginning of the academic year. Although social events may well look somewhat different in the current times, the reps had some excellent ideas to put forward on this subject, alongside some creative ideas to support Children In Need, the charity we will be fundraising for this term.

North London Collegiate Heads Talk

Caroline Gerstein kindly gave a talk and an opportunity for questions and answers on Tuesday this week. Her talk was most informative and reassuring for parents of girls sitting for NLCS this year and also for those parents that may be considering the school for entry in 2022. If anyone would like to hear a recording of the meeting, please contact the School office and we will arrange to share this with you.

South Hampstead High School

I was delighted to welcome Caroline Spencer to Broadhurst yesterday afternoon for a tour and meeting to discuss 4+ assessment arrangements for this year. Although it was a little disappointing to not be in a position to show her around with the children here, it was none the less valuable

for her to see the school and meet some of the staff. Although it is very hard to predict how things might look in January, she is very much aiming to run the assessments as normal, as far as is possible, with relevant restrictions that may be in place at the time.

St Anthony's Boys School

Entry to St Anthony's is usually by assessment. However, this year the school has amended their admission policy in light of the coronavirus pandemic. For further details of this change, please follow the link,

<https://www.stanthonysprep.org.uk/admissions/>

Our Neighbours

I have received an email from one of our neighbours who has showed concern that some Broadhurst parents are leaving their engines running whilst stationary and also bumping into other parked cars in the street. Please may I politely remind you to be considerate of other pedestrians and car owners if parking in the vicinity of the School.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Sylvester

Healthy Eating

As a school we encourage children to eat a healthy and balanced diet. We would like to kindly remind parents that we discourage snacks high in salt or sugar such as crisps or sweet biscuits. We are hugely in favour of fresh fruit and vegetables and encourage you to follow the advice to 'eat the rainbow.' Eating a diversity of colours is an easy way to ensure you get the complete range of vitamins and minerals your body needs. Carbohydrates like dried fruit, rice cakes or low sugar cereal bars are also good healthy choices. We hope that you will support our endeavours to teach children about a healthy diet whilst also taking the opportunity to try new foods.

Curriculum News

Inspiring a love of books is one of the best ways to prepare children for a lifetime of learning and enjoyment through reading. Being read to early on helps children to understand language, making it easier for them to learn to read themselves later on. Reading together at home and enjoying books as a family will inspire them to enjoy and value reading and all the benefits it brings.

It is never too early to start reading to your child – even young babies enjoy being read to! Reading aloud prepares your child's brain for language. It teaches them about words, sentence formation and the structure of stories.

Making story time part of your daily routine is a great way to make sure that books and reading are a familiar and fun experience for your child. Ask them to choose the book to read with you on the sofa or in bed at the end of the day. Encourage them to tell you why they selected the book. Discuss what they liked or disliked and how they felt about it. Explore the events that were happy, sad or scary. Encourage your child to 'read' the pictures in the book by asking simple questions about what they can see. Understanding that the pictures contain 'clues' that will help them understand the story is essential when children are learning early reading skills. Talk about what happened. Retelling a story is great for developing comprehension and memory skills. Asking questions about how the characters might have felt, or how they reacted, also helps your child understand different points of view.

We hope you continue to value story time at home.
Miss Belzer

Diary Dates:

Parents Evening

Week of 5 October

Children In Need

Friday 13 November

TERM DATES

Term Starts:

Thursday 3 September

Term Ends:

Thursday 10 December

Half Term:

Monday 19 October –
Friday 30 October



Class 6 News

Class 6 have had a wonderful week. We have been working on our communication skills with our role play area at the 'Doctors Surgery.' We have talked to our friends about what we want to be when we are older and practised our cutting and sticking to make hats to match.

We had a great time sequencing everyday tasks which included making cucumber sandwiches. We really enjoyed making these, especially as we got to eat them at the end!

Some of our other favourite activities have been using our own individual play dough, playing on the bikes in the garden, and reading. We love our books!

In phonics this week we have been recapping the sounds c,k,e and we practised writing the letters correctly. We have had fun playing blending games.

In maths we have been comparing two groups using the vocabulary more, less and equal to. We were able to compare quantities with our friends.

In P.E we had lots of fun with an outside obstacle course which involved jumping from one hoop to the next, pretending that stepping stones were mountains and slithering like snakes through a tunnel.

We look forward to discovering more next week.

Miss Clarkson

Class 6 Photo Gallery

