



Highbury Primary School Newsletter

Week Commencing 08/10/18

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for sending your children to school regularly. Our attendance is currently 96.46%, better than last half term.

We had Challenge Partners at the beginning of November and now have a fabulous report. Here are some highlights:

"The commitment of both leaders and teachers to improve the quality of pupils' learning experiences and their subsequent life changes is impressive."

"Pupils enjoy learning and have a thirst for knowledge. They are very courteous and show great respect when listening to one another's contributions. They enjoy opportunities they have for taking ownership of their learning."

"Pupils have the most positive start to their education at Highbury."

"Many pupils spoke of their love of reading."

Again overall our estimated grade was Outstanding. The full report will be on the website soon.



Last Friday was great fun in our pyjamas. A huge thank you for all your contributions. We now have an enormous pile of teddies.

Monday is Christmas Jumper for Chocolate Day. I can't wait to get out my Christmas jumper. We are also off to the Church for the beginning of Advent. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school now that the really bad weather has arrived.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah Sadler

Headteacher

Attendance Champions:

This week's winner is Ladybird Class with 99.3%!

- Hedgehogs— 98.7%
 - Squirrel— 98.7%
 - Rabbit— 94%
 - Robin - 98.7%
 - Ladybird— 99.3%
 - Bumblebee— 95%
 - Bluebell— 92.8%
 - Snowdrop- 96%
 - Sunflower— 96.1%
 - Daffodil—94.6%
 - Mint— 90.4%
 - Lavender— 96.7%
 - Ivy— 98.7%
 - Holly— 95.9%
- WHOLE SCHOOL— 96.1%**
For Week Ending
30/11/18



Sign Up for Studybugs!

85% of Highbury parents are already using Studybugs to report absence. We are also now using it to send to you **all** notifications, reminders, emails and newsletters. Even more importantly, we are no longer using the School Gateway service, so it is **vital** that you sign up for a Studybugs account. It's completely free, and the app is available on your phone for both Android and iPhones.



Health-Related Absence

As some of you may be aware Highbury is now working with a Health Related Absence Nurse. If your child is absent due to health reasons you may receive a phone call from the nurse offering advice and support in helping your child return to school. The nurse is also available to meet face-to-face with any parents who have a child with ongoing health concerns which affect their attendance and who would like further support.

Christmas Fayre

Our school Christmas Fayre is this Friday, 7th December!

The Fayre will be open from 3:20pm until 5pm in the school hall, with some of our lovely Y6 elves to point you in the right direction.

Stalls will include: A Grand Raffle, a Chocolate Tombola, a Soft Toy Tombola, Cakes, Knitted Gifts, a Gift-Wrapping Service, plus lots of games for everyone to enjoy!



We've Registered with Easyfundraising and We Need Your Help!

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Highbury Primary School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us

at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/highburyprim/>



GDPR and Data Forms

If you still have data protection or the green data sheets to hand in please drop them into the school office.

Use of Phones in School

Can all parents please be aware that use of mobile phones in school is not allowed for any reason. We understand that you would like to take photos of your children receiving certificates, but please ensure this is done after Collective Worship with no other children around. We would also ask that any photographs taken of groups, such as at school shows, services, or fayres, **not** be uploaded to social media as per the forms signed when children begin school, as in some cases this may present a safeguarding risk.

Online Payments

You can now pay for dinners, trips, After School Club and Breakfast Club online!

If you have not yet set up online payments for your child with our school's cash office then please contact the school office.

Names in Uniform

Can you please ensure that all uniform, PE Kit, Forest School Kit, and any other items brought into school have your child's name on a label or somewhere visible. It will help us to quickly return any lost property.

PE KIT

Our PE teachers would like to remind parents that children **must** have long black tracksuit-type bottoms and a sweatshirt in their PE kits so that it is appropriate for all weather as outdoor PE will continue as long as there are dry conditions.

The correct PE Kit consists of a red t-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts or trousers, and black pumps/plimsolls. All of the information about correct uniform can be found on our website.



Office Opening Times

The school office is open from **8.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday**. Please walk around the school for Breakfast and After School Club and ring the bell on the door at the rear of the school if you are in need of assistance outside of these times. We would also like to remind you that Breakfast School parents can use the staff car park.

Paracetamol

We are aware that coughs, colds and bugs are persistent all year round, and that your children might need some paracetamol or other medicine during the day. However, we would ask that paracetamol please be given at home if your child requires it in the morning and to let the office know what time if they need another dose.

Absence

Could parents please call the school or report on Studybugs on each day of their child's absence. We also ask that parents provide medical evidence such as doctor's appointment cards, hospital letters and packaging from prescribed medicines so that we can verify any absences that are medical-related.

Dinner Money/After School Club Fees

Please make sure you are up to date with all dinner money and after school club fees, either with the office or on Scopay to ensure your child can access these services. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Parking

Dovercourt Road has been getting worse with hazardous and dangerous car use. The staff car park should only be used by staff and parents with special permission to park in it, with the exception of Breakfast Club parents early in the morning. Whilst we understand that we are all busy and have places to go, there are over five hundred children entering and leaving the campus on a daily basis. Can we please ask that you park away from the school and walk the remaining distance? Also please be mindful that you do not park on the double yellows near the lollipop man as this is where children cross over to and from the school.

Please do not park on the yellow zig-zags outside the school.

Please avoid driving down Dovercourt Road for the safety of all our children.

