



Highbury Primary School Newsletter

Week Commencing 15/01/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a joyful festive season with your families. The children are all very excited by their favourite Christmas presents! The new term has begun with a great sense of expectation. The staff have worked tirelessly to turn their classrooms into their themes. So we now have a Viking Great Hall in Y6, Space in Y5, Narnia in Y4, Africa in Y3, an enchanted forest in Y2, a giant papaya in Y1 and all things butterflies and caterpillars in Foundation. I encourage you to come into class for our Wednesday reading and maths mornings and see for yourself or look on your class blog.

Our bus will be in operation now that it is complete and Mrs. Hartt is back to school. She will be there every morning to welcome you aboard so please feel free to pop on and have a read.

This term we will be focusing on trying to make our teaching really amazing. As part of our Journey to Excellence we will be working together to make every minute count for your pupils. Our Academy Improvement Partner will be helping with his OFSTED expertise as well as our annual peer review from Challenge Partners. I will publish the report by the end of term.

To excite the children we have a dramatic arts week just before half term that will end with Sleeping Beauty and an invitation to see what the children have developed on Friday afternoon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Sadler

Headteacher



Attendance Champions:

This week's winners are Hedgehog Class with 100%! Well Done!

- Hedgehogs— 100%
 - Squirrel— 93.3%
 - Rabbit— 98.3%
 - Robin - 97.5%
 - Ladybird— 98.3%
 - Bumblebee— 97.8%
 - Bluebell— 97.5%
 - Snowdrop— 92.7%
 - Sunflower— 96.3%
 - Daffodil— 96.7%
 - Mint— 99.2%
 - Lavender— 92.3%
 - Ivy— 97.8%
 - Holly— 97.4%
 - WHOLE SCHOOL— 96.7%
- Figures week ending
12th January



Fantastic news...
Magical Maths is coming to
Highbury Primary School!!

Magical Maths is a super fun after school club designed to boost children's confidence and increase their engagement with maths. The club runs for an hour a week after school starting **Thursday 18th January** and will run for 10 weeks. Each week has a different theme and includes a dressed up character including Professor Poopenshtinken (maths genius), the Mathemagician, Stately Holmes (the maths detective) and the Olympic Mathletes!

For more information and to sign up, visit:
www.magicalmathsclub.com
Or call
02392 983505

Places are limited so sign up quick!

After School Clubs

After School Clubs run by our fantastic teachers start up again this week! Please ensure that your child knows which club they have signed up for.

All After School Clubs run by teachers will finish at 4pm, and will run until Friday 16th March.

It's not too late to sign up! Lots of clubs still have spaces left to fill. Signing up slips are still available in the office.

PE KIT

Miss Sadler would like to remind parents that children must have black tracksuit type bottoms and sweatshirt in their PE kits due to the cold weather, as outdoor PE will continue as long as there are dry conditions. Correct PE kit includes a red polo shirt, trousers or shorts, and plimsolls or trainers.



Paracetamol

We are aware that cold and flu season is well and truly in full swing, and that your children might need some paracetamol in the day. However, we would ask that paracetamol please be given at home if your child requires it in the morning.

The Big Battery Hunt!

Highbury has joined the Big Battery Hunt! We are asking that if and when you have batteries which are no longer working that you send them into school to be recycled. We are collecting all types, including AAA, AA, C & D.

The recycling doesn't stop there! You can also bring us your branded printer cartridges to be recycled to help raise funds for the school.

A Thank You Message From Our Lollipop Man

"A big thank you to all the children, Mums & Dads who gave me gifts for Christmas.



A very big thank you.
From Vic, School Lollipop Man."



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. 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.

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.



Dinner Money/After School Club Fees

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

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.

Absence

Could parents please call the school 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.