



# Highbury Primary School Newsletter

**Week Commencing 08/10/18**

Dear Parents/Carers,

All the children are enjoying their immersive environments with themes including Traditional Tales, Animal Habitats, Dinosaurs, The Romans, The Great Barrier Reef and the Amazon Rainforest. At the beginning of term the children shared all their summer homework projects, which are now displayed in the classrooms and in the School Gallery. During the first week the children completed a range of creative designs in groups to complete their themed environments.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs. Sarah Sadler  
Headteacher

**Attendance Champions:**  
This week's winner is Ladybird Class with 99.7%!

- Hedgehogs— 99.7%
  - Squirrel— 98.7%
  - Rabbit— 99.3%
  - Robin - 87%
  - Ladybird— 99.7%
  - Bumblebee— 96.6%
  - Bluebell— 93.7%
  - Snowdrop- 96%
  - Sunflower— 86.3%
  - Daffodil—86.7%
  - Mint— 97.4%
  - Lavender— 97%
  - Ivy— 95.5%
  - Holly— 97.9%
- WHOLE SCHOOL— 96.5%  
For Week Ending 12/10/18*



Year R



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 5



Year 4



Year 6



## Sign Up for Studybugs!

70% 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.



## One World

This week, children from Years 2, 3 and 4 have been working with Portsmouth Music Hub and the 'One World' campaign to help raise awareness of environmental issues through music and the arts across Portsmouth, the UK and beyond. The Hub's team of award winning composers have created many stimulating, upbeat and catchy songs for children and young people. Some children from Highbury will be featured in a compilation video with many other schools from the area singing 'One World' which will be available to view on the Portsmouth Music Hub's website at a later date. Working with Portsmouth Music Hub, we hope that this song will inspire not only children and young people, but the whole community, as we all develop an awareness and understanding of our world. The Year 3 children performed 'One World' in the Harvest Service on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October last week.



## 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/>



## Highbury Shop

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October we are opening a stationery shop on the Reading Bus from 1:30pm to 3pm. We will be selling Out of this World pencils, amazing rubbers, brilliant pens and stunning notepads from 20p to £1. It will blow your mind.

Please come and see us on the Reading Bus for this one and only chance only to get some really cool stuff for school.

We will collect children during PPA on Thursday afternoon who would like to come and see our fantastic shop!

## 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.

## Head Lice

We have had an outbreak of head lice in school and would like to remind parents to regularly check and treat their children's hair. If you do find any lice or eggs, make sure to treat your children and the family by wet combing hair with a nit comb and conditioner.

Children *can* come to school as long as they are being treated.

## Harvest Festival

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October the whole school enjoyed a Harvest Service at St Philips Church. Children from the Rock Challenge Highbury University Group delivered a service including poems, singing, and prayer.

Thank you for all the donations of fish and biscuits which we collected for Portsmouth Foodbank via the Church.

Dear Parents/Carers

Do You Have A Degree And Would Like To Train To Become A Primary Or Secondary School Teacher?

This school works in partnership with the Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance (Portsmouth TSA) who leads School Direct Initial Teacher Training (ITT) for both primary and secondary routes. 'Growing our own' teachers is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent and develop them into one of our outstanding teachers.

Being able to choose who we train and give them the best, personalised experience from day one in our schools helps us deliver the best outcomes for our pupils in Portsmouth.

The Portsmouth TSA has a strong track record with 100% of their trainees (45 in 2017-18) achieving their Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE with the option of 60 Masters Credits) and Qualified Teaching Status (QTS). All secured teaching jobs and the majority are working in our alliance schools. Our excellent results means we have sustained our strong recruitment figures for September 2018.

If you have a degree, a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential, or you know someone who does, then become part of the success story and train to teach.

The Portsmouth TSA has a range of School Direct vacancies in Primary and Secondary starting September 2019.

To find out more, come along to one of our 'Train to Teach' information events held at the Teaching and Learning Centre (The Portsmouth Academy) between 17.00-18.00 on the following dates:

25 September, 17 October, 21 November, 5 December 2018, 30 January, 27 February, 27 March and 15 May 2019

For further information email [info@portsmouthtsa.org](mailto:info@portsmouthtsa.org) or visit [www.portsmouthtsa.org](http://www.portsmouthtsa.org)

Tel: 023 9289 3702.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Nicholls

Director ITT School Direct

### 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.**

