



# Highbury Primary School Newsletter

Week Commencing 12/03/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very proud and pleased to announce that Mrs. Fowler has gained a headship at Milton Park Primary School. Mrs. Fowler has tirelessly served Highbury for over twenty years and I know that many of you have received countless hours of her support. She will be greatly missed by myself, the whole staff team and the children. Mrs. Fowler has been instrumental in making Highbury what it is today.

I am sure that you would like to join me in celebrating Mrs. Fowler's time at Highbury. If you have any memories that you would like to share please send them into the office. Additionally, if you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift please bring your donation and any message to the office in a sealed labelled envelope.

We will of course share with you details of Mrs. Fowler's leaving assembly nearer the time, should you wish to attend.

Mrs Fowlers last day will be on Thursday 29th March, so don't miss the opportunity to thank her and say goodbye.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S Sadler  
Headteacher

## Attendance Champions:

This week's winners are Daffodil Class with 99.2%! Well Done!

### Class Attendance %

- Hedgehogs— 97.3%
- Squirrel— 96.5%
- Rabbit— 98%
- Robin - 95.2%
- Ladybird— 88%
- Bumblebee— 95.3%
- Bluebell— 86.3%
- Snowdrop- 96%
- Sunflower— 96.8%
- Daffodil— 99.2%
- Mint— 89.3%
- Lavender— 94.7%
- Ivy— 93%
- Holly— 95.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL— 94.4%

Figures week ending

16/3/18



## Miller's Ark Farm

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we had the fantastic Miller's Ark Farm come in to see our Nursery and Early Years pupils. We had Millers Farm visit Early Years this week. The children and staff had a truly wonderful day. The children had the opportunity to stroke as many animals as possible, this was a brilliant hook to our theme. The whole day was a sensory rich experience and one I am sure we will all remember fondly.

This term's theme for our Foundation students has been "What animal will you become?" and have been learning all about different farm animals!



## School Self Evaluation

The Leadership team here at Highbury are very keen for you to be kept informed about how the school is progressing in our important journey.

Each family will be receiving a School Self Evaluation Booklet which details the main grades that the school has evaluated itself as achieving, and the things we are still aiming to improve. These grades have been agreed by our Academy Achievement Officer and our Challenge Partners Review, and thus reflect that this is a current and accurate picture of the school.

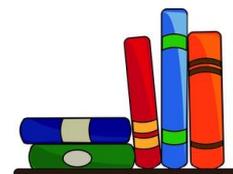


### Come and Read With Your Children!

Calling all Parents, Grandparents & Carers!

We are looking for more parents, grandparents, and carers to volunteer and help our KS1 children with their guided reading. Any time that you have spare in a morning or afternoon on a regular basis would be greatly appreciated, and would be such a huge benefit to the children.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the office.



### Calling All Writers!

If you need to write effectively as part of your job (or you know someone who does), we are looking for visiting experts to talk to and inspire young writers in Y3-Y6, particularly boys. If you can offer some time and expertise this half term, even for 10 minutes with other writers, please contact Mrs Shucksmith through the office.

## Forest School

Our amazing Forest School lessons can get really muddy, so can all parents please ensure their children have a change of clothes in school. Can parents also make sure their children have wellies or other appropriate adventuring footwear, as due to the recent wet weather, conditions have been extremely muddy!

Wednesdays 8.30 until  
8.45 in the hall



## Book Swap



## Dates for your Diary

### March

20<sup>th</sup> - Y3/4 Easter Play, 2pm  
21<sup>st</sup> - Y3/4 Easter Play, 6pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> - PTA Sweet Stall after school  
26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening, Early Years  
28<sup>th</sup> - Easter Innovation Day  
29<sup>th</sup> - Easter Service @ Church, 9am

### April

20<sup>th</sup> - YR Squirrels Collective Worship, 9am  
25<sup>th</sup> - PTA AGM - meeting 2:50, start 3pm  
27<sup>th</sup> - Certificates Collective Worship, 9am  
27<sup>th</sup> April - Disco - KS1 4:45-5:45, KS2 6-7:30

## PE KIT

Miss Sadler would like to remind parents that children **must** have long black tracksuit-type bottoms and a sweatshirt in their PE kits due to the cold 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.



## 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.

## Y6 Revision Books

With Y6 SATs coming up, we would just like to remind parents that we are selling revision books for the Maths and English exams in the school office. We have them for the reduced price of £2.50 each.

If you would like any revision texts, please come into the school office for more details.

## Breakfast & After School Club

We would like to ask parents dropping their children off and picking them up from Breakfast and After School Club not park in front of the school. Most of our deliveries to the school arrive in the early morning, and so we would like to keep access as clear as possible.

## 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.