



# Highbury Primary School Newsletter

Week Commencing 17/09/18

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you enjoyed having an extra week to sneak in a cheaper holiday. We have already booked this in for next year, so get booking now! In addition we are also breaking up on July 19<sup>th</sup>, so that you will have the opportunity to jet off before the prices go up - so please do not ask for leave at other times during the year.

During our INSET week the staff were able to complete the vast majority of training for the year. There were health and safety updates, safeguarding updates, as well as training on how to support children with special education needs. We re-planned our behaviour policy as well as how we carry out parents meetings and reports. All parents will now be invited to a 15 minute structured conversation to discuss how they can support their child's learning. These will take place termly. There was also further training on teaching reading, writing, spelling, and maths. Lastly the teachers developed their immersive environments.

Our new coming-in routine is working really well, school is much calmer and children are getting more spelling time. Thanks for being so prompt.

## New School Rules:

Be Respectful

Be Ready

Be Safe



Each class now has a recognition board. The teachers select a behavior they wish the whole class to work on - the aim is to get all the class on it, so that the children encourage each other to achieve. If your child has gone above and beyond with this behavior or effort for learning they will be given a card to bring home to celebrate.

Children who are breaking the rules will be given an appropriate sanction and a restorative session to have the opportunity to put things right. They may be required to complete work in break times or at home.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah Sadler

## Attendance Champions:

This week's winner is Hedgehog Class with 100%!

### Class Attendance %

- Hedgehogs— 100%
- Squirrel— 99.3%
- Rabbit— 98.7%
- Robin - 95.3%
- Ladybird— 98.7%
- Bumblebee— 95.9%
- Bluebell— 92.7%
- Snowdrop- 96.0%
- Sunflower— 97.7%
- Daffodil—90.0%
- Mint— 94.4%
- Lavender— 94.4%
- Ivy— 99%
- Holly— 98.6%

WHOLE SCHOOL— 96.5%

For Week Ending 21/09/18

## Sign Up for Studybugs!

46% of Highbury parents are already using Studybugs to report absence. From next week, we will also be using it to send you notifications, reminders, emails, and the newsletters. Even more importantly, from the end of next week we will no longer be 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.



## Secondary School Open Days

Trafalgar School  
Weds 26<sup>th</sup> September  
5:30pm-8:30pm



Purbrook Park  
Weds 26<sup>th</sup> September  
6pm-8pm  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
8:30am-3pm



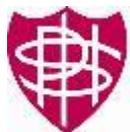
St Edmunds Catholic School  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
6pm-8:30pm



Springfield School  
Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
6pm-8pm



Portsmouth High School  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> October  
9am-12:30pm



## 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.

## Artsmark

Highbury Primary School has been awarded an Artsmark Gold Award! Artsmark is an ongoing project that shows how art and culture develop over time.

The Arts Council said about Highbury:  
*"Highbury Primary School have used Artsmark to extend the range of their arts offer, to increase and strengthen their partnerships with external arts providers and to build necessary confidence among teachers to champion the arts and mobilise them through the curriculum [...] The vibrancy of the arts and the range of the offer is commendable."*

As a Gold Artsmark school Arts Council England celebrates our commitment to arts and cultural education. Our children and young people will have equal opportunities to plan, experience, and participate in a diverse range of high-quality arts and cultural activities.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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/>



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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lynn Nicholls'.

Lynn Nicholls

Director ITT School Direct

## Year 1 Play Area

Y1 are looking to re-vamp their outdoor area. If any parents would like to volunteer their time in the afternoons to help with this project, please let our Year 1 teachers know.

They would also ask if you have any old toys lying around to donate them to the Y1 classrooms.

## 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.

## 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. 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.**

