



# Highbury Primary School Newsletter

**Week Commencing 23/07/18**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the Summer Fayre as much as I did. The PTA organized it magnificently and everyone worked together to make it a great success. Well done everyone - we raised almost \$1500 together, after expenses.

In the last newsletter I reminded you about our Transition Days on Monday and Tuesday next week. However I did say that you could meet your child's new teacher on Monday, but I am afraid you'll have to wait an extra day until Tuesday! On Monday you will know who your child/children's new teacher will be. Our teachers next year are:

- Y1 Mrs Walton & Mrs Burt  
Miss Meaden & Mrs Leach  
Mrs Taylor & Miss Shiers & Mrs Cawte
- Y2 Miss Wride & Mrs Chadwick
- Y3 Mr Bush & Mrs Stokes  
Mr Lloyd & Miss Dulake & Mrs Rixon
- Y4 Miss Smith & Mrs White & Mrs Wright  
Miss Reed & Mrs Bowdery
- Y5 Mrs Higgins & Mrs Jordan  
Mr McCabe & Mrs Moore
- Y6 Mrs Reese & Mrs Boulton & Mrs Aldis  
Mrs Chaplin & Mrs James & Mr Magnus



Having read this you might have noticed a few staff changes. Miss Noice, having joined Highbury as a non-qualified music teacher, she trained with Highbury and has been an outstanding teacher. We wish her every success.

Mrs. Shucksmith is going on a secondment to Court Lane to extend her leadership skills and will be back next year. Having trained Mr. Lloyd, Mr. McCabe, and Miss Reed I am very pleased to be able to recruit three very talented new teachers, especially to offer our boys extra positive role models. We also have some other support staff who will be joining us to support individual children.

Miss Smith (PE Coach/TA) had been recruited to work with our education looked-after team. I am extremely pleased that she will be using her immense talent and expertise to benefit some of our vulnerable children in the city.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs Sarah Sadler  
Headteacher



## Attendance Champions:

**This week's winners is Hedgehog Class with 98.3%**

### Class Attendance %

- Hedgehogs— 98.3%
- Squirrel— 93.8%
- Rabbit— 96.3%
- Robin - 97%
- Ladybird— 94%
- Bumblebee— 96.3%
- Bluebell— 96.7%
- Snowdrop- 96%
- Sunflower— 90%
- Daffodil— 96.3%
- Mint— 91%
- Lavender— 95.5%
- Ivy— 91.3%
- Holly— 93.8%

*WHOLE SCHOOL— 94.7%*

*Figures week ending*

*29/06/2018*

## Sports Day

We have our school Sports Day coming up soon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July, which we are sure will be great fun for all! However, as it is looking like a very hot summer this year we would ask that all children come to school with sun cream on, or with some that can be put on throughout the day, an appropriate sun hat, and water bottles. Because the event is taking place on our lovely school field there won't be a lot of shade and it is important that children are protected and hydrated as well as having lots of sporty fun!

## Leavers

It's not long now until all of our Y6 students head off to secondary school and get their brand new school uniforms! If they have any Highbury uniform that's still in good condition, could you please donate it to the office so we can use it as spare as we often have trouble finding spare clothing to fit our older children.

The Leavers' Hoodies will also be arriving soon, so keep an eye out!

## 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 appropriate footwear and a hat due to the sun getting very toasty recently!



## Sun Cream and Sun Hats

To ensure that your children are safe playing outside during school can all parents please send in their children with sun hats, and sun cream to be put on before break and lunch. Also, please understand that a teacher cannot help to apply sun cream to every child in their class, and so if your child is young or unable to do so please apply the sun cream before they come to school.

## INSET Days

All of us are looking forwards to the Summer Holidays, and then starting the new school year in September with brand new teachers to start learning brand new things.

This year, the school year will start a week later on 10<sup>th</sup> September because we are having 5 INSET Days on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> September - what would have been the first week back. These INSET Days are a brilliant time for your family to go on a last minute late holiday just before all the hard work begins!



We would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all of our families at Highbury who follow the Muslim faith.



## Pupil Parliament

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June some of our Pupil Parliament members went to UTC Portsmouth College to meet up with some student parliaments and councils from other schools to talk about ours and their achievements. Our fantastic Highbury students spoke about our Portsmouth in Bloom award, our Eco Green Flag award, our brilliant Junior Road Safety Officers, as well as the Arts Mark trip some other students had been on.

They also learned about lots of different schools on the trip with them and what they've been doing recently to help the environment. Our pupil parliament members also talked to the other schools to try and get some ideas about how we can improve!

The event was opened by local MP Stephen Morgan and Kate Robinson, founder of the One Young World Project, who gave inspiring speeches about the roles that our schools can play in helping the environment. It was a fantastic day, and our Pupil Parliament learned a lot.

## Online Payments

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

Letters went home before the Easter Holiday with unique online codes so that you can set up online payments for your child or children with our school's cash office. Please contact the school office if you do not already have access and would like to make use of online payments.

## Spare Clothes & Underwear

If you have any spare underwear for girls at home that your children have grown out of, could you please donate them to the school office. We are in need of spares in all sizes, from Nursery to Y6 children.

Any other spare clothing or PE Kit is welcome, especially in larger sizes for the main school and smaller sizes for the nursery.

## 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.



## Wanted: Weekend Animal Carers

Love chickens, rabbits, and guinea pigs? Have free time during the holidays and on weekends?

We are looking for some volunteers to come in and look after our animals! An ideal volunteer would be available to come in on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and mornings during the school holidays to feed and let out the chickens, and then come back in the evenings to put them away. The role will be subject to a rota, so it won't be every weekend or every day of a holiday. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

## Dates for your Diary

### July

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Transition Days

6<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day

13<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Graduation, 9am

20<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

23<sup>rd</sup> - Y6 Leaver's BBQ

24<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Leaver's Service

24<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School

## 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**. Teachers and other members of staff require access to the school car park.

Most of our deliveries to the school arrive in the early morning, as well as members of staff arriving to school, and so we would like to keep access as clear as possible.

## Wednesdays 8.30 until 8.45 in the hall



## Book Swap



## 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.



## Volunteering

Have you ever wanted to work in a school? We are looking for some parents to donate their time to help some of our children in classes who are struggling or might need that extra little bit of help. If you are interested in helping out in a classroom, please come to the school office and let us know.

## Paracetamol

We are aware that coughs, colds and bugs are being persistent with this horrible chilly weather, 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.**

