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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Newsletter September 2019

Dear parents,
Welcome back to the new school year at Highgate Primary, especially to all our new children and parents joining our school community. As you will see from this newsletter, we've enjoyed a busy start to the Autumn Term.

Year 1 Archaeological Dig



As an introduction to their new topic 'Who do you think you are?', Year 2 experimented with their archaeologist hats; excavating artefacts, describing them and using clues to think about where they might have come from...

Battle of Bosworth



Year 4 embraced their new topic 'Terrible Tudors' wholeheartedly last week by re-enacting the Battle of Bosworth Field in Highgate Woods. The children, with their handmade swords, axes, and shields, fought valiantly and despite the huge numbers of casualties on all sides, after ten seconds they sprang back to life and continued fighting! Just as on 22 August

1485, Lord Stanley and his army switched sides in the middle of the battle, killing King Richard III and placing the crown on the head of Henry Tudor. The old king is dead... long live King Henry VII and the Tudor dynasty!

Year 5 Visit the Ragged School



To enrich their topic 'A Victorian Education', Year 5 visited The Ragged School Museum in their first week back. Learning about what used to happen to children who couldn't sit still or sit up straight was quite a shock, but now they truly appreciate how lucky they are at Highgate Primary.

Before School Sport for the Autumn Term



We are delighted that our brilliant before-school sports club for all the family, will continue this year on Tuesdays to Fridays at 8.25am as follows:

Tuesday	Dodgeball
Wednesday	Playground Games
Thursday	Circuit Training
Friday	Run-a-Mile

Exercise before school offers so many benefits – and it's free! We hope to see as many of you as possible participating in the fun over the coming weeks.

Pupil Medication

If your child requires medication to be administered at school such as an asthma pump or Epipen, please ensure the school has been informed and you bring updated, labelled medication. Please remember it is your responsibility to verify expiry dates regularly. Please could all members of the school community respect that we are a nut-free school.

Prospective Parents Open Evening

Our Open Evening for Prospective Parents will take place on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 6.00pm. Flyers are available from the school office - please help spread the word to all your friends and family who have pre-school children.



School Gardens



With the sunflowers and thistles still in bloom, the school gardens are looking splendid. Cardoons are growing for our Big Soup Share in October, as well as many other delicious treats such as tree spinach, kale, rocket, apples and wild garlic. Gardening Club with Flo launched this week and we look forward to many tasty additions to our school lunches in the coming weeks.

Parking Restrictions



Haringey Council have now implemented parking restrictions around the school between 10am – 12pm. Hopefully this will impact commuters and create more space for drop off and collection. However, please do try to take the pressure off the local streets by considering park-and-walk, as there is always parking available in Sheldon Avenue. Even better still, where possible consider walking, cycling or public transport.

Lunches

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and has a school meal, lunch money must be paid online and in advance. This term's lunch prices are as follows:

Weekly @ £2.60 per day	£13.00
First half of term	£88.40
Second half of term	£96.20
Full Term	£184.60

PSA

Just to remind members of the school community that you are all members of the school's Parent School Association. Our PSA is set up to create and maintain a vibrant, friendly and supportive school community through organising fun whole school community events.

The PSA meets every Friday in the Family Centre at 9.00 am for an hour or so. Everyone is welcome to pop in, have a cup of tea or coffee, meet other parents and find out how to get involved. Our meeting for new parents will be on Friday 4th October at 9.15am and our AGM will be held on Tuesday 15th October at 8pm <http://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/psa>

PSA Events

With lots of autumnal events coming up this half term, there will be plenty of chance to be part of and celebrate our school community. Fireworks Night, which is always a treat, is on Saturday 12th October and our unique Harvest Festival is on Tuesday 15th October for Nursery and Reception, and Wednesday 16th October for Years 1 – 6. This event will be followed by our Big Soup Share at the end of the day. More details to follow.

Family Centre



Welcome back! If you are a new parent with a child under 5, please do come and visit our friendly Family Centre. Our timetable and list of activities can be found on our website:

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/family-centre/timetable>

We welcome volunteers at the Family Centre and really appreciate all the help you can give. If you are interested, please pop in and speak to Katherine or call on 0203 213 0004

Important Dates

Year 1 Cake Sale	Friday 20 th September 3.30 pm
Prospective Parents Open Evening	Tuesday 24 th September 6pm
Harvest Assembly Nursery & Reception	Tuesday 15 th October
Harvest Assembly Years 1 - 6	Wednesday 16 th October
Big Soup Share	Wednesday 16 th October 3.30pm
Fireworks Night	Saturday 12 th October 5.30 pm
Half Term	w/c Monday 21 st October
Start of Autumn 2	Monday 28 th October

I look forward to keeping you up to date with all our school news over the year ahead.

With best wishes

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