



# HIGHGATE

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents,

### Nursery Class Newsletter 2021 Autumn 1

We would like to offer a warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined us this term, and also welcome back to those children who were with us last year. Our new children have been very busy exploring the new environment and are settling in. It has been lovely to see the positive way our returning children have adapted to the change too, with lots of helping hands being offered around the classroom. It is essential that every child feels happy and safe in our care. Over the next few weeks we will continue to work closely with you to ensure we provide the best possible start to the year.

#### Drop off and pick up

The Nursery gate, on Gaskell Road, opens at 9.00 am and 12.30pm for the start of each session. Due to current guidelines we are asking that parents remain outside the Nursery building as much as possible. We will open the gates 5 minutes before the end of each session to allow punctuality at pick time. Thank you so much for your support with this.

#### Hurrah Cards

We love celebrating each other's significant achievements in Nursery. To aid this, we are sending home "hurrah cards." Over the next term, if your child accomplishes something at home that you feel is very special or important (learning to swim or ride a bike, getting dressed independently, drawing a beautiful picture, writing their name or helping to cook a meal, etc), please write about it on one of these cards and bring it back to school. We will then share these special milestones with the whole class and put them up on the wall – Hurrah! We look forward to reading them!

#### Home Toys

We understand that some children like to bring in a toy to help them feel settled during this transitional period, but we are asking that these be left at home to minimise covid risks.

#### Absence

If your child is unwell please phone the school office in the morning to let us know. Please see the flow chart on the Nursery door regarding Covid-19 related absences.

#### Meetings with parents

In Nursery, we know how important it is to work together with parents to support each child's positive experience and learning, and we are happy to discuss any concerns, achievements, milestones, etc informally with you at the beginning of each session. However, if you feel you might need a longer chat please don't hesitate to ask for an appointment.



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## **Staffing**

Children in morning Nursery are taught by Kate, Luke, Katherine and Claudine. Claudine and Katherine also stay with the children over lunchtime, as well as running our Early Birds before-school provision. In the afternoon, the children are taught by Luke, Dipo and Cynthia, with additional support from Katherine and Andrea. Dipo remains with those children who are staying on for the Night Owls after-school club on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, with Sam looking after them on the other days of the week.

## **Contributions from home**

We are keen to provide as many exciting and stimulating activities as we can and we are always thankful for contributions from parents. A shopping list is often on display near the Nursery door, so please feel free to contribute whatever you can manage. We also welcome small boxes, cardboard rolls, textured materials, ribbons and buttons for our Workshop.

A few of the items in need at the moment are:

- Conkers, leaves and acorns for our nature table
- Grass cuttings, leaves and herbs for our sensory play
- Food colouring/ flavourings
- Cornflour
- Cheap shaving foam
- Cream of tartar

We've had a fantastic start and we are very excited about the year ahead and hope that you and your children are too!

With very best wishes,

Kate, Luke and the Nursery Team



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