



## HIGHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **Autumn 1 Nursery Newsletter 2023**

Dear Parents,

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

#### **Drop off and pick up**

The main Nursery gate on Gaskell Road opens at 9.00am and again at 12.30pm for the start of each session. We will open again for home time at 3.25pm which will also allow those of you with siblings in older year groups to be prompt.

#### **Home Toys**

We understand that some children like to bring in a toy to help them feel settled during this transitional period. We will of course do our best to look after these, but please try to keep the more precious ones at home as we wouldn't want them to get lost or broken. Once your child is settled, the toy is often discarded, at which point we will aim to put them back in their bags for safekeeping.

#### **Meetings with parents**

We know how important it is to work together with parents to support each child's positive experience and learning. As such, we are always happy to discuss any concerns, achievements, milestones etc informally with you at the beginning or end of each session. There will be more formal parent consultations later this term, however if you feel you might need a longer chat at anytime please don't hesitate to ask.

#### **Drinks and snacks**

School provides fresh fruit or vegetables each day and the children always have access to cups and jugs of water and milk, so there is no need for snacks from home.



## Absence

If your child is unwell, please phone the school office in the morning and they will let us know.

## Clothes

We will go outside whatever the weather and the children love messy play, so please dress your child appropriately. A spare bag of clothing with your child's name on it is always useful in case they need to change.

## Staff

The nursery team comprises Luke, Susie, Geri and Cynthia, albeit not all at the same time! One of the team stays with the children over lunchtime, and Geri runs our 'Early Birds' before-school provision. Cynthia also joins the children at lunch and remains with those who are staying on for the Night Owls after-school club.

## Parent School Association

Let me take this opportunity to welcome and thank our PSA Nursery class rep this year James Barnett, Ruby's dad. All parents at Highgate Primary automatically become members of the PSA upon joining the school. There is a PSA meeting for new parents on 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.15 in the Family Centre on North Hill. Feel free to come along to find out about ways to support the school. If you would like to be added to the parent's WhatsApp group, there is a sign-up sheet in the entrance area.

## Contributions from home

We are eager to provide as many fun, exciting and stimulating activities as we can and are always grateful for any contributions from parents. An 'Amazon Wish List' is under construction, but in the meantime, we are always keen for any small contributions from the list below:

- Conkers, leaves and acorns for our upcoming Autumn nature table
- Food colouring and flavouring
- Cooking salt
- Garden cuttings or herbs
- Small boxes, containers or cardboard tubes for modeling

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	PSA meeting for New Parents
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	PSA Laser Show
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for Half Term holiday

It's been a fantastic start with very few tears; long may it continue! We are all excited about the year ahead and hope that you and your children are too.

Please see the link to the class whatsapp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bgfh6PRJRJKEa4fqwhHh0r>

With best wishes,

Luke and the Nursery Team

