

Headteacher's Newsletter September 2018

Dear parents,
Welcome back to a new school year at Highgate Primary, particularly to all the new children and parents joining us this year. It has been lovely to see so many happy, enthusiastic and positive faces around the school.

Changes to school over the summer

Whilst we've been away, the site team has been busy making improvements to the school premises, including the redecoration of the school hall. Improvements have been made to several classrooms – the school is looking fabulous.

Battle of Bosworth



Year 4 started the year with a fierce re-enactment of the 1485 Battle of Bosworth Field. This excursion to Highgate Woods helped set the scene for the new topic 'The Terrible Tudors?' a historical enquiry into whether the Tudors really were that terrible.

Alesha Dixon Visit



Last week, 'Britain's Got Talent' judge and singer, Alesha Dixon, visited the school to lead a workshop based on her book *Lightning Girl*, an adventure series written in collaboration with

Katy Birchall. The children were so excited when Alesha stayed behind after school to sign books for her Highgate Primary fans.

Sport for the Autumn Term



We are extremely pleased that our successful, free, before-school activity club, 'Run a Mile', will continue this year on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please arrive between 8.10 and 8.30 am to take part.

Prospective Parents Open Evening

Our Open Evening for Prospective Parents will take place on Tuesday 25th September 2018 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.

Michael Batoux's Supper Club



Join us for our first ever Supper Club on Friday 28th September at 7pm, for a North African culinary experience prepared by our talented chef Michael Batoux. The cost is £25 per person and you can bring your own drinks. Invite your friends and book a babysitter (sorry no children). Reserve tickets online by 21st September.

Pupil Medication



Reminder - 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.

Playground Updates

Thanks to the phenomenal fundraising driven by the PSA last year, as well as grants from The Greener City Fund, The Tottenham Grammar Foundation, the CSDS Foundation and the Wembley National Stadium Trust, we are optimistic that work on the top playground will commence this term. We look

forward to beautiful, green spaces and fun adventure trails - a welcoming environment for the whole school community.

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	£101.40
Full Term	£189.80

School Clubs

Our wonderful variety of clubs are more popular than ever. We do have a few places available in Board Games Tactics, French, Chess and Taekwondo, but contact the office quickly to secure a place. You can find more information on the website:

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/extended-school-day/after-school-clubs>

Family Centre



Welcome back! If you are a new parent with a child under 5 please do come and visit us at The Family Centre in the top playground next to the dining centre. Our timetable and list of activities and courses can be found here:

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

We have a Paediatric First Aid course taking place on Tuesday 25th September from 1pm to 3pm. The course costs £30, which includes a certificate. Please call 020 3213 0004 or drop in to the centre to book a place.

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.

<http://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/psa>

PSA Events

Our Harvest Festival is on Wednesday 10th October at 9.30 am. On the same day we will be taking part in the Big Soup Share 2018, organised by the Royal Horticultural Society. Produce from the school allotment will be harvested and whizzed up into a delicious soup by chef Michael and shared in the playground at the end of the school day. Our legendary Fireworks Night will take place on Saturday 13th October. More details will follow soon.

Green Council



The Green Council would like to welcome new parents to join their active and exciting group of parents, children and staff on their mission to make our school even greener. Anyone interested please contact highgategreencouncil@gmail.com

Important Dates

Year 1 Cake Sale	Friday 21 st September 3.30 pm
Prospective Parents Open Evening	Tuesday 25 th September 6pm
Michael Batoux's Supper Club	Friday 28 th September 7.00pm
Harvest Assembly	Wednesday 10 th October 10.00 am
Big Soup Share	Wednesday 10 th October 3.30pm
Fireworks Night	Saturday 13 th October 5.30 pm
Half Term	w/c Monday 22 nd October
Start of Autumn 2	Monday 29 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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