



**HIGHGATE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Newsletter November 2018

Dear parents,

As we race towards the tinsel season, I would like to thank you for all your support at this busy time of year. The next few weeks are certainly going to be full with hard work and merriment.

### Year 2 Monument Trip



Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to The Monument, Pudding Lane and St Paul's Cathedral to investigate the Great Fire of London. The children discovered fire-damaged tombs and learnt the significance of the height of The Monument, 62 metres, which mirrors the distance between where it stands today and the bakery where the fire started in Pudding Lane. Despite torrential rain whilst eating lunch outside the cathedral, it was a fantastic trip. If only it had rained so hard in September 1666....

### Year 6 at the BFI



Year 6 recently visited the British Film Institute to meet Floella Benjamin and view the film of her book, 'Coming to England'. This tied in beautifully with their topic, 'Our Island History',

investigating immigration through history, from Viking times to the present day. Everyone loved the film of her life story. A real highlight was the impromptu singing with Floella herself, who was genuinely inspiring.

### Sport



Our Year 5 and 6 children have been enjoying table tennis training at lunchtimes in preparation for last week's Haringey championships. Both teams finished a very respectable third place in their group, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals. Congratulations to all our determined competitors.



Look out for our special Christmas Run-a-Mile this year in aid of Alzheimers UK. Santa hats and merry music will fuel this festive pootle open to every member of the school community.

### Anti-idling Campaign



Our Green Council spent a Friday morning before school handing out anti-idling tickets to offending cars outside the school gates. It was a very successful morning highlighting the

need to switch off engines to reduce localised air pollution. If any other parents would like to join the Green Council, please contact [highgategreencouncil@gmail.com](mailto:highgategreencouncil@gmail.com).

### Parking

Following the example of the Anti-Idling Campaign, please remember that the school has no allocated parking around the school and, as a result, Storey Road can get very congested. If it is essential to drive to school, please park nearby and walk the last few minutes. Please be aware that blocking the road outside the school can be exceptionally dangerous and frequently leads to confrontation with local residents, other parents and members of staff, causing great distress and embarrassment.

### Supper Club



Another very successful Supper Club was held at the school last Friday evening, with Italy providing inspiration for Head Chef, Michael Batoux. The children too have been enjoying culinary delights with the incredible autumn menu. Cookery Club is now hugely over-subscribed - just imagine what we could do if we had our very own cookery school...

### Christmas Show – Mary Poppins

Although all the children will be involved in both performances, the dates that your child’s class will be performing more of a leading role are as follows:

Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm	1CW, 2BJD, 3LG, 4OP, 5EJ, 6EH
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm	1LJ, 2PR, 3NL, 4MK, 5JS, 6RB

### Christmas Cracker Craft Fair

We can’t wait for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. To ensure we have a cracker of a fair, please donate bottles, biscuits and chocolates for the class hampers, as well as bottles and new, unwanted gifts for the tombola and secret Santa stalls. The Hand Made Gifts stall will feature once again - so please can all you creative people get busy making jams, cards, knitwear and other beautiful items. Boxes for donations are already in classrooms and outside the office – thank you for your incredible support as always.

### Family Centre



This half term children at the Family Centre have enjoyed wonderfully creative sessions, with the Gingerbread Man still to come! The Family Centre Christmas Stay and Play will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December between 9.00 and 11.30 am. Do join us for Christmas music, songs, arts and crafts.

### Last Day Of Term

Please remember that collection on the last day of term will be at 1.45pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

### Important Dates for the Diary

Parent Consultations	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 4.00 - 6.00 pm
Parent Consultations	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00 - 8.00 pm
INSET Day School closed to children	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Craft Fair	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 12.30 – 4.00 pm
Christmas Show	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm
Christmas Show	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm
Blanche Nevile Cake Sale	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm
Nursery & Reception Nativity Play	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Early Finish 1.45pm

With best wishes

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