



Autumn Newsletter

Welcome Back

It was wonderful to welcome families and children back to Highgate last week after the summer break. Our new reception cohort are settling in well and we all wish our new families welcome.

Playground wall

You may have noticed the temporary addition of green netting to the playground wall. Please be assured the wall is strong and sound. The wall was built a long time ago and though beautiful, is not the same style as a newly built school perimeter would be beside a busy road. The netting has been added to prevent the children stretching their arms through the bars and will also prevent them grabbing the bars and attempting to pull themselves up. We hope that a more permanent and attractive solution will replace this netting soon!

In addition to the netting we continue to have the rule of the yellow line – where we ask the children to remain a metre away from the outside wall as marked by the yellow line painted on the floor. We ask parents to reinforce this by not calling their children over to speak to them through the fence at playtimes or lunch times. We also ask parents to ensure the children do not climb on the fence from the path side when outside the grounds or climb on the fence beside the ramp.

All About Us

Our new topic is 'All About Us. It'. Our classes are exploring this in creative ways.



Our Reception class are looking at our place in the world, at our homes, families and keeping healthy.

In year 1 they are thinking about their own personal history and learning about history through old and new toys. They are also learning more about their bodies in science.



In year 2 the children are learning about the UK, its countries, capital cities and characteristics. They are also learning about how to keep their bodies healthy.

After half term all classes will be thinking about Celebrations, in this country and around the world. We will start this topic with Harvest celebrations and November the 5th.

Allotment

We have a wonderful school allotment. The children and staff are enjoying harvesting the onions, squashes and corn that is still growing – although the Muntjac deer have harvested an awful lot too! The children do a great job of taking care of it, but some jobs can be a bit big and we need a little help! If you are able to help us out from time to time – whether as a weeder, waterer or with a bit of DIY or maintenance then please see let Mrs Clements know or speak to our allotment champion Mrs Griffin.

Attendance

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. For example, children who miss school often can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams.

Arranging appointments and outings after school hours, at weekends or during school holidays will help to prevent disruption to your child's education and to the school. Under normal circumstances you should not expect the school to agree to your child going on holiday during term time.

Please ensure you phone the office every day if your child is not well enough to attend.

PE

This year children will need to bring PE kits to school so they can change into their PE kits for every PE lesson. These lessons will be indoors or outside so please ensure a track suit or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt are added to your child's PE bag on cold days.

Year 1 and 2 will both have PE on Monday and Thursday. Reception class will not need PE kits until after the October half term holiday.



School Lunches

Don't forget to check out the menu and encourage your children to try the range of school meals we have on offer. If you send a packed lunch it needs to be healthy and balanced. Please do not send nuts as some children have been known to have severe allergies.

Behaviour

If the school has any concerns about a child's behaviour they will contact parents. If any parents have concerns please come into school and share those concerns. We want each and every child to feel safe and secure and staff will always be there to help children with any personal, social or emotional issues..



Tapestry

At present the schools ipads have not yet been aligned with the schools new broadband and cyber security settings. We hope this will be rectified very soon so that teachers can share much more of the children's learning with parents We thank you for your patience.

Trips and Visits

All year groups will be taking a trip into Kings Lynn to find out more about History this half term. Teachers will share the details nearer the time.

Harvest Festival

Please join us for our class harvest festivals. Where we can celebrate together and enjoy the children's singing, art work and readings.

Please send children in with donations of food for the Kings Lynn Foodbank after the half term holiday. These donations should be long life and easy to transport without getting squashed! – tins and jars are ideal!

Clubs

After school club and Breakfast club are services we provide to support all our families. Please enquire in the office if you would like to know more. Breakfast club is £2 a day and runs from 8am until the start of school (last food served at 8.25). Afterschool club is £3 a session. Mrs Natalija Ananeva-Sliaze (Miss Natalija to our children) runs both breakfast and after school club.

Date	Club
Monday	Lego
Tuesday	Story and Craft
Wednesday	Yoga
Thursday	Art
Friday	No club planned at present – please enquire at the office if you require afterschool club provision on a Friday

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding we may be able to offer a discount for school clubs and breakfast club. Please enquire at the office for details.

A Safe and Caring School



All adults who work at the school are here to help and support our children and families. Some adults have particular roles and training which means they may be the best people to help you.

Mrs Natalija Ananeva - Sliaze, Mrs Kirby and Miss Rogers are our Designated Safeguarding leads. If you have any concerns over the safety and welfare of any children at Highgate then please speak to them.

Mrs Natalija Ananeva-Sliaze is our Parent Support Advisor

You can request a meeting with her to discuss any parenting issues or concerns you may have.

We work with and promote the work of many

agencies that can support children and families with health concerns, worries about behaviour and many other problems.

A display in our foyer contains information leaflets and numbers that families may find useful. Please take a look. You can speak to school staff or contact agencies directly if you feel they may be able to support you.

Diary Dates

Mon 3rd October flu vaccine

Wed 19th October individual photos

Your child and Phonics – teachers will be inviting groups of parents in to join their children in class and find out more about their child's reading and phonic learning. Please do attend.

20th October 8.50am Reception class

21st October 8.50am year 1 and year 2

24th - 28^h October Half term Holiday!

31st October Back to school today

1st November 2.00pm EYFS Harvest festival – Parents invited

2nd November 2.00pm Year 1 Harvest festival– Parents invited

3rd November 2.00pm Year 2 Harvest festival– Parents invited

4th November Fire safety and bonfire session (please ensure children have a warm coat and appropriate foot wear for the weather)

14th – 18th November Staying Safe Week – details to follow nearer the time

November – parents will be invited to a 1 to 1 meeting with their child's teacher to talk about their child's learning

Unwanted Guests

Please remember to keep 'bug busting'. Nits and headlice are an ongoing concern for many parents. All children need to be checked regularly and treated when necessary to stop these little guys from spreading!