

# Highgate Primary School Newsletter



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We have been looking forward to welcoming all children back and have worked hard over the INSET days to make sure we are prepared.

I hope you have had a restful summer and are looking forward to the children starting back with us.

In this newsletter we will be sharing a few updates but look out for more information following shortly.

*Mr Jenkinson*

**Absence:** Good attendance and punctuality is important however, if your child needs to be absent from school, please call by **8.45am** and leave a message on our answer-phone.

**PE Kit:** We have seen children getting the most out of not having to change for PE and gaining more PE lesson time so we are continuing with the request for children in Years 1-6 coming to school on their PE days in their PE kit (plain white T-shirt and blue or black shorts or joggers with a school jumper to keep warm as the winter weather sets in). EYFS children will need to bring their kit in for them to change into each week.

PE days have been put on Class Dojo but are as follows:

**Y1 - Tuesday & Wednesday**

**Y1&2 - Monday & Tuesday**

**Y2 - Monday & Friday**

**Y3 - Tuesday & Wednesday**

**Y4 - Monday & Thursday**

**Y5 - Thursday & Friday**

**Y6 - Wednesday & Friday**

**Harvest Service - Friday 1st October:** We want to reinstate the Harvest Service and would like to encourage children to bring in donations of tinned/dried food into school on Friday 1st October. This service will not be open to parents at this time. We will hold the service in school with the children before taking the donations to St Mary's Church for it to be included in their collection.

**Bikeability - 4th October:** Year 6 children will be taking part in Bikeability this year in the week commencing 4th October. They will all need to have a road-worthy bike and cycle helmet for these sessions. The children might also want to practice their bike-riding skills ahead of this week.

**Census Day Dinner - 7th October:** Each year the school has to complete a census to send certain information to the government. Some of this includes the number of children having hot dinners. To encourage more people to have a hot dinner on that day, the kitchen has organised a special menu. Please go onto Parent Pay to book.

## Dates for your Diary

### AUGUST

**23rd & 24th** INSET Days

**25th** Children start back

**30th** August Bank Holiday

**31st** Y6 Residential to Hathersage

**31st** EYFS half days

### SEPTEMBER

**3rd** Y6 Residential return

**6th** EYFS start full days

### OCTOBER

**1st** Harvest Service

**4th** Bikeability Starts (Y6)

**7th** Census Day Dinner

**18th to 22nd** Half Term

**26th** Individual School Photos

### DECEMBER

**21st** End of term

*More dates will follow...*

**Building updates:** We are really pleased to have updated the main building to include a teaching kitchen (completed last academic year) and a new library (being opened this year) as well as refurbishing two of the teaching areas.

We look forward to being able to show parents around in the not too distant future.





**Hathersage Residential:** Preparations are fully underway now for the Y6 visit to Hathersage. Information booklets have been sent out and we are really pleased that the whole class are going.

Staff attending the trip will be Mr Jenkinson, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Palmer and Miss Jarram.

We will hold a short meeting for parents on Friday 27th August at 3.20pm in the hall.

**A few staffing changes:** We welcome back Mrs Sale from her maternity leave - she is now covering the role of SENDCO until Mrs Allen comes back from her maternity leave to take this role permanently. We look forward to seeing her return soon.

We welcome Mrs Powell as our new Office Manager and Mrs Searson as our new Office Administrator. Both are looking forward to meeting you all.

**Individual Photos:** We have Tuesday 26th October scheduled in for individual photos at present. We hope to be able to invite pre-school siblings back in this year.

**Christmas Productions & Parties:** We intend returning to a live audience Christmas production this year. We will keep you updated with this by the October half term. We also intend having a Carol Service at the church and children's Christmas parties in the last full week of term.

**Breakfast Club & Little Apples:** We no longer need to strictly limit the number of children attending Breakfast Club and so if you need to use this facility in an emergency, you can drop off that morning without booking. Please pre-book after school clubs with Little Apples directly with Tracey Brown on 07708 408701.

**School Dinners:** Please remember to book school dinners by midnight on Thursday for the following week. If you don't order by this cut off date each week, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

### **Pick up & drop off:**

Pick up and drop off will return to normal from the start of this term. Children are welcome onto the playground from 8.30am and the whistle will be blown to line up at 8.45am. We request that parents leave as quickly as possible in the mornings so we can lock the gates.

The top pedestrian gates will be opened at 3.10pm for parents to collect Y1&2 children from their classroom doors.

Children in Reception and Years 3-6 can be collected from the bottom playground. We request parents wait in the area of the playground by the hall rather than by the classrooms.

We will have a slightly staggered finish to allow you to collect children from the relevant areas.

Mr Jenkinson will be on hand to help guide with any queries during the first few days if you are unsure.

**EYFS** - Collect 3.10pm

**Years 1 & 2** - Collect at 3.15pm.

**Years 3-6** - Collected at 3.20pm (or older children in Y5&6 can walk home independently).

**Please note for now we are not inviting parents into the school buildings.**