

# Highgate Primary School Newsletter



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Thank you for your continued patience during what has been a tricky first half of the Autumn term.

We know the threat of Covid is very much still present and as such we are doing our utmost to update you as and when we get cases.

## Trust Letter

The Trust have issued another letter from Gareth Nelmes, (CEO) asking parents to work with us during these difficult times and to be aware that as we move towards Christmas, while we intend to bring you the normal Christmas celebrations as normally as possible, we may be forced to change plans at the last minute.

## Extra Precautions

We continue to take extra measures including regular hand-washing, keeping the building well ventilated and reducing contact for year groups with higher case numbers and are in regular contact with Public Health England advisors.

*Mr Jenkinson*

## Dates for your Diary

### NOVEMBER

**5th** - Morning Skipping re-starts

**10th** - (Delayed) start to Choir

**11th** - Deadline for School Photo Orders

**15th** - Start of Anti-Bullying Week

**19th** - Football Shirt Friday  
(Children in Need)

**26th** - No Hot dinners available  
(please bring packed lunches)

### DECEMBER

**21st** End of term

*More dates will follow...*

**School Dinners:** Due to emergency work in the school kitchen from 25th to 28th November **we will not be able to provide school dinners on Friday 26th November.** We can provide limited packed lunches for those who have booked in advance but would appreciate it if you are able to provide your child with a packed lunch for this day only. We apologise for this inconvenience. Please contact Mrs Powell or Mrs Noble in the office for any further support.

**Macmillan Cake Sale Thanks:** It was great to be able to welcome so many parents in to watch our Key Stage 1 & 2 children perform their outdoor rendition of Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds."

We had a lovely time and raised over £200 for Macmillan in the process.



**Behaviour Policy Consultation:** Thank you to those of you who were able to give your responses to the changes in our Behaviour Policy to emphasise the work we are doing to develop positive relationships across the school. This is now available to read on our Policies Page on our website. We will soon be asking for your opinions on our updated Anti-Bullying Policy.

**Harvest Donation Thanks:** Thank you for your generous donations last month; these were handed to St Mary's Church to supply their food bank collections.

**Poppy Appeal:** Poppies are now available for children to buy with a small donation until Remembrance Day.



**Promotional Leaflets & Christmas Tree Seeds:** To promote ourselves in the community for children starting in August next year, we have created some A5 leaflets and run a competition with the reception children to paint Christmas trees to illustrate some seed packets that we are distributing to pre-schools and families. If you know families with pre-school children and would like to give them a Christmas Tree Seed to encourage them to come to our school, please pass on these packets and encourage them to book a tour of the school.



**Phone calls for illness:** If your child needs to have time off due to illness, please call the school office on 01509 813968 and leave a message on the answer machine by 8.30am in the morning.

**Welcome to Mrs Noble:** We have a new friendly face in the office who started after half term. Welcome to Mrs Noble who is our new Office Administrator.

**Individual Photos:** It was lovely to be able to run the school photos (including with younger siblings) with a degree of normality this year. The proof photos have now been sent out. To get prints ordered in time for Christmas, the deadline for last orders is 11th November.

**Christmas Productions & Parties:** It is still very much our intention to return to live audiences for our Christmas performances this year. Depending upon the situation with Covid, it may be that we need to change plans at the last minute. This may include asking audiences to wear masks, restricting numbers (and social distancing) or even filming it and sharing it live. We will keep you up to date with how we are getting on with this and will publish dates for performances very shortly.

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

**School Council - Football Shirt Friday - 19th November:** To coincide with Children in Need this year, School Council have written a letter inviting people to wear football shirts on Friday 19th November for a donation to Children in Need. A suggested donation of £1 a child can be made in cash on the day or via Parent Pay.

**PE Kit Reminders:** Children may come to school in their PE kit on those days when they do PE. Please note that it should be a plain white T-Shirt and Blue or Grey shorts, joggers and fleecy top. Please avoid garish logos.

- Y1 - Tuesday & Wednesday
- Y1&2 - Monday & Tuesday
- Y2 - Monday & Friday
- Y3 - Tuesday & Wednesday
- Y4 - Monday & Thursday
- Y5 - Thursday & Friday
- Y6 - Wednesday & Friday

**New Term Dates - 2022:**

**Autumn Term:**

- 23rd & 24th Aug - INSET Days
- 25th Aug - School Opens
- 18th - 22nd Oct - Half Term
- 21st Dec - School Closes for Christmas

**Spring Term:**

- 5th Jan - INSET Day
- 6th Jan - School Opens
- 14th - 18th Feb - Half Term
- 8th April - School Closes for Easter

**Summer Term:**

- 25th April - School Opens
- 2nd May - Bank Holiday
- 30th May—3rd June - Half Term
- 7th July - Last day of term for children
- 8th July - School Closed in lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday
- 11th & 12th July - INSET Days

Further details and holiday dates for 2022 to 2023 are available now on our website:

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