

Highgate Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to an exciting Spring term with lots going on. We hope to have less interruptions due to Coronavirus but want you to know that whatever measures need to be put in place (should they need to be) will be done in conjunction with Bradgate Education Partnership and Public Health England.

Mr Jenkinson

Parking Enforcement: The vast majority of our parents are very considerate when parking to drop off/collect children. A small minority however have been known to make it difficult for pedestrians who need to make use of the drop down curbs (for buggies/wheel chairs etc). We have been notified by the County Council that they will be stepping up monitoring by Civil Enforcement Officers and cameras over the next few weeks.

I urge everyone please to be respectful of the needs of others at these busy times in the surrounding vicinity of the school. Thank you in advance.

Welcomes back: We are very pleased to have Miss Pavey and Mrs Gamble working back with us in Year 2 following their maternities. Mrs Copson has also increased her days that she is working which means Mrs Booth is now able to spend a day working in Year 2 as well as a day in Year 4. We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Allen and Mr Hackett in February.

Forest School: This Spring, Forest School (on Friday afternoons) will be offered to children in Butterflies Class (Year 1) from next Friday (14th January). Please send your child into school with a change of old warm clothes that are suitable for the weather (wellies, water proof coat, hats, gloves etc). Mrs Garfoot-White and Miss Hocking are really looking forward to working with your children until half term.



Visiting Author: All being well, on Monday February 21st, we have booked local author, Rachael Graves to return to school with her new book *Rusty the Raildog Does First Aid*. Children will participate in this live story telling and will be given the opportunity to buy signed copies of her book afterwards.

Dates for your Diary

JANUARY 2022

5th INSET Day—closed to children

6th Children start back to school

27th Heights & Weights measures

FEBRUARY

14th - 18th Half Term

21st - Author Visit - Rachael

Greaves - *Rusty the Rail Dog Does First Aid!*

MARCH

3rd World Book Day—details to follow

JUNE

27th - 29th Y4 Residential to Beaumanor

More dates will follow...

Farewell Miss Stodd: We will say farewell to Miss Stodd at half term in February. She has been with us since she graduated in 2016 and is moving onto another school to gain experience in another key stage. We are pleased to be able to welcome back Mrs Allen who will work with Year 3 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mr Hackett will return to work with them on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Turner will continue to work with the class throughout the week for continuity.



Reporting Absence: If for any reason your child is off School for sickness, appointments etc. please let the Office know on a daily basis, this is a Government requirement (either email the office on office@highgate.bepschools.org or call the school main number 01509 813968 and leave us a message on the absence line) as all absences have to be recorded.

Prompt drop off and pick up: We ask that all children are on the school grounds by 8.40am, ready to go in for registration at 8.45am. School finishes at 3.10pm for EYFS (Reception), 3.15pm for KS1 (years 1 & 2) and 3.20pm for KS2 (years 3,4,5 + 6). Please can all children be collected promptly, but if you do have any issues and you may be late, please can you contact the Office and let us know.

World Book Day: This is advanced notice that World Book Day is on 3rd March 2022. Look out for more details coming soon...

Request for Help: Koalas class are looking for donations of plastic bottle top lids for an art-work project they are doing. If you are able send some in, Mrs Booth will be very grateful.

Term Dates - 2021 to 2022:

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:

<https://www.highgate.bepschools.org/news-and-events/term-dates/>

Additional Bank Holiday Day: In line with other schools in the Bradgate Education Partnership, school will be closed to pupils on Friday 8th July in lieu of the Jubilee Bank Holiday. School will close to pupils at the end of the day on Thursday 7th July.

Beaumanor Residential (Year 4): We have booked a residential visit to Beaumanor for children in Year 4. This is planned to replace the visit to Hunstanton (as the Youth Hostel has fallen victim to the pandemic. It is planned for the summer months, by which time, it is hoped there will be fewer (if any at all) restrictions. We will of course keep people updated (following government guidance) but if anyone has any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

First Time Admissions: This is a reminder that the deadline for first time admissions is 15th January 2022 for children entering Reception in August 2022. If you have children who should be starting then, remember to complete the online application at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

Further communication: We will be starting off the New Year with plans of sending out a weekly newsletter to you all! We hope this will enable you all to start having a better insight to some of the brilliant work we do here at the school and to keep up to date with weekly changes within Highgate.