

Highgate Primary School Weekly Newsletter Letter

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Dear Parents,

We delayed the publication of last week's newsletter as a mark of respect following the loss of the Queen. Alongside our Trust colleagues we will also not be using our social media accounts during the mourning period. We sent a letter from Gareth Nelmes, our CEO earlier today to inform you that school will be closed for the State Funeral on Monday 19th September.



We have had a fantastic first week back after the summer and the children who have joined us in Reception have thoroughly enjoyed their first days with us. While our youngest children settled wonderfully, many of our oldest pupils once again were a credit to our school and to themselves.

Also in this newsletter is a link to anyone who would like to join our team as either a midday supervisor or cleaner. Please ask in the office if you would like to apply and would like more information.

Here's to a jam-packed-fun-packed Autumn term!!!

Mr Jenkins

Year 6 had a thoroughly amazing time at Hathersage last week. Here are just a few photos from the walk to Stanage Edge, stream dipping and dry stone wall building. Thank you to Mrs Saunders, Miss Hocking and Mrs Garfoot-White who volunteered to come along for the fun too!

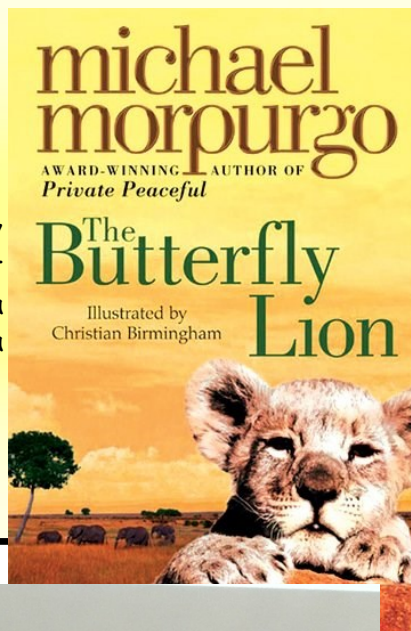


Book Review:

Mr Jenkinson's Book Recommendation:

Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo is a great author who has written many books over the years but this is one of my favourites. It tells the story of a boy growing up in Africa who forms a relationship with a white lion cub that develops into a lasting and strong bond... a must read for anyone who loves animals!



Highgate Awards: Well done to this week's Highgate Award Winners.



Individual Photos: We have **Tuesday 12th October** scheduled in for individual photos. As we have done before, we invite pre-school siblings before school to have photos with their school aged brothers or sisters.

Summer Challenge - There is still time to **enter the** School Council "50 Things To Do" competition. Children can return their forms and enter photos to win a prize later this September—please have any last minute entries in by **Wednesday 14th September.**

Bags2School: We already have had lots of bags of old clothes donated. There is still plenty of time to have a good clear out and help us fundraise before the final deadline of **28th September.**

Staff Vacancies: We are looking to appoint a new cleaner and a new midday supervisor. Applications are made through Eteach. For more information please speak to the school office.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-cleaner-1267443?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

Harvest Service - Friday 14th October: We want to reinstate the Harvest Service at the church and would like to encourage children to bring in donations of tinned/dried food into school. We will update you with timings but this service will be held in the afternoon and parents will be welcome to attend (all being well).

Attendance - We need to make you aware of changes in the policy for attendance that are now in effect from the start of this term. Over the summer you will have received a letter from our Trust CEO and Director, Gareth Nelmes and Dean Pomeroy explaining more. You need to be aware the government are directing schools and trusts to be more stringent with attendance from the start of this academic year, with an "almost zero tolerance" approach to any absences, including holidays. The trust will be expected to process fines more rapidly with little room for mitigation and exceptions.

Curriculum...

We have listened to feedback from parents who indicated their interest in finding out what topics children would be studying. We know many of you are keen to encourage and support your children in their learning.

Over the summer, we updated our website to include an overview of our topics and a subject-by-subject breakdown of the topics and objectives our children will learn.

To view our curriculum overviews and progression maps (which tell you exactly what children should be learning in each topic), copy and paste the link below or click on the "Curriculum" tab on our website.

<https://www.highgate.bepschools.org/curriculum/subjects/>

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER

5th EYFS start full days

14th Last day for entries for #50ThingsToDo competition.

19th School Closed for State Funeral

28th Bags2School Collection Date

OCTOBER

12th Individual school photos

14th Harvest Service (Church) pm

18th to 22nd Half Term

26th Individual School Photos

DECEMBER

7th KS1 Afternoon Nativity

8th KS1 Evening Nativity

9th EYFS Afternoon Nativity

12th Christmas Fayre

More dates will follow...

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Substantive Concepts: conflict, society, invasion, monarchy
Disciplinary Concepts: Consequence, Change and Continuity, Similarity and Difference, Historical Significance, Sources and Evidence, Historical Interpretations

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Autumn	Y1 I'm Here My Community (local study)	Y2 Children should be seen and not heard Step back in Time	Y3 Stones, Bones and Survival Stone Age	Y4 Settle and Stamp Anglo Saxons	Y5 Tomb Raiders Egypt	Y6 The Great War World War I
Spring	Our Planet Comment on images of familiar situations in the past	Britain in Green Queen Elizabeth	Riotous Romans Roman	Victorious Vikings Vikings	The Time of Illumination Baghdad	Time Travel Greeks
Summer	Frozen Planet Compare and contrast characters from our past	Castles and Kingdoms Castles	Queen Elizabeth	Roman	Industrial Revolution	Earth in Crisis WWI
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