

Highgate Primary School Weekly Newsletter Letter



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Dear Parents,

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!

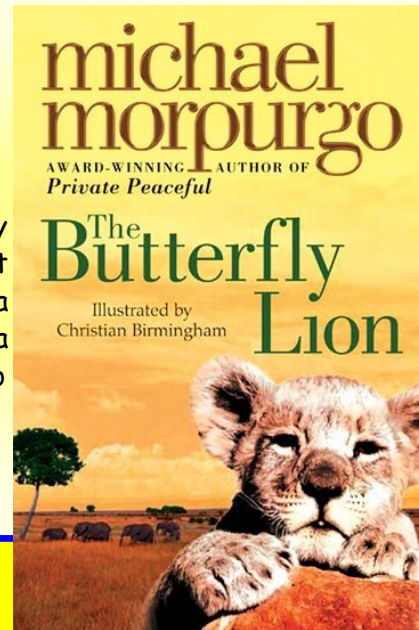


Book Review:

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.

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: 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 inform you of the date as soon as we have heard back from the church but are expecting it to be on Friday 14th October.

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.

Values and Rules...

Thank you to those of you who have already responded to the consultation on our simplified values and rules. The deadline for responses is **Monday 12th September**. You can copy and paste the link below to give your views:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=33_wzdLTyk2HVK3vxmXhiINDR5R14wxKjyyhriqbAv5UQ0gwSIU1NldVSINSQjM3R0xGWVRPNEIKRS4u

These have been shared initially with children in assembly too.

Golden Rules



Highgate Community Primary School

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER

5th EYFS start full days

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

OCTOBER

12th Individual school photos

14th Provisional Harvest Service TBC

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...

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