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Thank you once again for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope that you will find its contents useful.

Dear Parents/Carers

IMPORTANT ADVANCE NOTICES

We break up for half term today and return to school on Monday 4th June. **Please note that on the first day back (Monday 4th June) there will be NO PLAYCENTRE and NO CLUBS** (please see dates below):

On the following days there will be NO PLAYCENTRE and NO CLUBS:

Mon 4th June (staff training)

Tues 19th June (whole school trip to Walton on the Naze)

Friday 20th July (last day of Summer Term—school closes at 1.30pm)

KS1 SATS Week

Well done to our Year 2s who have been doing their SATS this week. They have worked really hard this year and have done their very best. Thank you to parents/carers for their support and to all the KS1 team and other members of staff who have worked with the children during the year, including running boosters to help prepare the children.

Cinema Night!

Please join us for our whole school cinema night, organised by the school council on Thursday 7th June from 6.00-7.45pm to watch Paddington Bear 2. Tickets, costing £1 each, are available from the school office. Please note that children aged 7 and under MUST be accompanied during the film by an adult, and both adult and child need a ticket.



Half Term Activity—Free Family Workshop for parents and children

Have fun building a den or making an aeroplane at Caledonian Park, Market Road, N7 9PL on Tuesday 29th May 10.00-11.30am OR 12.30-2.00pm. Text Anna on 07769 235790 to book your place, stating the number of adults and children attending and your preferred time.

Pakeman Pound

Congratulations to the 184 children who had 100% attendance this half term! They all earned a Pakeman Pound and got to choose two treats as a reward. Attendance is a key factor in children being successful in school. Please ensure your child is in school every day to maximise their potential both academically and socially. Children with 100% attendance across the whole year will receive an extra treat at the end of this term!

SEND Information — Understanding Autism

Autism is a developmental spectrum disability affecting how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them. Autistic people see, hear and feel the world differently to other people. Being autistic is a lifelong condition; it is not an illness or disease.

The causes of autism are still being investigated. Many experts believe that it may not have a single cause, and that genetic factors may be involved.

There is no known 'cure' for autism. All autistic people share certain difficulties, but being autistic affects them in different ways. Some also have learning disabilities, mental health issues or other conditions, meaning different levels of support are needed. However, all autistic children learn and develop, and with the right support, they can be helped to live a more fulfilling life of their choice.

As autism is a 'spectrum' condition it affects people differently, with its characteristics presenting themselves in a wide variety of combinations. As such, two people with the same diagnosis can have a very different profile of needs and skills. This makes it very difficult to generalise about how an autistic person will develop over time. In addition, an intervention that works well with one person may not be appropriate or effective with another.

For more information visit <http://www.autism.org.uk>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 25th May

Last day of Summer Half Term

Monday 4th June

First day back at school after half-term holiday

Interested in Fostering?

Come to a coffee morning on Friday 8th June @ 9am in the Lodge to hear more about it and ask any questions you may have.

Tuesday 19th June

Whole school trip to Walton on the Naze

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th July

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10th July

Sports Day

Friday 20th July

Last day of Summer Term

Please note that holidays are not authorised during term time. Unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty charge being issued to each parent with parental responsibility.

P4C QUESTION

Discuss this question at home, sharing your thoughts and ideas:

What is the best thing that has happened to you today?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Year 2 pupils and KS1 staff (collectively) for working so hard in preparation for SATS



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Green	All < 95%	Crimson & Green
KS2	Pink	Orange	Blue

Word of the week

Ascertain

Definition: find something out for certain; make sure of.

Example of a sentence using the word ascertain:

Sometimes it is difficult to ascertain whether the news is true or not.

Year 3/4 Learning

Orange, Purple and Pink Classes have been taking part in a project called Writing Through Art. Each week, they have explored a painting in detail, discussing the history of the artwork, the life of the artist and the details within the painting. Once they have discussed each painting, they produce a piece of written work inspired by the art they have looked at. This has included a diary entry of a man who has gone hawking for the first time, advertisements to sell the inventions of John Joseph Merlin and play scripts with new endings for Shakespeare's play Twelfth Night. To celebrate the end of the project, they visited Kenwood House for a tour of the galleries where all of the paintings that they have studied are on display.



Year 5/6 Bikeability

17 children in Years 5 and 6 have been taking part in the Level 2 Bikeability course at school this week. During the course they have been learning how to:

- Start and finish an on-road journey
- Pass parked cars or slower moving vehicles and side roads
- Make a u-turn
- Identify and react to potential hazards
- Communicate their intentions to other road users and pedestrians, as appropriate
- Use road positioning effectively
- Use junctions, including turning left and right in and out of minor roads
- Use the Highway Code and make decisions on safe riding strategy



CV Workshop

Last week some of our parents went by taxi to a company called Liberum in the City to work on their CVs. It was a very productive session with parents working with employees to create an electronic version of their CVs which they can now use to apply for jobs. There may be another opportunity like this soon so do let Marta know if you are interested.



Year 5 Parents —Open Events

Highbury Fields School for girls is hosting the following open events for students starting secondary school in September 2019

September Open Evening
27th September 5.30pm-7.30pm

September Open Mornings
25 & 26 September 9.30am

October Open Mornings
2 & 3 October 9.30am

The school looks forward to welcoming all potential students and parents at these events, but if you are unable to attend one of these, you can contact Highbury Fields school office to arrange a tour of the school.