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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new Highbury families and welcome back to our remaining families. The children have settled well into their new classes. We want to reassure you that even those who may be a bit unsure when they leave your side, are soon happy and engaged in things going on in the classroom.

Unfortunately, I will not be in school for part of this term. I am having some planned surgery which means I will be off from 20<sup>th</sup> September for about 8 weeks. Miss Collins and Mrs Fitch (Senior Leadership team) will share responsibility for the school during this time. They will still be class based. Mrs Braham-Everett (Senior Leadership team, non-class based) will be working some additional hours to help out too. I know I will leave the school in good hands.

In order to lessen some of the organisation of things to be done, I have made the decision to cancel the Fun Day that was going to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Hopefully it will be back on the agenda next year.

This year we are continuing to emphasise transition in every class at Highbury. Teachers have carefully planned activities which allow them even more time to get to know the children as individuals and establish really positive relationships from the start. Thank you to parents of our current Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes who have helped their child fill in the booklet all about themselves. If you have not done so already, please see if you can help your child complete it. Staff will be sitting with each child to share their booklet with them.

One of our main school focuses this year is to improve handwriting and presentation. We are introducing a new handwriting scheme called Pen Pals. Whitehill are also introducing this, ensuring continuity between the schools. There will be further information about this. We will also be continuing our theme of resilience.

Nursery lunch club begins w/b 17<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Doran will speak to you if your child isn't quite settled enough to start then. Nursery Lunch club will be in the nursery itself for the moment and so you should bring/collect your child from the nursery gate.

Our reading sessions start on 24<sup>th</sup> September and we invite parents/carers to stay to support this if you are able to do so. In the Autumn term, this will be for main school only. Nursery will begin in the Spring term when the children have fully settled. Shared reading for main school starts Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 9.00-9.15am.

Some Key Stage 1 clubs start next week. Children in football (Mondays) should be collected at 4.15pm from the mobile (or if wet from the external hall doors near the ICT suite). Yoga (Tuesdays) and Multi-sports (Thursdays) children should be collected at 4.15pm from the rear hall door (access via the Nursery side gate). After school French club children should also be collected from the rear hall door on a Wednesday at 4.00pm.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September the children in school will be having individual photographs taken.

Please note that whilst we will recognise your child's birthday in school, we ask you not to send in birthday treats to give out. Children will be included in our weekly birthday assembly in school, where they will get a birthday sticker.

We include a list of dates. Please look through them carefully and put them in your diary: We hope to see you at our events during the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Avey  
Headteacher

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September-</b> Nursery and Reception visits (Reception in full-time from Friday)
<b>w/b Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September-</b> Football (Mon), Yoga (Tues), French (Wed) and Multi-sports (Thurs) start for Key Stage 1
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September-</b> Individual photos 9.00am
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September-</b> Nursery lunch club starts
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September -</b> Reading starts (Nursery starts in Jan)
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September-</b> Meeting about Tapestry at 9.15am or 2.30pm in the hall for Foundation Stage parents
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October-</b> Forest schools for nursery (wellies needed)
<b>w/b 8<sup>th</sup> October-</b> Protective Behaviour week
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October-</b> Foundation Stage Maths and Reading meeting for parents (evening meeting, more details to follow)
<b>Half- term w/b 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November-</b> Forest schools for Reception (wellies needed)
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November-</b> Flu sprays (more information to follow)
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November-</b> KS1 Maths meeting for parents, 7.00pm
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November-</b> Disco 6.15-7.30pm (Reception to Year 2)
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November-</b> Nursery parents' meeting appointments all day until 3.00pm
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November-</b> Parents' meetings 1.00-6.30pm for Rec-Year 2. Nursery parents' meeting appointments all day until 3.00pm.
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November-</b> CHRISTMAS PLAY COSTUMES IN BY TODAY
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November -</b> Last reading this term
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November-</b> KS1 Reading meeting for parents (evening meeting, more information to follow)
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December-</b> Joint Christmas Fair at Highbury
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December-</b> Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Saviour Church. Highbury will have a tree to vote for.
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December-</b> Year 2 to Whitehill Christmas performance pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December-</b> 9.30am Christmas Play
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December-</b> 2.00pm Christmas Play
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December-</b> 2.00pm Christmas Play
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December-</b> 9.30am Christmas Play
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-</b> School Christmas lunch (children to bring Xmas hats in). <b>Morning nursery in for party 9.00-11.15am (in party clothes). No Nursery lunch club. Afternoon nursery in for party 1.00-3.10pm (in party clothes).</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December -</b> 9.45am Carol Service at St Mary's. <b>All nursery in 9.00-11.30am. No lunch club.</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December-</b> 9.30am Panto (The Snow Queen) Non-uniform. <b>All N in am until 11.30am, no lunch club.</b> Term ends 1.45pm.

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019**

<p><b>INSET DAYS may be subject to change</b></p> <p><b>September 2018</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> September - INSET 4<sup>th</sup> September - Children back</p> <p><b>October 2018</b> 29<sup>th</sup> October- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov (incl) - Half-term</p> <p><b>December 2018</b> 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1.45pm- Term finishes (All N in am, finishing at 11.30am) 24<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January (incl)- Christmas holiday</p> <p><b>January 2019</b> 7<sup>th</sup> January- Term starts</p> <p><b>February 2019</b> 18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> February (incl)- Half-term</p>	<p><b>Easter 2019</b> 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1.45pm- Term finishes 8<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> April (incl)- Easter holiday</p> <p><b>April 2019</b> 23<sup>rd</sup> April- Term starts</p> <p><b>May 2019</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> May - INSET 6<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday, school closed 24<sup>th</sup> May-INSET 27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> May (incl) - Half-term</p> <p><b>July 2019</b> 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1.45pm-Term finishes (All N in am, finishing at 11.30am) 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> July- INSET, followed by Summer Holiday</p>
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