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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of the first half term of the academic year. Next week the school will be closed for half term and on Monday 28th October the school will be closed to children for a teacher training day. Children therefore return to school at 8.45am on Tuesday 29th October. There has been quite a lot of sickness for both children and staff this term so I am hoping that everyone has a relaxing break and next half term is a healthier one for us all.

On another note, please look out for the questionnaire that we are sending out by email and in book bags. We would be grateful if you would complete the questionnaire either online or the paper copy and return it to the school by Friday 1st November. The results of the questionnaire will help us as a school to find out about your experience of the school as a parent/ carer.

Thank you to those of you that were able to attend the curriculum talk on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. I hope you found it useful. The materials are now available on the school website.

To everyone who has been celebrating the festival of Rosh Hannah and Yom Kippur or about to celebrate Diwali, I would like to share my very best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Bola Soneye-Thomas

Book Fair - 30th October – 5th November

The book fair will be open outside the year 3 classrooms after school each day from 3:15pm to 3:45pm on Wednesday 30th October to Tuesday 5th November for those children who are accompanied by a parent / carer to purchase books. You can visit the book fair, using the entrance up the stairs by the infant dining hall.

As usual, cash payments will be accepted, but if you go online and order book fair gift vouchers (see below) you will get an extra 20% free!

Book Fair Gift Vouchers are the simple, secure way to buy books at our Book Fair - and save money!

1. Visit www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents to purchase your Book Fair Gift Vouchers and get 20% extra free!
Available until midnight on the penultimate day of our Book Fair
2. Once you've made your purchase, you'll receive your voucher in an email. Print this out and take it to our Book Fair.
3. Our Book Fair Organisers will validate the voucher - then you can take your pick from a huge range of the best, new children's books!
4. As an extra thank you for supporting reading, our school will earn free books on the full value of the voucher, rather than the discount price.*

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The Travelling Books leaflet gives some examples of the great books on offer. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school, so please come along!

2019 – 2020

Autumn Term 2019
30/8/19—19/12/19
Half Term 2019
21/10/19—25/10/19

Spring Term 2020
06/01/20—03/04/20
Half Term 2020
17/02/20—21/02/20

Summer Term 2020
20/04/20—20/07/20
Half Term 2018
25/05/20—29/05/20

TAD DAYS

Friday 30/08/19
Monday 02/09/19
Monday 28/10/19
Monday 01/06/20
Monday 20/07/20

School Meals Costs

Autumn Term
1st half £83.30
2nd half £93.10
TOTAL £176.40

Spring Term
1st half £73.50
2nd half £73.50
TOTAL £ 147.00

Summer Term
1st half £58.80
2nd half £83.30
TOTAL £142.10

Visits/Visitors

Thank you to all of the people from various organisations that have worked with the school in one way or another this half term. We are very grateful.

Annually year 5 pupils work with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) on a design project. As part of the project each of the year 5 classes have visited The RIBA offices in Great Portland Street. We have found that the project is a good way to introduce the children to architecture.

Thank you for the food donations. The children enjoyed learning how to play hot potato when Rev Mathew Lunn from Middle Lane Methodist Church came to our school to lead the Harvest Assembly.

Parents and children had the opportunity to find out more about Highgate Wood School when Patrick Cozier (headteacher) and Jen Burniston (head of transition) came to talk at our school last night. It was useful to be able to question them about different aspects of their school and to hear about some of the changes they have made to the transition process.

PC Charlotte Bell led an assembly on keeping safe whilst having fun at Halloween.

7th November is the launch date for the Idling Engine campaign. Campaigners Kath Hipwell and Fiona Gold introduced the campaign to the children in a talk at the beginning of the week. More details to follow after half term.

Black History Month

We started off the month with the Iroko workshops for years 3,4 and 6.

Year 3 have been learning about African textiles and print and they learnt how to use tie dye as a way of creating patterns on fabrics.

Year 4 are currently learning about farming in their geography topic and so as part of Black History Month they made some rice and vegetable curry. The smell of the curry cooking was delicious, leaving us all feeling very hungry.

Year 5 learnt about celebrations and they designed their own headdresses and held a mini carnival.

Year 6 are learning about Windrush which will then tie in with their history topic on World War II. Thank you to the parents/ carers and other members of the school community who helped support the teaching of the different topics.

Reminders

The online booking system is open for you to book an appointment for Parents' Evening.

The PSA AGM is on Wednesday 30th November at 7pm in the Junior school Staff Room.