

8th May 2017

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Summer is nearly here, the evenings are getting lighter and we hope for sunny days and warm weather soon. As the weather warms up the children can experience lots of healthy outdoor play, exercise and contact with nature in our garden.

Several trips out, including the annual visit to Hampstead Heath, are being organised, and all children will have the chance to go on at least one trip.

Our main annual fundraiser, the Summer Fair, will take place on Saturday 1st July.

This will be Sandra's last term as head teacher at Low Hall Nursery School and Church Hill. She has been here for four years and at Church Hill for twenty six years! I'm sure you will all want to join us in thanking Sandra for the strong and effective leadership she has given us. The governors are pleased to announce that a new head teacher, Helen Currie, has been appointed from September 2017.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Christine Angol who is covering Jenine's maternity leave. She is a very experienced Early Year's practitioner and an excellent addition to the team. Meanwhile we would like to congratulate Jenine on the birth of a baby girl.

Phoning in when your child is sick

Please remember to phone school when your child is sick or is going to arrive late at nursery.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

If you shop in Sainsbury's we would be very grateful if you could bring in vouchers which we can use to swop for playground equipment such as bats and balls. The box is in the lobby or you can hand them in to the office. The deadline is the 30th June but we will need as many as possible before then. We will be using them for garden and sports equipment.

School Fund

Please remember to donate your weekly £1 to our School Fund. We need this money to pay for snacks and drinks for the children during nursery sessions, cooking ingredients, entertainers and trips out. We are having to manage cuts to our budgets so school fund is especially important if we are to be able to afford these 'extras' for the children.

Nursery Places for September

We still have places available for two and three year old in September. If you know anyone who is looking for a place please let them know and ask them to come and fill out an application form.

Our Topic for the term

Up until July we will be concentrating on teaching the children through traditional and favourite stories. We have already looked at Goldilocks and the Three Bears and at the moment we are doing the 'Three Little Pigs'. Please look on our website for the plans for the term.

Summer Weather

Please send your child to school wearing suitable shoes and loose clothing for outdoor play during the summer months. Flip Flops, Crocs and shoes with no backs or heels are not suitable for running, climbing or playing on the wheeled toys. Trainers or strong sandals are ideal footwear for nursery.

During sunny weather you should provide your child with a cap or sunhat (with their name written inside) and a tee-shirt with short sleeves. When it is warm and sunny we will put sun cream on children unless you have informed us not to.

Playschemes

We offer Holiday Play Schemes for children aged 3 to 8 years during all the school holidays. We are now taking bookings for the half-term and summer play schemes. The cost is £27 a day or £25 per child if you book more than one child in. Please collect a booking form from the office or download one from our website.

Summer Fair

Our annual summer fair will be held on Saturday 1st July from 10.00am-1.00pm. It is always a real success but in order to make sure it runs smoothly this year we will be asking for donations later in the term as well as parent volunteers to help out. Please look out for the notices.

We are also looking for donations for our raffle. This could be dinner for two, cinema tickets, tickets for tourist attractions, vouchers for nail bars or hairdressers, or vouchers to spend in a shop. It could also be a hamper, a decorated cake or a toy. All donations will be gratefully received.

Trips for Leavers

As there are a lot of children leaving us to go to school at the end of the term we are taking these children on a small trip either to Brooks Farm or Epping Forest. We will need as many parents/carers as possible to go on these trips in order for the trips to go ahead.

Bring a dad, grandad or uncle day

We will also be holding our annual 'Bring a dad, grandad or uncle' day on Thursday June 15th and it would be lovely to see lots of you here. In the past we've had people playing the saxophone or guitar, cooking and doing woodwork with the children. You don't have to bring a particular skill as we have plenty of things you can do with the children but we hope to see lots of you here!

Whole Nursery Trip to Hampstead Heath

We will also be taking all of the children on a trip to Hampstead Heath on Wednesday 12th July. You will all receive a letter to sign after half-term and again we will need as many parents or carers to come along. We go on the train from Queens Road station to Gospel Oak and then walk up the hill to the paddling pool, playground and the green space around them.

Parent Conferences.

In July we will be holding parent conferences which will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their key worker. Your child's key worker will inform you of the day closer to the time.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Half-term break
(Play scheme will run from Tuesday to Friday)

Thursday 8th June

Closed for polling day

Thursday 15th June

'Bring a dad, grandad or uncle to nursery' day

Saturday 1st July

Low Hall Summer Fair

Wednesday 12th July

Whole school trip to Hampstead Heath.

Wednesday 19th July

Last day of school term