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Dear Parents/Carers

We are nearing the end of another school year and so it's time to let you know about the last few events of the school year- please see **dates for your diary** at the end of the newsletter. There are lots of children leaving us to go to their new schools and we will miss them all. It's been fantastic to see how much they have all grown in confidence, maturity and independence and we are all very proud of their achievements.

School readiness

If your child is starting reception class at primary school in September it would help if they have good self-help skills such as being able to manage their own clothing and keep their belongings safe. We actively encourage independence at Low Hall and are proud to see how well the children change their own clothes when wet and put on and do up their own coats. Even the two year olds who are still in nappies are able to fetch their bags and wait nicely to be changed! So please keep up the good work over the holidays!

Summer Fair

Thank you so much for all your support at this year's summer fair. We were really lucky with the weather and I'm sure you will agree that it was a great success! We'd like to say a special thank you to all those parents who helped with running stalls etc. We made an amazing **£969.85** which will be used to buy something special for the nursery. Photos are on the screen in the lobby.

Bring a dad/uncle/grandad to nursery day

We would also like to say a big thank you to the dads and grandads who came in on this day. It was fantastic! The children learnt how to make fresh pasta, listened to the saxophone, learnt how to juggle and listened to a variety of stories. Photos are on the wall outside the head teacher's office.

Hampstead Heath Trip Wednesday 12th July

We are still waiting for return slips and personal details forms from several families. If your child is not coming on the trip you still need to return the slip to let us know. If you do not want your child to come they will have to stay at home on that day.

Leavers picnic and last day of school term: Wednesday 19th July

On the final day of term we will be having a leaver's picnic in the nursery garden at 11.00am and 2.45pm. All parents are invited. This will be an opportunity for the children to say goodbye to their friends and be given their 'Special Books' to take home.

Parents meetings

By now you should all have an appointment with your child's key worker to talk with them about how your child has done/ is doing at nursery. If you have not yet arranged a meeting please make sure you talk the key worker. **If your child is leaving us to go to the Reception class at primary school you will be receiving a school report the week beginning the 10th July.**

Summer Playscheme

There are still a few places left at our summer playscheme but they are going fast so if you still require place for your children please see Joan or Androulla in the office.

Nursery Books and School Funds

Please return all nursery books by the 14th July as they will need to be sorted and mended if necessary. Please also make sure that you are up to date with school funds.

Spare Clothes

We still need donations of spare clothes, particularly trousers, leggings, pants and socks. Please make sure they will fit our children . You can give them to your child's key worker.

Junk Boxes

The children are particularly keen on making models, costumes and items to support their role play at the moment so we would appreciate donations of cereal boxes, smaller boxes, plastic bottles and yoghurt and butter/margarine containers. Thank you to those parents who already regularly donate!

Children's Boxes and Pegs

Please also make sure that you empty your child's box before the end of term and make sure that you take all your child's clothes home on the last day of term.

Spaces for September

We still have places available for children in September. If you know any families who are looking for a place for their child please point them in our direction. Parents we've spoken to are very surprised that we have places as we are rated very highly in the community. If you can think of a way to promote all the wonderful things we have on offer here it would be very helpful.

Finally-Goodbye and thank you from Sandra

Sandra would like to say that she has thoroughly enjoyed her last four years at Low Hall since taking over as the head teacher. She would like to thank all the teachers, early year's practitioners and all the other staff who work with the children directly as well as the office and premises staff who all play a valuable role in the effective running of the school. Sandra would also like to thank the parents and carers for their support and of course the lovely children. She hopes that you agree that the combined commitment and support of staff, parents and of course the children has helped to make Low Hall the popular and successful school that it is.

Our new head teacher **Helen Currie** is very much looking forward to starting in September.

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 12 th July-	Family trip to Hampstead Heath
Wednesday 19 th July-	Leavers picnic at 11.00am and 2.45pm. (last day of term)
Thursday 20 th July- -Friday 18 th August	Daycare and summer playscheme
Tuesday 5 th September-	First day of the Autumn Term