

## Reception Newsletter 1 - 30.09.2020 Topic - 'All about me'

A warm welcome to the Reception children and their families! It is great to see them settling into the busy life of Highbury Quadrant Primary School so quickly. If you have any queries or concerns, please let us know.

We strongly encourage you to accept the **ClassDojo** invitation and sign up for the **Piota School app**. The ClassDojo is a school communication platform that helps each teacher to stay in touch with parents and pupils. It will be used to provide remote learning in case of school closure,

You can contact us by email or **ClassDojo** and we will be responding to your queries Monday to Friday within 24 hours (9-3.30pm). If you would like to have a conversation/meeting, you are welcome to book it with us.

Our topic this term is '**All About Me**'. We believe that this will help to settle the children into their new school environment and give us the opportunity to learn more about your child's interests. We will also be looking into signs of Autumn. Please bring conkers, acorns, colourful autumn leaves to school as these are great natural resources that we can use in our classrooms for counting, art or role-playing. We will quarantine them before using them in the class.

As part of our topic, we will be looking at baby photos of ourselves to see how much we have changed. The baby photos will also be used for our class display. **Could you please email or send in a photograph of your child as a baby with their name written on the back by Monday, 5th October.**

During the first term, we will be focusing on the Three Prime Areas of Learning and development in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development [www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage](http://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage).

### For your information...

- Please notice **PE** lessons will take place **every Tuesday afternoon** (instead of Thursday as previously announced). Your child needs to come to school in their PE clothes (a white T-shirt, black bottoms/shorts/leggings and suitable footwear).
- **Music** sessions will be every **Thursday** with a professional Music teacher.
- **Library sessions** take place in the classrooms every Tuesday fortnightly with our librarian Alix.
- Next week we will be sending reading books home. These will be changed every **Wednesday**. As we have not started phonics sessions yet, these books will be for you and for your child to read and discuss together at home. Later in the year, they will match your child's reading ability.
- A gentle reminder - for the safety of the children, no jewellery should be worn. Children with pierced ears may wear small studs. Necklaces can get caught on something and leave a mark or simply get damaged or broken.
- Unfortunately, during current restrictions and due to lack of storage we are unable to keep your child's scooters or bikes at school.
- Please fill in the school entry health review from the school nurse (Whittington Health) by **Monday, 5th October**. We handed them out at the beginning of the week.
- Due to the increase risk of Covid, the school has decided to serve packed lunches in the classrooms from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. For more information regarding this, please have a look at the Piota school App.
- **We have children in Reception with severe egg allergies. Therefore, we are asking parents not to send any products containing egg or even egg traces, in order to prevent an adverse or even life threatening reaction to children.**
- Last but not least, if you have not already done so, please make sure your child has their own water bottle, a book bag or back pack with spare clothes and **wellington boots** (to access our Mud Kitchen area in the garden). Remember to label all

items of clothing. These will be kept on your child's peg in case of any accidents. At the moment, children cannot share wellington boots.

- If you are interested in **Early Years Breakfast Club and After School Club** please get in touch with Fran Wood, Out of School Hours Learning Manager [frances.wood@highburyquadrant.islington.sch.uk](mailto:frances.wood@highburyquadrant.islington.sch.uk).

**We look forward to working in partnership with you to make your child's first year of school a happy and successful one.**

Please get in touch if you have any queries or suggestions via ClassDojo or the email:

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Thank you very much for your support.

The Reception Team