



# HIGHSHORE SCHOOL

15th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The parent group meeting on Monday was very successful. We took time out of the meeting to show the group the new playground equipment and our new yoga room. If you weren't able to attend this time there are more meetings coming up over the next few weeks.

Work experience and college started this week. We have had positive feedback from a number of employers and it is positive that more pupils are able to travel independently to their work placement. A new placement this school year is Darwin Court Leisure Centre where John, 13/14L is working.

Please do return one copy of the home / school agreement if you haven't already done so.

Today Kevin & I took 14K to the Van Gogh café to celebrate their excellent attendance in 2016/17. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate and cake. 12/13 Jo took part in a three day drama workshop this week which has been very successful.

There is a meeting on Monday evening for parents of year 13 & 14 pupils to look at destinations. It is an important meeting about a subject that can cause a lot of stress and anxiety. Do come along if you are able to join us.

After school clubs re start on Monday. Please contact Sue Perry in the school office if you have any questions.

Eileen

## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

**Monday 18th Sept**

Y13/14 Parents Meeting—3.30pm

**Monday 25th Sept**

10am to 12pm—Family Fund Meeting

**Thursday 28th Sept**

**Cinema Club—Boss Baby—3.15pm-4.45pm**

**Monday 2nd October**

Flu Vaccinations—please return forms ASAP

Year 7 Parents Evening—3.30pm

**Weds 4th October**

No Pens Day

**Thursday 12th October**

Sixth Form Parents Evening 3.30pm



**Cinema Club**

**Boss Baby**

**Thursday 28th Sept**

**3.15pm to 4.45pm**



**Family Fund**  
Helping disabled children

Pippa from Family Fund is coming in on the 25th Sept—10am to 12pm to meet with parents.

Family Fund provide grants to families with disabled and seriously ill children.—Nancy

## Pupils of the Week

7E	Ali For an excellent start in 7E	8/9 L	Mohamed M K For his excellent behaviour, kindness, helpfulness and being an all round winner	11A	Mohamed J For helping other people in the class	13/14 L	John J For being helpful to other students	
7L	Adam For an excellent start to year 7	8/9 S	Molly For settling well in her new class	11M	Denaye For helping a fellow student to read	14 K	Aisla For managing her feelings in an adult way	
7S	Christopher For being very positive about his learning	9	Mohamed U K For settling well into his new class	12/13 C	Sam N For an excellent and positive attitude. Good listening and helping	 <b>STAR OF THE WEEK</b>  <b>Emanuel</b> <b>For excellent communication skills</b>		
8	Abdul For settling down well in his new class, fantastic behaviour and working well in all subjects.	10L	Adim For an excellent start to the school year	12/13 Jo	Sam J For a positive attitude in all aspects of school life. An asset to his form group			
Gar net	Tristan For being polite and helpful all week	10M	Joshua For being promoted to Canteen Manager	12/13 Ju	Davion For excellent behaviour and attitude in his first week in Highshore 6th form			
							 <b>PUPILS OF THE WEEK</b>  <b>WELL DONE!!!!</b>	

## **Pupil Attendance – Please support the school**

It's a good opportunity at the start of term to remind all parents and carers about the school attendance policy:

At Highshore School, in order for an attendance record to be deemed good, it must be 95% or above:

100% Excellent attendance  
97% Very Good attendance  
95% Expected attendance

All pupils should aim for 100% attendance. The Department for Education (DFE) expect pupils to attend 95% or better. 85% attendance means that a pupil is missing 1½ days of education every fortnight. 80% attendance all the way through secondary school is the equivalent of missing a whole year of education. From September 2015 pupils with 90% attendance and below are classified by the DFE as Persistent Absentees.

At Highshore we take a whole School approach to maintaining excellent attendance and it is the joint responsibility of Parents/carers, pupils and all staff members to ensure that pupils attend school. We actively work with families to ensure that any issues or circumstances which may lead or might lead to poor attendance are given attention and appropriate support.

By law parents have a duty to educate their children by ensuring regular attendance at school or otherwise. In order to facilitate this parents with a child at Highshore School are expected to:

Inform the school by phone (0207 708 6790) on the first morning of any absence before 9 am providing a reason for a child's absence

Ensure that their child gets to school on time - School starts at 8.50am

Not to take term time leave unless there are exceptional circumstances

Do everything they can to prevent unnecessary school absences for example making dental medical appointments in School holidays/start or end of the school day so that their child can attend for most of the day

Keep us informed of any circumstance which may affect their child's attendance

Work positively with us if their child is having problems regarding attendance

Not to take their child out of school during term time. If Parents/Carers wish to make a special request for this they must write to the Headteacher

Promote the importance of regular school attendance at home

Attend any necessary meetings and respond as quickly as possible to any letters and information about their child's attendance.

**In 2016-17 our attendance was 94.17%.**

**This was an improvement on 2015-16 which was 93.47%.**

**With your support we could achieve 95% in 2017 -18!**