



HIGHSHORE SCHOOL

21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

There was a great turn out on Monday at the Parent Group meeting. It was good to see a number of new parents joining the group. We held our first fire drill of the school year on Monday morning so parents had the opportunity to see how well our pupils evacuated the building. On Monday evening there was excellent attendance from Year 14 parents at our destinations meeting. It was a good opportunity for parents to learn from each other and to hear about the options after Highshore.

On Thursday we held a disco after school for Key stage 3 pupils. Around 30 pupils attended and it was a very happy event. We plan to hold more after school discos during the school year. Also on Thursday 12/13C enjoyed their trip to see Aladdin in the West End.

It is good to see pupils looking so smart in their uniform. Please note that trainers are not allowed in Key stages 3 and 4 and that black school shoes should be worn. We appreciate your support.

Most of you have now returned your home/ school agreements, if you haven't done so will you please do so as soon as possible. Curriculum overviews are available on our website. If you would like a hard copy please let your son/daughter's form tutor know.

Eileen

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Thursday 27th September

3.15-4.45pm Cinema Club—Peter Rabbit

Monday 1st October

3.30pm Year 7 Parents Evening

Monday 8th October

10.00am Parents Resource Group Meeting

Thursday 11th October

3.30pm Sixth Form Parents Evening

Monday 15th October

3.30pm Year 10 & 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 18th October

3.15-4.45pm Cinema Club—Early Man

There are 6 classes with 100% attendance this week, they are: 8L, 10A, 12/13C, 12K, 13/14C, 13/14J

Well done!



Cinema Club

Thurs 27th
September

PETER RABBIT

From 3.15
to 4.45pm

Beat the Streets

Don't forget to get out and about this weekend, so you can 'beep' your cards! Highshore currently lie in 12th place in Southwark, with a smaller school roll than many other schools in the area, we need everyone's help to stay that high up the table.

Pupils of the Week

7L	Reggie For excellent independent writing in Literacy lessons	Y9	Aleasha For consistent good behaviour and work in all subjects and being a great friend to her classmates	11 M	Khadijah For learning to tie her shoelaces	13/14 J	Felix For doing excellent transitions
7S	Ibrahim For always trying his best	9S	Harry For valuable contributions to class discussions in the week	12 K	Selasie For adjusting well to his new class	13/14 L	Ibi For positive contributions to class discussions
8A	Adam For working on his number work and being very helpful in the class	10A	Viamer For showing outstanding commitment in his lessons	12J	Alan For his calm positive influence on the class	 <p>STAR OF THE WEEK</p>  <p>Jonathan For excellent problem solving skills and for making friends</p>	
8L	Bobby For great ideas in English and good creative writing	10/11 M	William For outstanding contribution in class when being questioned about nouns	12/13 C	Patricia For settling in well to class and The Highshore School community		
8/9 E	Kaito For confidence and independence completing TEACCH tasks	10/11V	Tristan For excellent work in TEACCH	13/14 C	Brandon For excellent keep fit training		



WELL DONE!!!!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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 2017-18 our attendance was 92.74%.

**The schools' aim is to reach 95% attendance this year,
and we will need everyone's help to do this**