

# **GO GREEN WEEK LOW CARBON DAY**

## **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009**

September 2009

Dear Parent,

I am writing to say that as part of Highgate School's "Go Green Week" (21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.) there will be a 'Low Carbon Day' on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Throughout the week a variety of presentations and activities will take place which have been designed to increase pupil awareness of environmental and sustainability issues. The intention for the 'Low Carbon Day' is that as many pupils and teachers across the Foundation either walk, cycle or use public transport for their journey to school. Highgate was recently awarded Sustainable Level Accreditation by the School Travel Plan team at Transport for London and is looking at ideas to make the journey to school safer and more environmentally friendly for all concerned.

Pupils should only be encouraged to ride bicycles if they are used to cycling on London roads or have passed a cycling proficiency test. Senior School pupils should take their bicycles to Chapel Quad and Junior School pupils to the side gate in Cholmeley where they will be directed to a secure area. Pupils should bring their own locks as an added precaution. A Metropolitan Police team will be available during the day to help pupils register their bicycles on immobilize.com which is a new initiative to combat bike theft. Part of this process will involve the police marking the underneath of the bicycle with a house number and post code using a Tipp-Ex pen and then applying a thin coat of clear lacquer. There will be no charge for this service but please let me know if you would prefer that your child's bicycle was not security marked.

If it is necessary for you to drive on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, perhaps you could consider either car sharing or parking slightly further from the school than normal and encouraging your child to walk a rather longer distance than is usual with all the benefits that brings.

Highgate School is also hosting the latest lecture in a series organized by Highgate Climate Action Network (HiCAN). Dusty Gedge of Living Roofs will give an illustrated talk about the benefits to the natural world and the installation possibilities of installing a 'living roof' on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.00 pm in the Mills Centre in Bishopswood Road. If you would like to attend please email the Senior School Office at [LowCarbonDay@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:LowCarbonDay@highgateschool.org.uk) in order to reserve a place.

I hope that you will agree that 'Go Green Week' is a most worthwhile initiative and that you will encourage your children to support the activities taking place. We are grateful for your support and the School will continue to seek further opportunities for pupils who want to develop environmental projects in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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