



Harrow Lodge Primary Newsletter

Spring Term

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Dear Parents/Carers

Well done to R2 to have achieved such a fantastic attendance figure after all the sickness going around Reception classes the previous week! It is very encouraging to see the attendance in all year groups improving, especially in Year 5 and Year 6 as this can only boost our overall achievement as more and more children are in school every day and not losing any valuable learning time.

EYFS have had a fantastic week exploring Jack and the Beanstalk as part of their topic in literacy. The children were very excited to receive a letter from the Giant on Wednesday morning, he desperately needed their help. The Giant explained he was too big to go to school and therefore struggled with reading and writing. If the children helped him with letter formation and grammar, he would send them a special surprise on Friday morning.

We have had the police in this week talking to many of our children in specially designed assemblies to help them understand the work they do and how to keep safe.

The children in Years 2 - 4 were able to gain further insight into who the emergency services are, how they help us and how to contact them. They were also given insight into how to keep themselves safe when using roads and when using online apps/games. Significant points addressed throughout the session were the purpose of age restrictions put on games due to their levels of violence, and acknowledging the fact that we are communicating with strangers when we talk to others online through games. We do not actually know them and need to be mindful of people lying about who they are. It was quite alarming to see how many children claimed that they use various violent games and apps such as Snapchat at such a young age! Overall, the session was useful in helping to raise children's awareness of their own personal safety.

Thank you to the parent representatives who attended the Parent Council meeting earlier this week. It was a very productive meeting where agenda items such as 'Treat Friday', quality of our school uniform and development of the playgrounds were discussed and actions put in place. Please look out for these minutes of this meeting on our school website and if you wish to raise any issues related to the education and welfare of your child, please make sure you speak to the parent representatives from your child's class and these will be placed on future agendas.

The children have participated in our Sports' Relief activity of running around the playground at break and lunchtime to raise money for this worthy charity. Thank you so much for all your donations and we will let you know how much money has been raised when it has been collected in and totalled.

I hope you all took the opportunity to come in and look at the amazing Space Projects the children have produced over the past 5 weeks. Each class has seen this fantastic display and have been very impressed at the knowledge and skills their friends have demonstrated in the process of completing this fun and creative homework project. Well done to everyone!

Can I remind everyone that correct school uniform must be worn, including footwear and ties as I have had conversations with some parents who are concerned that while they are ensuring their child is adhering to the rules, they can see that not everyone is.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Connolly



Stars Of The Week

- R1: Hannah & Sofia
- R2: Lyla & Bobby
- 1A: Jamie & Leiquan
- 1B: Hayley & Mason
- 2A: Alyssa & Sancho
- 2B: Beau & Harry
- 2C: Evelina & Ema
- 3A: Lillie & Jonnie
- 3B: Laila & Alex
- 3C: Rizwan & Riley
- 4A: Holly & Adam
- 4B: Amelia & Harry
- 5A: Avneet & Alexie
- 5B: Harrison & Armend
- 5C: Laura & Noemi
- 6A: Jersey & Madison
- 6B: Aya & Billy



Writer of the Week

- R1: Jimmy
- R2: Hannah
- 1A: Maci
- 1B: Harry
- 2A: Mikele
- 2B: Maisie
- 2C: Kayla & Charlie
- 3A: Neli
- 3B: Tyler
- 3C: Sonny
- 4A: Alessandro
- 4B: Wasay
- 5A: Ronnie
- 5B: Henry
- 5C: Christiana
- 6A: Jaison
- 6B: Res

Attendance w/e 16th March 2018

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	94.9
Yr 1	94.1
Yr 2	94.6
Yr 3	96.4
Yr 4	95.4
Yr 5	97.3
Yr 6	98.4

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

KS1: R2 99.3%

KS2: 6B 99.3%

Overall School Attendance

(year to date) – 94.8%

Diary Dates

Monday 26th March

No Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday 27th March

Year 4 Easter Assembly – 2.30pm
PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school

Wednesday 28th March

5B trip to Pizza Express in Upminster

Thursday 29th March

Last day of term
Easter Bonnet Parade



Lost Property

We have a lot of unclaimed lost property so please come in after school and look through the lost property box.

Anything unclaimed by Thursday 29th March will be disposed of.

Absences / Medicals

If your child is going to be absent from school, **PLEASE** could you call and leave a message on the absence line before 9am:

01708 448187
Option 1

Also, if your child has any medical appointments during the school day please bring their appointment card/letter to the office.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Harrow Lodge PTA

Marsh Farm and Southend Adventure Island tickets on sale for 2018:

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| Marsh Farm | - All tickets £9 (under 2 FREE) |
| Adventure Island | - Blue Band £15 Green/Red - £13 |

If you would like to order any tickets please put your payment with your child's name and class in the PTA box in school office.

Don't forget the Easter Egg Treasure Hunt and raffle will take place next **Tuesday, 27th March**, after school. Save 50p per ticket by pre-ordering. Just put your form & money in the PTA postbox in the office area.



School Dinner Easter Special Desserts

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| Monday 26 th March | - | Easter Cornflake Nests |
| Tuesday 27 th March | - | Easter Iced Lemon Cupcake |
| Wednesday 28 th March | - | Bunny's Marshmallow Cookie |
| Thursday 29 th March | - | Frosted Chocolate or Vanilla
Easter Sponge |

SQUID

The total amount owed on sQuid for school dinners is a staggering

£547.90

Please can all those who owe money clear their debt during half term.

Thank you for your co-operation.

EASTER HOLIDAY DATES

Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

INSET DAY – Monday 16th April

Return to school – Tuesday 17th April