



Harrow Lodge Primary Newsletter

Summer Term 20th April 2018 Issue Number 11

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and hasn't it been uplifting that the sun has eventually put in an appearance after such dismal weather over the holidays. The children have had a fabulous start to the summer term, making the most of the wonderful weather, having lunch on the field with their friends and many classes taking their learning outdoors during lesson time. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them in school each day, especially in this hot weather.

We are really up against it to meet our whole school attendance figure with only 13 weeks until the end of the year. Hopefully the colds, flus and winter vomiting bugs should be behind us and we can make up the time lost as a result of these in the Autumn and Spring terms. Please be aware that we cannot authorise holidays in term time. Well done to the children in R2 who achieved 100% attendance in the week before the Easter break!

We have many exciting events and trips planned over this final term so please do look at the calendar of dates that has been sent out. We are still finalising several trips in certain year groups and as soon as we know where classes are going we will let you know.

We have been very lucky this week to invite representatives from the NSPCC in to our school to talk to the children about having the confidence to speak out and share with a trusted adult, anything that is making them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. The teachers reported that these assemblies and workshops were very well delivered and highlighted to the children that, by talking about their worries, things can change for the better for them. The teachers will follow up the work done by the NSPCC visitors in class, allowing the children to explore the ideas and themes presented to them in greater depth.

Many of you have been commenting and asking about the new fencing that has been put up recently. The main purpose of this work is to ensure the safeguarding of our children; our school site is very large and open and the installation of the new fencing around the car park and across the main playground gives the site much greater security with regards strangers getting in and children being where they shouldn't be. This work was paid for by Havering Local Authority before we converted to academy status. It has just taken a lot longer to complete than originally planned.

I hope you have all had the chance to read the corrected version of the article in the Romford Recorder this week on our fundraising efforts to make our playgrounds amazing spaces for our children to enjoy. We are looking to raise around £100,000 to provide a bespoke, attractive and exciting play area that will encourage the children to be active, creative and inspired in their cooperative play. This has been an aim of the school for many years but with the commitment and hard work of all involved hopefully this dream should be realised sooner, rather than later.

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Connolly

Attendance
w/e 29th March 2018

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	93.4
Yr 1	89.6
Yr 2	91.6
Yr 3	91.7
Yr 4	97.0
Yr 5	89.7
Yr 6	95.0

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

KS1: R2 100%

KS2: 4B 98.3%

Overall School Attendance
(year to date) – 94.8%



Water Bottles

Please can you send your child into school with a clear, named water bottle especially in this hot weather.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd April

Year 5 Swimming resumes
Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 24th April

Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 25th April

Year 5 Bikeability
Year 5 visit to The Albany to watch their pantomime Cinderella
4B Visit to Pizza Express in Upminster

Thursday 26th April

Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 27th April

Year 5 Bikeability
Years 1 & 2 Cycle Awareness Day

Monday 30th April

EYFS September '19 Acceptance Deadline
7pm Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 2nd May

Class Photos
4A Visit to Pizza Express in Upminster

Thursday 3rd May

School Closed – Polling Day

Monday 7th May

School Closed – Bank Holiday



Coffee Morning takes place on **Wednesday** mornings from 9am-10am in the Rainbow Room. Please come and join us for a chat and cuppa!



Keep Fit/Zumba is on **Thursdays** from 8.50 – 9.45am in the KS2 hall. This is a fun and FREE exercise class run by Mr Lee. If you don't have childcare, please bring your little ones with you as they can be in the hall with us.

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.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON ...

THURSDAY 3rd MAY – POLLING DAY

MONDAY 7th MAY – BANK HOLIDAY