



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that I'm writing the last newsletter of the year. It only seems like yesterday that I was writing the first one and now, here we are, at the end of the year, ready to pack up for the summer to recharge our batteries before we start all over again in September.

This week has been busier than ever with Year 6 performing their end of year play, 'Goodbye my Friend' which had us all laughing in the aisles and open-mouthed with admiration at the many performing stars we have in our midst as well as a celebration of 100% attendance students – there were 69 in all and we're very proud of them.

And we've waited long enough for it but it's finally here – the new play equipment was opened officially on Wednesday morning when Year 2 (our Penny War winners) cut the ribbon and christened it amidst cheers and whoops of joy (and the children were quite excited too!!). We allowed Year 6 to have as much time as they could on it so that they benefitted from it before they left Harrow Lodge for good but watching them on it, I couldn't help but notice that the majority of them were far too big for it!!!

A huge thank you must be given to the PTA for a whole year of extraordinary events culminating in the end of year parties on Wednesday. The PTA have worked tirelessly throughout the year in order to provide great activities for our children as well as raise funds for Phase 1 and now 2 of our playground renovations.

Miss Batt took some of our choir over to Tesco's to sing as part of Tesco's 100 year anniversary. I didn't attend personally but I heard that it was a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you, Miss Batt, for giving some of our children a new experience to take part in.

And Thursday evening was a glittering awards ceremony in which year 6 children received awards for a multitude of reasons inspired by their individual characteristics. The Presentation Evening was gloriously happy and powerfully emotional at the same time. Our Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl shone as they read out their prepared speeches and Mrs Waddington fought back the tears as she wished our year 6s all the best going forward on their educational journey. It was a beautiful evening and the big winners of the major awards can be seen below:

AWARD	RECIPIENT
Head Teacher's Award	Manisha
Citizenship Award	Noah
Sportsperson of the year	Alexie
Award for the Performing Arts	Lewis
Award for Art & Design	Rebeca
Award for Achievement	Kirat
Award for Effort	Avneet

Today, as I write this newsletter, our year 6 children are wandering around the school in their Class of 2019 hoodies taking part in that age-old tradition of shirt-signing and there's a mixture of tears and excitement as we all prepare to say goodbye. They've been a great set of children and I'm so glad that **they** were my first set of Year 6 children as Head Teacher – I couldn't have asked for a better group of youngsters to see me through my first year. They are a credit to you all.

I'd like to thank all our staff for the sterling job they've done in keeping this wonderful school running at fever pitch all year with the highest expectations of behaviour, teaching, learning, cleaning and administrating. And I'd like to thank all of **you** for your continued support and good will. I really appreciate the many kind and complimentary comments that you've sent back with the report slips – that kind of appreciation is what helps to drive teachers forward and gives them a much-needed boost. Everyone needs a compliment now and then.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the staff who are leaving today – thank you for your hours of patience, your dedication and your commitment. You have been tremendous assets to our school and we will miss you all dearly.

May I also thank all of *you* for your presents as we come to the end of the summer term. As always, you have been over-generous but I'm truly grateful for the sentiment – I, too, thrive on an occasional compliment or kind gesture.

So it only remains for me to wish you all an amazing summer holiday full of sunshine, swimming and barbecues - with a cocktail or two on the side (for relaxation purposes only, you understand).

I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Attendance
w/e 12th July 2019

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	94.7
Year 1	94.8
Year 2	95.9
Year 3	97.0
Year 4	96.2
Year 5	94.1
Year 6	93.8

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

2/3C - 98.1%

**Overall School Attendance
(year to date) – 95.9%**

House Winners
Of the Year

Congratulations to

GRIFFINS



Notification of School Dinner Price Increase in September

A message from HES Catering Services:

HES Catering services have managed to avoid a price increase for over 3 years and, if we could, we would want to avoid any increase this year. However, there have been some very challenging circumstances for all of us. Havering used to be one of the most expensive and now we are better value than Greenwich, Tower Hamlets* and Enfield (£2.30, £2.39 and £2.37 respectively - *Mayors meals). Labour has increased especially since the T&C's have come into force. Food costs are very volatile and we are currently paying an average of 8% more now than ever before which is forecast to rise further.

Pre-planned maintenance (gas safety / PAT testing / refrigeration servicing and extraction cleaning) has increased, this does not include remedial repairs.

We want to continue to support with regards to kitchen equipment (as much as we can do). The increase in costs have been very substantial.

With the above in mind, we need to increase our current £2.20 price from September 2019 to a new price of £2.25.



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sQuid

The amount owed on sQuid for school dinners is currently **£160.10**.

From September, once a sQuid debt reaches **£6.75**, your child's entitlement to a hot meal will be cancelled and they will be given an emergency meal of cheese and crackers with unlimited salad from the salad bar. This will continue until the debt is cleared. If anyone is struggling to pay the debt, please arrange a meeting with our office manager as soon as possible to agree a monthly payment plan. **We would also like to advise you that Trust policy is to seek to recover unpaid debts through the small claims court, but we sincerely hope that will never become an issue at Harrow Lodge.**

**WE WISH YOU ALL A
LOVELY SUMMER HOLIDAY!**



**School starts again on
MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER @ 8.40am**