



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second busiest half-term of the year – the run up to Christmas - when we all just hang on to our hats and hope we get through the whirlwind unscathed and with some of our hair left! I hope you all enjoyed your half-term holiday unlike poor Mrs Lawson who spent much of *her* holiday moving her whole classroom out into another room – again!! A new leak had emerged in her room and this time it was hidden behind a fitted cupboard so everything had to come out. Luckily, the Academy Trust Team was straight over to plug up the leak but it's just more hassle for poor Mrs Lawson. However, her new room is immaculate and her class are settled and happy – indeed, for *them*, this is the most exciting school year of their lives (they never know what new surprise is lurking round the corner)! The first reminder for this half term is that it's now winter uniform time – no polo shirts please and all KS2 must wear ties. To be fair, there are very few transgressors and I'm hoping they're just an oversight! We started the week with a real burst of activity. Our new topics for Y3 (Gods and Mortals) and Y5 (Stargazers) got off to an exciting start with an opportunity to meet the Greek god Zeus or visit the London Planetarium and both year groups were buzzing with enthusiasm after their inspiring days. In other Topic news, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Le May brought their Year 1 children to interview me about the loud, thunderous noise I'd heard that morning as I came into school. I told the children how scared I'd been on hearing the noise and they were all so kind and caring telling me not to worry and that they'd **watch out for me** and make sure I was ok. Now, one little munchkin was only really half listening – he was more interested in the stuffed snake hanging from my cupboard door and the little nick-nacks I had around the room - and he was startled back to reality as his class began to leave my office. Keen to show that he knew what had been going on, however, he turned to me as he left and, with a menacing stare and a pointing finger, said, "I'm watching you!". Gotta say, kind of creepy coming from a 6 year old! As it happened, Year 1 were investigating the appearance of an alien spaceship in the school grounds (and a missing alien) as part of their Moon Zoom topic but I was left feeling strangely like a suspect rather than an innocent bystander!! You all know by now that I'm a stickler for neat school uniform and I expect similar high standards of dress from our staff so, when Miss Howard turned up for school wearing what can only be described as 'muft' clothes, I felt compelled to remind her of our dress code but, as I followed her into her classroom, I was met by a room full of similarly clad children – not only that but they were all covered in disgusting gunk and muck and sticky goo! Not one child noticed me since they were all so engrossed in their exploration of Muck, Mess and Mixtures – yep, that's right, that's Year 2's topic this term – sorry parents but you **will** find some amazing pieces of art work coming home and, let's face it, it could be worse; you *could* have a child in Year 4 who's studying 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile (I dread to think what *those* children will be taking home!!). It was lovely to see so many of you at our first Parents' Evening of the year and everyone I saw leave had a smile on their face so I'm assuming good things were said..... or maybe it was the free biscuits you were able to munch on the way home – either way, it was great to see. I hope you all took time to look at the stunning projects that were on display in the KS1 hall – I spent an hour in there myself looking at all the amazing work that your children had produced. I couldn't get enough of it. We also had Mr Lynn from Hornchurch High who was available to talk to you about secondary school options. Mr Calder from First Class Learning came along as well. I know some of you have already signed up to the classes run by FCL and we've noticed a real difference with your children's confidence in school. I'll be sending out more leaflets for you in the coming weeks in case you missed him on Parents' Evening.

Our Head Boy (Mathavan), Head Girl (Catalina), Deputy Head Boy (Bogdan) and Deputy Head Girl (Maurette) – henceforth known as the ‘Fab Four’ - played a stunning role meeting and greeting you all and they kept smiles on their faces all night long despite the freezing temperatures in which we had them working! I did wonder why they were fighting each other to take on the role of leading parents to their classrooms but one step into the ice-box that was the KS2 hall gave me the answer! And they were like mini rottweilers in the way they let none of you pass without completing one of our questionnaires. Thank you so much for letting me know your views – it’s helpful for me to know what’s working well and what needs to improve (see below for the results). On the subject of questionnaires, did you notice the slight change in questions this time round? Ofsted have changed the questions they’ll be asking you so we thought we’d give you a first go at them this week and see if they are any better than the previous ones – and I do think they’re clearer in many ways but if any of them confused you, please let me know and I’ll be happy to explain them to you. So this is the year that these questions will really count. Your views will be one of the major inspection elements about how the school is being led so I would urge you, nay **beg** you, to register or log on to the Parentview site and record your views in this new format. This will be one of the first things Ofsted will look at (along with attendance figures) when they start planning our inspection (which could be very soon). Here’s the link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Our Fab Four were tasked with another very important job this week which was to lead the tour around the school for our Prospective Parents and, first up, it was the turn of Catalina and Mathavan and, my goodness, they did a sterling job. They were eloquent, articulate *and* persuasive, selling our school like their lives depended on it! And this couldn’t have worked out better if it had been planned (which it hadn’t) but, when Mathavan and Catalina took the parents into the Food Tech Room, there were bread rolls cooking in the oven and the smell was heavenly! Year 6 had spent the morning baking and **we** were reaping the benefits – way to sell a ~~house~~, I mean school! Catalina and Mathavan thoroughly enjoyed their opportunity to lead a school tour but I have a sneaky suspicion that their main source of pleasure came from the fact that they were armed with the ‘weapon of wonder’ (a key-fob to get through the myriad of locked doors around the building)!!

And our new Reception furniture has arrived. Now, we were majorly excited for this burgundy furniture to take pride of place in our new Reception area but, when it turned up, it was more pillar-box red than wine-soaked burgundy and we were more than a little disappointed but there was nothing to be done so I stuck a plant on the coffee table and let it be! It’s not so bad and there are greater things on my worry list than the shade of an armchair! Like those amazing, and frankly terrifying, decorated pumpkins! I was asked to judge the winners and there was no way I could choose between any of them – they were all amazing. Thank you so much for participating in such a fun activity with your children – I guarantee, they’ll remember that for life and thoroughly enjoy the memory! Have a look on FaceBook to see all the entrants and, at the weekend, you’ll be able to see the winning spooky sculptures!

And so, I bid you farewell as another spooky week is over and the lead up to Christmas begins (sorry to mention the C word, but I had to share my fear and anxiety – it always makes me feel better when I share my fears!!!) Don’t forget to spread the word about our Fireworks Display next Tuesday – there’ll be fun, food and fireworks galore!

Have a wonderful weekend filled with warm snuggles while you read brilliant books! A reading weekend – magic!

With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle

Attendance
w/e 18th October 2019

Year Group	Attendance %
R1	98.4
R2	94.4
1A	86.7
1B	96.4
2A	98.0
2B	93.1
3A	93.4
3B	91.5
4A	98.0
4B	92.1
5A	93.3
5B	96.3
6A	92.6
6B	96.4
6C	95.8

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

R1 - 98.4%

**Overall School Attendance
(year to date) – 96.4%**

**CHANGES IN
CONTACT DETAILS**

Please remember to inform the school office if you change your contact telephone numbers or have moved house. It is vital we keep our records up to date.

Please use the Change of Detail forms which can be found in the Foyer.

Thank you.



Star Of The Week

1A: Louis
1B: Tianna
2A: Yafeya
2B: Chanan
3A: Liana
3B: Lexi R
4A: Marie
4B: Aminah
5A: Eesha
5B: Martina
6A: Finley
6B: Josh
6C: Josie



Writer of the Week

1A: Yusuf
1B: Liam
2A: Sofia
2B: Alex
3A: Kayla
3B: Liam
4A: Jessica
4B: Laura
5A: Alex
5B: Erin B
6A: Airidas
6B: Godstime
6C: Madalin

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Due to safeguarding reasons it is very important that we have as few visitors during the school day as possible.

Therefore, please do your best to remember to bring everything your child will need for the day as you leave in the morning i.e. lunchboxes, PE kits, after school kits etc.

If you do have reason to come in during the daytime, please remember to use the Rainsford Way entrance only between 9.30am and 3pm – there is now a Drop Box inside the walkway for you to leave any named items.

The Barton Road entrance is only open for morning and afternoon drop off/pick up and will not be opened at any other time.



Coffee Mornings take place on Wednesday mornings from 9am-10am in the Oak Room.

We ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p each week. If there is any money left over at the end of the term this will be donated to the PTA Playground Fund.

Please come along and join other parents for a chat and a cuppa.



Parent View
Your Child's School

**Give Ofsted your view
on your child's school**

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 5th November

PTA Firework Spectacular
Doors open at 6:00pm

Wednesday 6th November

9.30am EYFS Phonic Workshop
for Parents
Year 4 Cinema Trip
2:00pm Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 7th November

9:00-11:30am Parents' Restorative
Behaviour Meeting
Year 3 Cinema Trip

Friday 8th November

Year 1 Cinema Trip
Y4 Body Dome

11th – 15th November

Anti-Bullying Week

11th November

2:30pm Remembrance Service
6:30pm PTA Meeting in The Harrow

12th November

Year 5 Cinema Trip

13th November

Year 2 Cinema Trip

14th November

Year 6 Cinema Trip

w/c 18th November

Stay and Learn Week
9am-10am EYFS Prospective Parents'
Meeting

20th November

Year 6 Road Safety

21st November

9:30am EYFS Parents: Maths Workshop

28th November – 3rd December

Book Fair

Parents' Restorative Behaviour Meeting

Did you ever wish you knew how to stop that challenging behaviour your child displays from time to time?

Well, as a Restorative school, we are training our staff, pupils and parents in the Restorative Approach to managing challenging behaviour.

Come along on
7th November from
9:00 – 11:30am to find out
all about it.

Drop Box

A 'Drop Box' for lunchboxes, water bottles and all ad hoc items which otherwise might be handed into the school office during the day, will be placed inside the Rainsford Way entrance every day. We have taken this measure for the convenience of parents and to alleviate the number of visitors coming into the school office. Any item you leave in the box must be labelled with your child's name and class.



We have lots of exciting events coming up for your children. We are always in need of more helpers, so if you can help at our events then please do come and let us know.

PTA Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 5 th November	Fireworks Spectacular
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Bazaar
Friday 13 th December	Film Night
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Parties
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School Panto visit
Thursday 19 th December	Breakfast with Santa

We look forward to seeing more of you.

Miss Lawson
Chair of PTA

sQuid

The amount already owed on sQuid for school dinners this week is currently **£91.75**.

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.

Parent Questionnaire Responses

Questions		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Total Agree & Don't know
1. My child is happy at this school.		127 69%	54 30%	1 0.5%		1 0.5%	99.5%
2. My child feels safe at this school.		132 72%	50 27%	1 0.5%			99%
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.		110 60%	63 34%	5 3%		5 3%	97%
4. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year e.g. curriculum newsletter/Facebook/Website		126 69%	54 30%	1 0.5%		2 1%	99%
5. The school has high expectations for my child.		124 68%	51 28%	2 1%		6 3%	99%
6. My child does well at this school.		117 64%	62 34%	1 0.5%		3 2%	99%
7. The school lets me know how my child is doing e.g. parents' evenings/reports		124 68%	57 31%	2 1%			99%
8. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.		115 63%	61 33%	2 1%		5 3%	99%
9. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.		120 66%	54 30%	3 2%	1 0.5%	5 3%	98%
10. The school supports my child's wider personal development e.g. healthy eating/internet safety/good mental health/sex education.		117 64%	63 34%	1 0.5%		2 1%	99%
	My child has not been bullied	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
11. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	134 73%	6 3%	15 8%	5 3%	4 2%	19 10%	95%
	I have not raised any concerns	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
13. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	89 49%	39 21%	38 21%	6 3%	1 0.5%	10 5%	96%
			Yes	No			
14. Does your child have special needs and/or disabilities?			11 6%	172 94%			
15. I would recommend this school to another parent.			178 97%	5 3%			97%