



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at the Harrow Lodge school for amazing teachers and pupils. It's been the first week of our cinema visits so Years 1, 3 and 4 have had the opportunity to visit the cinema to see some fabulous films. As we run a film club ourselves, the cinema gives us free tickets for every child in the school to see a film. I know most children these days have no problems seeing films on their phones or tablets or TV on Netflix and various other platforms but less and less of our children actually get the opportunity to experience seeing a film in a cinema on the 'big screen' so we feel it's important to offer this to them and we're grateful to the cinema to enable us to do that. Year 4 are very busy at the moment with their topic on Burps, Bottoms and Bile. They're experimenting with alternative methods to sweeten well known recipes and this week saw them make muffins sweetened with courgette, carrot and sweetcorn instead of blueberry and white chocolate.....well, I do hope some of them were convinced but, seriously???

I would never, ever allow my negative feelings towards such muffins be known to the children, though, and when offered a portion to try, I honestly felt like one of the Extra Slice Bake-off panel as I struggled to keep smiling through the taste of soap suds and mumbled, "Mmmm, delicious!" to a hopeful looking 8 year old puffing themselves up with pride! And, having made the food to be delivered to the top end of the body, Year 4 were able to go on a journey of digestive discovery to see what happens to that food as it travels through the body and out the other end when the Explorer Dome team visited today to give our Year 4s a hands on experience of digestion from plate to poo! Well, there were a few ashen faces walking out of that dome today, I can tell you!! As for my courgette and sweetcorn muffin – sadly, that never made it to the end of the journey but decided to turn around and come all the way back!!!

On Monday afternoon, we opened our doors to parents to view all the wonderful work that had been produced for Black History Month and what a display it was! I hope you came in to see it. It's great to see your own child's work but also, when you see the work that's produced by the other year groups, you realise just how high the standard of work *is* in this school. Monday also brought us a new visitor in the form of Reverend Julian Patching. He's the new vicar that's just been appointed at Holy Cross Church where we visit every year for our Christmas Carol service. He saw the children in two groups – and he taught them a couple of songs using sign language. He's such a warm-hearted person who wants to spread the word of love and kindness (a man after my own heart) and the children really responded to him. As the KS2 children left the hall, one of our year 5 girls turned around and, using some of the signs Julian had taught them, she signed, "Goodbye friend" to him. My heart almost burst! Staying on the theme of love and kindness, Year 4 are taking part in a 6 week Friendship program, designed to highlight the importance of and develop the growth of love and kindness in all relationships.

And, goodness me, Harrow Lodge has really been in the news this month with two big winners through the Veggie Run – Mikele (4A) and Martina (5B) both won a £160 voucher towards a new bike this week. We were all thrilled – so many children have said to me that it's not worth playing because they never win anything and then *this* happens. What a fantastic surprise!!

Our CEO paid us a visit this week to see how we're getting on since the revamp of the building and he was really impressed with everything he saw. That's good news for us and it also gave me a chance to complain about the lack of heating control in the school – let's hope moaning to the big boss pays dividends – you never know!!!! But the big story of the week is the Fireworks Display – my goodness, can this display get any better? It was amazing and bigger and better than ever.

The extra stalls of face-painting, candy-floss, pizzas, sweets and drinks, flashing toys and the all important raffle (yes, that was *my* stall) just added to the excitement and delight of the occasion. A massive thank you to the PTA and everyone who helped for putting together one of the best events ever! Mind you, there was an awful lot of rubbish to clear up the next morning (lesson no. 1 – provide more bins next year!) and a huge thank you must be given to Miss Howard and Miss Goodwin who were out on the field and playgrounds at 6:45 am the next morning doing their community service making the place fit for purpose once more. On a positive note, we had quite a few parents turn up for our Restorative Behaviour training (although we couldn't match Squirrel Heath's 25!). Our Peer Mentors really did us proud, answering questions and explaining their roles – it's not easy to stand in front of a group of parents answering questions fired at you but our mentors were poised and confident in their delivery of answers. I hope you all enjoyed it and gained something from it. Our Parent Council was held on Wednesday and, for me, it was one of the most interesting meetings we've had, since we discussed the new RSE program units that have to be taught from September 2020 and we discussed our curriculum intent and how we implement that intent – my goodness, you parents really make me think and question the hows and whys of our curriculum. Sadly, we ran out of time but these parent council meetings are so important for bringing about improvements in the school, I would really urge you to come along and bring your viewpoints. Everyone is welcome and the more viewpoints, the better the discussion and the greater the likelihood of improvements! Oh yes, and we have posh biscuits (that usually persuades a few people to come along!!). Actually, a good point was made at the council meeting about Parent View and I think I need to explain that Parent View has to be completed at least on a yearly basis because all the results are accumulated for each academic year so, even though you may have registered and completed the questionnaire last year, you still need to do it again for *this* academic year (and this is the one that will really count). Also, you can go on and complete that form as many times as you wish – only your latest offering will be counted so, if you change your mind about something, you can go back on (try to remember your login details) and do the questionnaire again changing the answers from last time if you so wish. This is a good system because opinions do change as things happen in schools and it gives you the opportunity to reflect your changing opinions. On a final note, we are once again waving a flag of success in the world of football. We played a KS2 Boys' friendly match against Henry Green Primary and won 7-0! Now, I'm not one to boast but Mr Charlee's done a smashing job with these boys and this was his dad's team that we beat (apologies Mr Lee but I think you need to get used to this)! Christian (Y4) and Josh (Y6) both scored hat tricks and Gustas (our goalie) was awarded 'Man of the Match' with a clean sheet (I'm told that you'll all know what that means and that it's a really good thing!!) Well done Gustas. Mr Charlee also took our Tag Rugby team to a tournament this week and we came 3rd in our pool of 6 teams and our team was really good! Well done to all of you and thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and support. We couldn't enter so many events without your help. Mr Charlee himself is playing against Leyton Orient this week which is amazing – if he comes in on Monday with a hangover, we'll know he did well – watch this space. On an equally thrilling note, we had our new trophy cabinet arrive this week and it stands proudly in our new Reception Area. There are quite a few trophies in there already but there's room for more (just saying, Mr Charlee!!) This weekend, we'll be thinking about the soldiers who gave their lives for their country and many of you will have personal experiences that you'll be remembering. On Monday, weather permitting, we'll be holding our own Remembrance Ceremony and you are all invited to join us around the monument. We will open both gates at 2:15 pm but we ask you to respectfully wait at the back by the gates until all the children are out in the playground before joining us at the back of the circle. On that note, I wish you all a wonderful weekend filled with fun activities that are possible because of the great sacrifices made by others.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Attendance
w/e 1st November 2019

Year Group	Attendance %
R1	88.4
R2	83.3
1A	84.1
1B	95.5
2A	99.7
2B	91.7
3A	97.2
3B	98.1
4A	92.3
4B	89.0
5A	97.0
5B	96.3
6A	93.9
6B	99.5
6C	98.3

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

2A - 99.7%

Overall School Attendance
(year to date) – **96.2%**

SCHOOL UNIFORM
SHOP

**The School Uniform Shop
(located in the Foyer) will
be open from next week
onwards as follows:**

**Mondays and Thursdays
3pm – 3.30pm**



Star Of The Week

1A: Lemaine
1B: Sahar
2A: Zara
2B: Leo
3A: Kayla
3B: Hayley
4A: Armani
4B: Ema
5A: Nifemi
5B: Erin B
6A: Mia
6B: Mathavan
6C: Patrick



Writer of the Week

1A: Madeline
1B: Charlie
2A: Holly
2B: Kaeden
3A: Prakhar
3B: Thomas
4A: Mason
4B: Archie
5A: Harley
5B: Vinnie
6A: Christiana
6B: Ela
6C: Jack

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Orders for Christmas cards need to be made via the website or by downloading a QR scanner app and scanning the code on the front of the card given out to your child.

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.

GENERAL ELECTION

The school will be closed on Thursday 12th December as it is being used as a Polling Station for the General Election.



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>

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.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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.

DIARY DATES

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

15th November

Children in Need - £1 donation
(wear something on your head & sensible footwear
of your choice)
9am EYFS Assembly – all EYFS parents welcome

w/c 18th November

Stay and Learn Week (please return reply slips)
9am-10am EYFS Prospective
Parents' Meeting

19th November

2A trip to MOD Pizza, Romford

20th November

1.30pm-2.30pm EYFS Prospective
Parents' Meeting

21st November

9.30am EYFS Parents: Maths Workshop

22nd November

Pyjama Day (in exchange for chocolate donations for
Christmas Bazaar)

25th November

6pm Phonics, Maths & Literacy Workshop for
EYFS Parents

26th November

2B trip to MOD Pizza, Romford

28th November – 3rd December

Book Fair

29th November

Non-Uniform Day (bring a bottle for the
Christmas Bazaar)



Christmas Service at Holy Cross Church Friday 13th December 9.45am

If you are able to assist with walking the children to and from the church we would very much appreciate your help. Please let the office know. Thank you.

Remembrance Ceremony Monday 11th November 2.30pm

Please come and join us in the KS2 playground (weather permitting) for our Remembrance Ceremony.



Lest We Forget.

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:

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 **£111**.

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.