



## Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We started this week with a real focus on Anti-bullying. As you well know, bullying can be one of the most damaging things to happen to *anyone* let alone a child so we make a big song and dance about it to ensure that nobody gets away with being a bully or has to suffer *being* bullied! The message about being kind is spread loudly around our school all the time but, this week, we focused on identifying bullying and shouting out about it. A short drama was shown to the younger children whilst the older children took part in a workshop that taught them how to spot bullying and what to do about it. Children enjoyed the drama and the workshops but they also received the message about not allowing bullies to prosper in no uncertain terms.

Later, on one of my sojourns around the school, I passed 4A and heard that wonderful 'buzz' that teachers love – the buzz of busy and engaged children. The 'pull' was irresistible and I just *had* to pop in and see what was keeping those children so enthralled. And what I saw made my heart swell with pride. Every child had made a 'kindness' manifesto (believe me, they outstripped the Tory and Labour manifestos by miles!!!) outlining what they promised to do to show kindness in school and they were each in the process of creating a kindness poster as I walked in. My favourite was, 'Be the reason someone smiles today!' That should be everyone's mantra – what a wonderful gift to leave behind you each day!

Tuesday saw some mini visitors descend upon us from Parklanes Wykeham Preschool to entertain us with their Nativity Play. What a delight it was to see such well behaved 3 and 4 year olds up on the stage putting on what appeared to be a very well-rehearsed play. You can imagine my surprise when I discovered that this was the **first** time the whole cast had performed together because they all attend the preschool on different days and on different sessions. In some ways, it was a thoroughly modern twist on an ancient story in that this was the first time Mary had actually met Joseph and there they sat with their baby and a group of strangers standing around congratulating them!! The star was a real star in that she kept shining throughout even though her tears were perpetually falling as she waited patiently to run to her mummy. I spotted a few of *our* children's siblings – Amber was a fairly unamused reindeer, I would say, despite her bright red nose and Jenson, Seth and Toby all played their parts remarkably well. And Olivia's (6B) little sister behaved like an angel as she played the *part* of an angel. All in all, I would say the play was a triumph. And thank you to Parklanes for a much needed tin of biscuits presented to me by one of their little ones who hadn't got a **clue** who I was or why I was getting that lovely big tin of biscuits!

This week, we held our Book Fair and children were delighted with their purchases. And those who didn't buy anything were still delighted to browse around the Fair for books that might appear under the tree on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

Our 6 amazing hand writers (see the winners below) all received a voucher to spend in the Book Fair, much to their delight.

Year 6 took a trip back in time on Wednesday when they visited the Ragged School Museum to experience what school life was like back in the Victorian times and I'm rather pleased to say that most of the children came out of there feeling most appreciative of their current school lives – a lot less moaning about school now, I can tell you! The set-up was incredibly authentic and I think they only fell short of rapping the children's knuckles in order to instil obedience and politeness in them! That cane was whipped across the desk a few times in the pursuit of instilling the fear of God into the class (I think it may have worked in a few cases according to Mrs Bracken who said that the children didn't move a muscle!) All the teachers reported good behaviour on the journeys as well which pleases me no end since our reputation is building up nicely within the community and well-behaved children out on trips certainly tips the balance in our favour! Well done to everyone and thank you to our parent volunteers who helped to supervise the visit.

On Thursday, we had our termly Fire Drill which, I have to admit, I'd been putting off since all the building work was completed because you just know there are going to be glitches that you hadn't anticipated and, yes, there **were** but not with your children - **they** were magnificent. The first Fire Drill of the year is always a bit tricky since children are in new classrooms so they don't always know the routes and the first Fire Drill always brings much excitement but the children came out in absolute silence; there was no running or chasing to keep up with others which delighted me no end. And, even when the alarm was accidentally set off for a second time (right in the middle of my 'Well done' speech!), the children stayed silent and stood perfectly still until our *Fire Panel Officer* (aka Ms Haynes) rectified the problem and stopped the incessant ringing!

Today saw our Year 3 contingent turn up in Ancient Greek attire (good job the fire drill wasn't *today*!) to mark the end of their Greek topic. Gotta say, there were a few cold looking children out in the playground – not the best apparel for a great British winter!

And, at the end of the day, it was amazing to see so many of you staying to join us for our Christmas Bazaar. It's a special time of year and it's wonderful to see so many smiling faces at the end of the week. A massive thank you to the PTA who've worked tirelessly to make this event as exciting as it could possibly be. It's great to see children, parents and teachers all coming together to celebrate this special time of year.

And finally, we bid Mrs Hart a very fond farewell and wish her the very best in all she does and wherever she travels in her new adventure of life. We'll miss you very much, Mrs Hart (sad face emoji).

With that, I hope you have a wonderful weekend filled with festive merriment as you continue with your preparations for the big day! Next week – Nativities – can't wait!!

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

## Attendance

w/e 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Year Group	Attendance %
R1	96.0
R2	94.8
1A	93.0
1B	93.3
2A	95.2
2B	91.4
3A	98.6
3B	96.3
4A	94.5
4B	97.1
5A	93.7
5B	94.3
6A	90.0
6B	96.5
6C	97.5

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

**3A - 98.6%**

Overall School Attendance  
(year to date) – **96.3%**

## Handwriting Competition



## WINNERS

<u>Year 1</u>	Olobo
<u>Year 2</u>	Oscar
<u>Year 3</u>	Kayla
<u>Year 4</u>	Jessica
<u>Year 5</u>	Megan
<u>Year 6</u>	Ibrahim

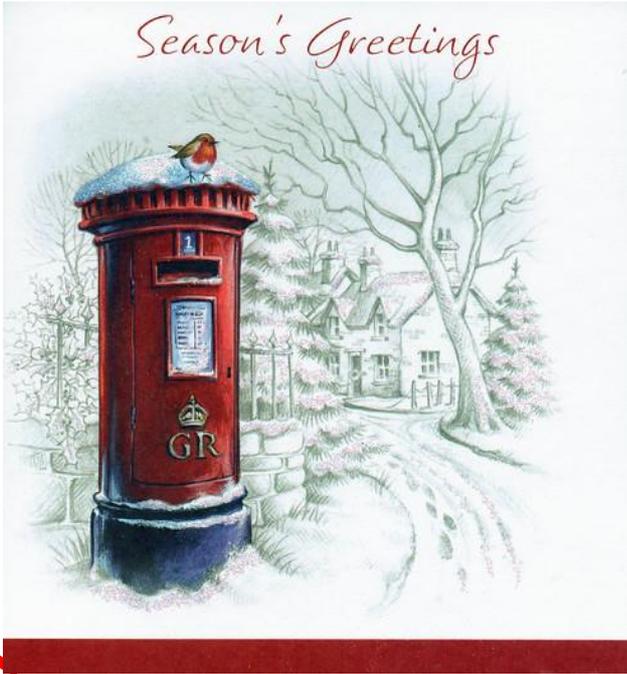
## GENERAL ELECTION

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

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Just a reminder that children attending Breakfast Club should arrive by 8.15am at the latest, which is when the gates are closed. Thank you.

## Christmas Card Post Boxes



If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their friends in school, they can post them in the School Post Boxes. These are located in the Foyer and in the KS1 ramp area.

Please ensure they write both the recipient's name and class on the envelope.

The Year 6 Prefects will be emptying the boxes on a regular basis and delivering the cards to the classes.

## 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.

## Drop Box

A 'Drop Box' for lunch boxes, 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.

## 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.

## sQuid

The amount already owed on sQuid for school dinners this week is currently **£220!**

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.

There is an auto top-up facility available on sQuid. If you need help setting this up, please come to the school office.

**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.**



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## FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOL

The Sun has teamed up with HarperCollins to provide primary schools across England, Wales and Northern Ireland a free pack of 106 books, worth more than £600!

Tokens will be printed in The Sun and The Sun on Sunday until Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020, with bonus tokens printed on ad hoc days.

If any of you buy these newspapers we would be very grateful if you could let us have the tokens! Please send them in with your child or hand them in on the gate in the morning.

**Thank you in anticipation for your help!**

## DIARY DATES

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 4 visit to the Library  
2pm EYFS & Year 1 Nativity to Parents

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am EYFS & Year 1 Nativity to Parents  
2pm Year 2 Nativity to Parents

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**General Election – school closed**

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day  
Holy Cross Church – Christmas Service  
Christmas Dinner  
~~PTA Film Night~~ **Postponed**

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

9.15am Y2 Nativity to Parents

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

PTA Christmas Parties

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Whole school Pantomime trip

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

PTA Breakfast with Santa  
2.30pm Carols around the Christmas Tree  
(all welcome)

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**2pm School finishes for Christmas**

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

INSET DAY

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Back to School



## **Christmas Service at Holy Cross Church Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal last month. We raised a grand total of £411.32.

## **DINNER MENU CHANGE**

Next Wednesday,  
11<sup>th</sup> December, the  
dinner menu will be:

**Battered Fish**  
**Topped Jacket Potato**  
**Macaroni Cheese**



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:

<del>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</del>	<del>Film Night</del> <b>POSTPONED</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Panto visit
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Breakfast with Santa

Payments for events can be made on

[www.pta-events.co.uk/harrowlodgeprimarypta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/harrowlodgeprimarypta)

or at the Uniform Shop (located in the Foyer) on  
Mondays & Thursdays, 3pm-3.30pm.

We look forward to seeing more of you.

Miss Lawson  
Chair of PTA



**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.