



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term – I hope you had an enjoyable week. It was a busy week for school with workmen galore roaming the building – I wish I could say that it was to sort out our fickle heating but sadly not. No, but we have installed internal-system phones in each classroom in order to ~~save our legs running around all the classrooms~~ improve communication and safeguarding. Don't worry, I've told teachers I'll be monitoring their calls so they can't chat to each other during lesson time (I **won't** be but **they** don't know that, do they?!!) We also upgraded all our classroom computers from Windows 7 to Windows 10 (I *know*, I *know*, Windows 10 has been out so long, it's probably due to be upgraded itself but we're lucky to have got the upgrade at *all* to be perfectly honest). So Monday brought a whole host of exciting opportunities for teachers to learn an **entirely** new Windows system while teaching students who, in this modern, digital age expect slick and fast processing skills. You can imagine the crash scenes on display in classrooms on Monday morning!! One look at teachers, with their bright red faces, hair standing on end and smoke billowing from their ears, told me that frustrations were running a little high!!

The new half term started with a bang – straight in with 'Stay & Learn' and it was wonderful to see so many of you taking the opportunity to come in and see what your child is doing when they're away from you for 6 hours each day – it's a bit more than 'nothing' which is what they often tell you when you ask them!! Catalina (6B), Matavan (6B), Maurette (6C) and Bogdan (6A) have done an amazing job ferrying parents to classrooms – well done boys and girls!

On the subject of responsible and conscientious children, we set out our new group of Prefects, House Captains, Play Leaders and Librarians this week. We like to try to prepare our Year 6 children for the challenges that lay ahead of them in the coming years by giving them responsibilities that require resilience and reliability and, just as in the real world, we expect diligence when carrying out their duties if they wish to retain their positions. See below for the newest members of our student leaders.

Now, I'm sure your children came home on Monday afternoon excitedly telling you about water guns and water bombs, hoses and water sprays but, before you pick up the phone to query my sanity, let me explain my reasoning – there **is** method in my madness. You see, as you know, the children have chosen their favourite activity set for the KS1 playground (currently on display in the Parents' Foyer) but there is a shortfall of funding for it. We were short by £9000 at the time the equipment was chosen and the sponsored dance that took place just before half term raised enough money to buy the Lion King costumes as well as £500 for our play equipment. That leaves us £8500 to raise before the middle of the summer term if we want to get this 'bad boy' built before the end of the year. Well, having been through this before, we know that 'looking after the pennies means that the pounds look after themselves'! So, it's 'Game-on' for another Penny War! Each class will collect small change in their penny jars and the class that collects the most by summer half term will win an exclusive prize. Now, we gave the children a choice between two prizes (we do like a vote in this school!) – the winning class could either have a picnic in the park or a water fight amongst themselves. Of course, it was a landslide victory for the water fight, much to the teachers' delight!!! So, there we have it – a hot day in the summer will be set aside for smiles and soakings. I think I have a meeting booked for that day but I wish all the teachers and children the very best of fun!!!

Year 6 made their termly visit to Elm Park Library this week and enjoyed some much

needed R & R browsing the shelves full of untold mysteries and adventures. Next week is Book Week and we have some exciting events lined up for our children including the mandatory Character Day on which children can dress up as a fictional character from a book. This year, we're asking children to have a copy of the book with them on the day so do make sure that all books are ready to go on the 5th March! Hopefully, Year 6 children found some inspiring fictional works or art in the library this week. Year 1 took a trip to Colchester Zoo this week as a sensational start to their 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic. A good time was had by all, children were buzzing with excitement and teachers crashed out in the staff room for an hour upon their return!!

Year 3 joined the sensational starters for their river topic, 'Flow', and arranged a wonderful trip down the River Rom to study all things rivery! They intended to return with facts and figures pertaining to our nearest river but the weather gods had a different idea and sent the rain for us to study instead – a big disappointment for Year 3 but, as one 'glass half-full' child piped up on being told the trip was postponed, " Well, at least we get a surprise non-uniform day!" Positivity like that will get that little girl far in life! Y2, meanwhile began their 'Scented Garden' topic with a trip to a beautiful garden to behold the delights offered by flora and fauna in an English garden....well, ok, it was just the garden centre at B & Q but children have great imaginations! Year 2 also visited the park this week (the *real* park) in order to study all things leafy and herbaceous (but I bet they managed to squeeze in a quick visit to the swings!!)

The big news this week, though, resides with our Girls' Football Team – my goodness, they're a force to be reckoned with having beaten Crownfield Juniors 5-1 to get through to the semi-final of the County Cup on Wednesday and narrowly missing out (by 1 point) on getting through to the next round of the West Ham Cup. Now, I'm not biased or anything like that, of course, but I do believe that one of the rare goals that Chloe (5B) let in during this tournament was a ball that was ricocheted off the referee's shin – just saying!!! Well done to all the team who played their hearts out and did us very proud indeed. Thanks again to Mr Charlee for organising and parents for the free rides!

4B are plugging away at Times Tables Rockstars and beat 4A yet again over the half term with a whopping 3,600 points – I think they may end up as whole school champions at this rate! Well done 4B!

We've set up our new Homework Projects space in the KS1 entrance to showcase the best homework projects carried out each half term. I have to say that last half term's projects were a little lacking in quantity – usually, we're swimming in them but last half term's projects, although maintaining their excellent standard, were a little thin on the ground. Come on, Year 5 & 6 – let's see what *you* can pull out of the bag! If you *do* get a chance to pop round to our Homework Space when you come in for Parents' Evening next week, please do so. Some of those projects wouldn't look out of place in one of the Tate Galleries!

And today, as some of you prepare to celebrate your rare birthdays and some of you girls prepare to propose to your partners tomorrow, we decided to have our *own* celebration of that rarest of occasions by having a non-uniform day (always a crowd-pleaser that one), the proceedings of which will top up our Phase 2 Playground Fund.

So, as I leave you to your weekend with the extra day, I want you to carefully consider how best to make use of those additional hours (time that we always complain we're short of). For me,

"Every leap year, I like to jump. It's a good way to get my daily exercise in every four years."

Have a wonderful weekend full of leaps and bounds into exciting new projects you've been promising to try for the last 3 years!

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Attendance
w/e 14th February 2020

Year Group	Attendance %
R1	97.7
R2	93.8
1A	95.9
1B	93.9
2A	95.4
2B	93.9
3A	94.5
3B	95.6
4A	96.9
4B	90.7
5A	93.0
5B	98.3
6A	96.1
6B	100.0
6C	97.5

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

6B - 100%

Overall School Attendance
(year to date) – 96.2%

IMPORTANT

We know you receive numerous parentmails and letters from us! However, it is important that you check these on a daily basis to keep up to date with what's happening in school, in order that your child does not miss out on something.

Please could you also check your child's school bag regularly - your child may not always remember they have something important inside it to give to you.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Letters in the Foyer

Just a reminder that, for your convenience, the following can be found in the Foyer :

- ❖ Uniform order forms
- ❖ Medication consent forms
- ❖ Leave of Absence forms
- ❖ Leaving forms
- ❖ Breakfast Club forms
- ❖ Change of details forms
- ❖ Parent letters (trips etc)
- ❖ PTA Events
- ❖ Parent Diary Dates
- ❖ School Term Dates
- ❖ Newsletters
- ❖ School Dinner Menus

DIARY DATES

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March

Book Week

Tuesday 3rd March

Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby
2pm Parent Council Meeting
3.30pm - 6pm Parents' Evening

Wednesday 4th March

World Maths Day
Auditions for Talent Show
4pm - 7pm Parents' Evening

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day
(dress up as your favourite character)

Friday 6th March

4A trip to Tower of London

Tuesday 10th March

Year 6 – Knife Crime Talk
Swimming Gala

Wednesday 11th March

Football Festival

Thursday 12th March

4B trip to Tower of London

Friday 13th March

Sports Relief

Wednesday 18th March

Year 5 trip to Museum of London

Friday 20th March

Mother's Day Stalls
World Poetry Day

Tuesday 24th March – Monday 30th March

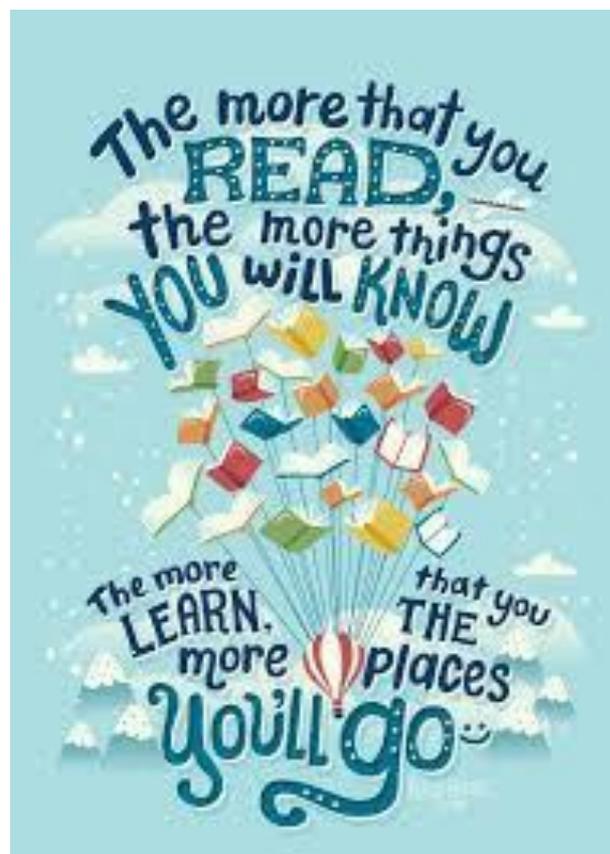
Book Fair

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.



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.

Student Posts of Office			
Head Girl		Catalina 6B	
Head Boy		Mathavan 6B	
Deputy Head Girl		Maurette 6C	
Deputy Head Boy		Bogdan 6A	
House Captains			
Griffins	Olivia 6B	William 6A	
Phoenixes	Seidra 6C	Patrick 6C	
Centauris	Sydney 6A	Freddie 6B	
Dragons	Josie 6C	Ibrahim 6A	
Play Leaders		Prefects	
Cameron 6B	Kai 6B	Rosie 6C	Katrina 6C
Abby 6A	Eloise 6A	Godstime 6B	Um-E-Miya 6C
Ashton 6B	Namra 6C	Mitchell 6A	Shafi 6C
Fouad 6B	Airidas G 6B	Joshua O 6C	Adam 6C
Jamie 6B	Airidas M 6A	Yusuf 6C	Joshua C 6B
Librarians			
Noemi 6A		Amelia 6C	
Jone 6A		Debora 6A	
Technician Prefects			
Conor 6B Ewan 6A			

Maths Mania
February Winners

EYFS - Alexander (R2)
KS1 - Frank (2B)
LKS2 - Prakhar (3A)
UKS2 - Alex (5A)

Reminder

School gates open at
8.30am.

Children come into school
at **8.40am.**

Lessons start at **8.50am.**

sQuid

The amount already owed on sQuid for school dinners this week is currently **£115!**

Once your sQuid reaches **£0**, 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 your account is in credit. If anyone is struggling to pay, 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.



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>



Coffee Mornings take place on **TUESDAY** 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.

Younger children are welcome too for 'stay & play'.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March 2020

The BFG's Sausage Baguette

Snow White & The Huntsman's Hunters

Chicken with Rice

Biff & Chip's Cheesy Quesadilla with Potato

Dippers

Horrid Henry's Baked Beans

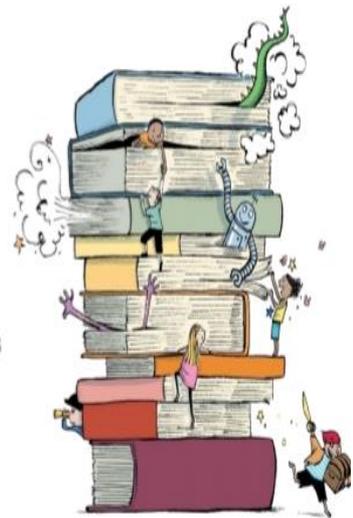
Hungry Caterpillar's Sweetcorn & Peas

Willy Wonka's Iced Sprinkle Sponge

Also available: Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Cheese and Crackers

£2.25

FREE FOR ALL INFANTS



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

Romford

Best Before Stall

USE IT OR LOSE IT

The **ROMFORD Best Before Stall** has been set up to distribute and save perfectly edible food from our local supermarkets that can no longer be sold in the shops and would ultimately end up in landfill.

We collect food donations from local supermarkets each week.

The food will then be available at our stall for you to use!

Please check our facebook page for confirmation of stall opening times

Like and share our facebook page and spread the word!!!



Take what you need and if you can, donate what you feel.

Donations will help towards the running costs of the stall and any excess funds will be donated to local charities.

Please note that only food for your own personal use should be taken from the stall and supplies will vary depending on the food donations we receive.

Based at St John's Hall, Pretoria Road, Romford RM7 7 BB

Wednesday evenings 7pm – 8:15pm or until the food has gone (depending upon donations received) - so get there early! Please check our facebook page for updates on the day.