



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't really start this newsletter in any other way but to address the implications of the Corona Virus on our school life. Firstly, be aware that we **are** instructing children on the correct way to wash hands and the importance of handwashing, especially after using the toilet and before eating anything. We've talked to the children about how the virus spreads so they're aware of touching their noses and mouths and, hopefully, they'll try to reduce this (although that's a bit of a stretch where children are concerned!). Of course, the knock-on effect of this is that the soap dispensers are running out of soap more quickly. That's not a problem, you might think, since we have our suppliers at the end of the phone who can just pop over with more soap for us. But, oh no, not that simple, it turns out! Our suppliers have run out of their soap supply so we had to phone around to find alternative suppliers. But every supplier said the same thing – the soap has run dry! Mrs Waddington took it upon herself to hunt down soap in the pound shops but the shelves were disappointingly empty as well. Not only *that* but we had also hoped to add extra soap *dispensers* into every classroom to facilitate more hand washing but every other school in the area has clearly had the same idea since we can't find soap dispensers for love nor money! In the absence of soap, Ms Haynes was on the task of finding hand gel and, after hours of searching and phoning and being met with dead ends at every turn, she miraculously found that our paper supplier also supplied hand gel and took our order for ~~400000~~ 40 bottles! We all danced around the office cheering and waving our hands in the air, relieved in the knowledge that we could finally add another layer of protection to ourselves and our children from the dreaded Covid-19! Well, that was two and a half weeks ago and there's not been sight nor sound of them since! I think they were probably hi-jacked on the way to us and had our hand gel pilfered to sell on the black market! I guess **that's** the next place for us to look for our supplies! I may buy some toilet paper while I'm there as I gather *that's* been a product subject to panic buying in the supermarkets!! Luckily, we've managed to scrape by with our current supplies but we may have to start asking for donations if this goes on much longer! On a more serious note, though, I *have* had to talk to the children about using the virus as something to tease other children about. Please could you reinforce the message at home that just because a child's nationality is Chinese or Italian doesn't mean that they must be carrying the virus and please reiterate how cruel it is to accuse someone of having the virus making everyone run away from them and refuse to play with them? It's a sad, sad fact that children behave in such a manner because they don't have a full and accurate understanding of the issues – it happens whenever there's a national or world crisis but it would be a great help if you could explain to your children that such games are hurtful and we all need to stick together as a school community in times like these.

On a more positive note, we had our termly visit from the Reverend Julian on Monday. Last time he visited, he taught the children a few signs for various words and I was utterly amazed and, it has to be said, incredibly proud that so many children remembered those signs. I have to confess that **I didn't** remember the signs but your children soak up knowledge like sponges and it was a true delight to see them signing back to Julian when he spoke to them! He spoke to the children about numbers and how some numbers were categorised as 'special' numbers in the Bible. He asked the children if they could guess why the number 7 was special in the Bible and one of our wonderful children answered that it was special because, "seven rhymes with heaven"! I was proud as punch to hear that answer – it's grammatically correct and heaven **is** a special place so anything that rhymes with it should *also* be characterised as *special* – well done to that boy who's a star in my eyes! Meanwhile, Edith (2B) offered an explanation of slightly greater doctrinal depth saying that, "God created the world in 6 days and He rested on the seventh day and that's why it's special"! I've got to say that I, too, think rest days are special (on the rare occasions we actually *get* them!) and the Reverend Julian was so impressed with her answer that he showered a few house points on her. Well done Edith!

This week, Mrs Boyes gave an extremely important talk to parents regarding 'County Lines' – this was to inform parents about the dangers and risks from drug traffickers to our children when they're out and about on their own. It's a very real danger especially to our 9 and 10 year olds who tend to be allowed out on their own from time to time. The meeting was very informative and revealed many things of which we weren't aware because we just think that these sorts of things don't happen in 'real life' or 'in this town'. It was a shame that only 4 parents turned up for the meeting since the subject is so important to the welfare of our children. We may run another meeting later in the year and, if you all spread the word, we might reach a few more parents. Our Year 6 children also received a knife-crime talk from the police and I would appreciate it if you could support our message about the seriousness of knife-crime since, once again, it seems like the overriding feeling of, 'it won't happen to us' or 'it'll never happen here' seems to belie the gravity of the situation.

On a lighter note, our Y1 and Y2 mixed football teams ventured out this week to take part in a Havering Schools' Tournament and we've continued our winning formula by coming first overall in the Year 1 tournament and second overall in the Year 2 tournament. Special mention must go to Bonnie (1B) who shone throughout. Mr Charlee said she was like a streak of lightning and was 'all over the ball'! Well done Bonnie – looks like we've got another great female player emerging through the ranks.

Our Year 3s finally carried out their trip to the River Rom in Eastbrookend Country Park in fine weather albeit on the cool side. A great time was had by all and the ranger said he had never seen children so excited and happy to jump into puddles and mud – he said it was like watching city children discover the country for the first time!! He was also impressed by their knowledge of oxbow lakes, river deltas and flood plains and Scarlett (3B) was quick to tell me how they learnt about why the river meanders instead of flowing in a straight line. She then told me she couldn't remember the reason but she did remember that it was an interesting reason!! Have to work on transferring knowledge from short term to long term memory, Miss McLaughlin!!

Meanwhile, 4B ventured out to the Tower of London to discover the delights of imprisonment and execution and how those punishments were dealt out to ~~naughty school children~~ treasonous adults in the 16th century.

And we spent a lovely half hour with siblings reading to one another in EYFS – that was the most wonderful sight to behold – brothers and sisters enjoying books together! Have a look below to see some family reading in action.

Our Parent Council met this week to discuss our recent parent views, children's perceptions of behaviour in the school and £1 donations for non-uniform days. Some very good topics up for discussion there but we're on the hunt for more parents now so, if you're sitting at home twiddling your thumbs wondering what to do of a Thursday afternoon, come and join us and have your say where it really counts.

This week has also been science week and there have been some marvellously scientific things going on around the school. 2A have gone bubble mad and been discovering that bubbles are round no matter what shape your bubble wand is and, on top of that, they all discovered how camouflage works so some of them have been giving Ms Howard the slip today by standing in appropriate positions to camouflage themselves. We're still hunting for Freddie as we speak!!

Today, we had one of our regular fund raising non-uniform days – this time 'Sport Relief' and we asked children to dress in the attire of a particular sport. This year, I've been thrilled to see hockey players, gymnasts, tennis players and runners along with the 200 odd footballers!! It was a really good turnout and we made £257.77 for Sport Relief. Thank you for your contributions – they are always very grateful for our donations.

Finally, I wish you a wonderful weekend filled with lashings of soap and reams of toilet paper (if you can find any!) and I leave you with this:

**"You can't do all the good that the world needs
but the world needs all the good that you can do."**

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Attendance
w/e 6th March 2020

Year Group	Attendance %
R1	97.7
R2	89.4
1A	95.0
1B	94.8
2A	97.6
2B	96.7
3A	95.2
3B	99.3
4A	97.9
4B	96.1
5A	97.0
5B	97.9
6A	98.3
6B	95.2
6C	95.8

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

3B - 99.3%

Overall School Attendance
(year to date) – 96.1%



EYFS Awards

R1

Kindness - Amber
Bookworm - Ollie
Maths - Cody

R2

Kindness - Beatrice
Bookworm - Evie
Maths - Levi



Star Of The Week

R1: Malik
R2: Aiden
1A: Mikail
1B: Liam
2A: Isla
2B: Edith
3A: Brannon
3B: Scarlett
4A: Yabets
4B: Jonathan
5A: Mason
5B: Riley
6A: Leiba
6B: Conor
6C: Katrina



Writer of the Week

1A: Baris
1B: Olivia
2A: Riley
2B: Maria
3A: Macy
3B: Almeer
4A: Audrey
4B: Lexi
5B: Stanislav
6A: Ibrahim
6B: Laura
6C: Yusuf



1, 2, 3, 4 I declare a coin war!

Thank you very much for your donations so far.

The current totals collected are:

Reception	£8.30
Year 1	£125.20
Year 2	£38.46
Year 3	£39.44
Year 4	£18.03
Year 5	£51.60
Year 6	£4.16

Dates to remember:

- Last day of term: Friday 3rd April – 2pm finish**
- Easter Holidays: Monday 6th – Friday 17th April**
- Inset Day: Monday 20th April**
- Polling Day: Thursday 7th May**
- Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May**



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Your Child's School

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on your child's school**

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Henry (6A) & Stanley (2B)

**who recently gained
their yellow belts in
Jiu Jitsu!**



EYFS Sibling Reading Photos

**Please take a look on our website and Facebook
to see more!**



DIARY DATES

Thursday 19th March

Mother's Day Stalls

Friday 20th March

World Poetry Day – Poetry Slam

Tuesday 24th March – Monday 30th March

Book Fair

Tuesday 24th March

PTA Easter Discos

Wednesday 25th March

Girls' Football Festival

'So you want to dance' dance competition

Thursday 26th March

8.15am Year 4 trip to Tate Modern

Years 5 & 6 – African Drumming

Wednesday 1st April

'Harrow Lodge Has Talent' at Hornchurch High

Thursday 2nd April

Year 5 – No swimming

2.30pm Year 4 Easter Play to parents

Friday 3rd April

2pm Break up for Easter

Monday 20th April

Inset Day

Tuesday 21st April

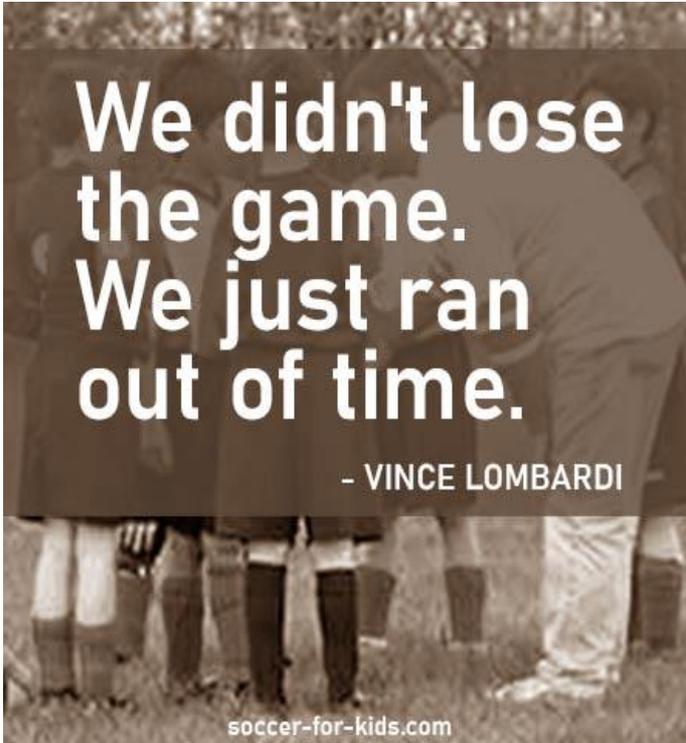
8.40am Back to School

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.



**We didn't lose
the game.
We just ran
out of time.**

- VINCE LOMBARDI

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Absences

If your child is going to be off school for any reason, please call 01708 448187 and leave a message on the absence line by 9am, if possible.

Unfortunately, if your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, our school policy is for you to keep them at home for 48 hours after the last bout.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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.

Easter Bonnet Parade



We will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade in the playground on Friday 3rd April at 1.30pm.

Children are invited to make an Easter Bonnet/Hat which they will then wear in the Parade. There will be lots of prizes up for grabs!

Parents are invited to come and watch.
Gates will open at 1.15pm. School finishes at 2pm.

Reminder

School gates open at
8.30am.

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

Lessons start at **8.50am.**

Barton Road Entrance

Please be reminded that, for safeguarding reasons, the gate at Barton Road is not in use during the school day.

If you have any need to come to school during the day, please use the Rainsford Way entrance.



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'.



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MOTHER'S DAY STALLS

Thursday 19th March 2020

Gifts available from 50p to £3.

Children may bring money into school in a named envelope.

Each class will attend the stalls with their teacher during the school day.

We wish you a happy and relaxing Mother's Day.



Harrow Lodge Primary PTA

EASTER DISCO

Tuesday 24th March 2020

Key Stage 1: 3.30pm until 4.30pm

Key Stage 2: 4.45pm until 5.45pm

Ticket Entry @ £4.00 per child

Children's Disco Refreshments Snack Buffet Table

KS1 children should bring their disco clothes into school on Tuesday morning and will be escorted by their class teacher to the dining hall at 3.30pm. Please collect your KS1 child promptly from their classroom at 4.30pm.

KS2 children should arrive at the rear ramp entrance of the dining hall at 4.45pm and will be ready for collection by parents from the same rear ramp when the disco ends at 5.45pm. All children must be collected by an adult.

Children will not be permitted to walk home alone.

Reply Slip – Please return with cash payment or
buy online @ www.pta-events.co.uk/harrowlodgeprimarypta

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Dietary Requirements: _____

Medical/Other Information: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



Saturday 2nd May 2020

10:15am – 12 noon

10:00am early admission for NCT members with membership card

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