



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's with a very heavy heart that I write what is essentially my last letter of spring news to you 😞.

It's all happened so quickly and we're not in any way fully prepared for what we're being asked to do because of the vague information that's being given to us but we're rallying and doing our very best. My biggest disappointment was when the key worker list was finally released from government (way after my bedtime last night!) and it basically included every job in the country!! How are schools supposed to close if all their children are still coming in because **all** jobs (barring clothes retailers) are deemed as being critical to fighting the virus? It's not been well thought out and I know many of *you* are also unhappy with the situation – you'd rather be at home isolating yourself and your children because you understand that **that's** the only way we're ever going to stop this cruel killer.

On a more pleasant note, we had another inspection visit from the Local Authority (not Ofsted) and they were extremely pleased with the school saying that the progress made over the last few years is very noticeable and they were especially impressed with the children's answers to questions about their learning.

1A were treated to a special maths lesson this week in which Explore Learning teachers challenged them to make an elephant – easy, you might think but not when the only shapes you have to work with are squares and triangles! The children tried really hard, it has to be said, but the resultant pictures did take rather a lot of deciphering!! It was a great lesson and really cemented the children's learning.

Although it's been a really quiet week because almost all external activities were cancelled, we did still manage to provide our children with the opportunity to buy something for their mothers this weekend. This was a huge success and I was struck by one boy's kindness as he held up 2 bags of 'goodies' that he'd bought for his mother telling me that one of the bags was for his older sister who no longer attended the school. My heart swelled with pride at how this young boy really embodied the quality of kindness and then he said, with complete candour as only a child can, "I've made sure that *my* bag has all the good stuff in it so mum knows I'm the best child!".

And today we managed to run our Easter Egg Hunt which was a bit of light relief amidst a day of sadness and worry. There may be nothing to wipe your bottom on at home but you'll have plenty of chocolate to eat over the next few weeks! (We can find a silver lining in the most dire of situations here at Harrow Lodge Primary!)

And so, we find ourselves in a sorry place where we're having to say goodbye to you and our children without knowing when we'll see you all again. I sincerely hope it's the 21st April but we won't know until we get there.

In the meantime, I wish you all the best. Please endeavour to educate your children to the same standard that we would do with the resources we send to you and, more importantly, stay safe and stay healthy until such time as we come together once more.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy teaching your little ones – they're a complete delight and we're going to really miss them.

And I leave you with this thought:

“To the world, you are a mother, but to your family, you are the world.”

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FROM NEXT WEEK
PLEASE **DO NOT** BRING YOUR CHILD
TO SCHOOL WITHOUT PRIOR
ARRANGEMENT.

STAFFING HAS BEEN PLANNED TO
COVER THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN
EXPECTED.

Attendance
w/e 13th March 2020

Year Group	Attendance %
R1	91.5
R2	93.0
1A	93.6
1B	92.2
2A	94.7
2B	95.9
3A	92.8
3B	98.1
4A	96.9
4B	97.5
5A	96.3
5B	89.3
6A	98.3
6B	90.9
6C	94.6

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

6A - 98.3%

**Overall School Attendance
(year to date) – 96.1%**

**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 in order to keep you informed of what is going on.

Please either call us or email office@harrowlodgeprimary.com

Thank you.

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NO MATTER HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED.”**

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

Thank you very much for your donations so far.

The current totals collected are:

Reception	£42.33
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Year 3	£72.12
Year 4	£21.67
Year 5	£68.90
Year 6	£25.83



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