



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new year full of promise for a happy, successful and uninterrupted year! A huge welcome to all our new parents who have just joined us this year. I hope you'll be very happy with us. Here are the highlights that have started the year of 2021-2022:



- Our EYFS department has had a wonderful face-lift with a whole new setting and new furniture. The EYFS staff feel like they've stepped into heaven and are torn between walking on eggshells to keep it pristine and rampaging around like children in a sweet-shop! See below for some super snapshots. There are still some little additions to be made but it's a work in progress and we're really proud of it so far.
- We welcomed several new staff members - see below for names and job roles - and we're very happy to have them on board our sturdy ship (I say 'sturdy' because past experience has shown that it can withstand very stormy weather!!)
- Year 4 have had the pleasure of receiving brand new interactive screens so now they can finally see what's on the screen despite the sunshine pouring into the room.
- Our new EYFS children have had a phased start to school and are ready to start full time on Monday. There have been a few tears but not too many and, as soon as the children were inside, they brightened up and had a wonderful time! Mums and Dads, however, continued to be a blubbing mess - but we've all been there and know how it feels so paper tissues are always on hand with a comforting smile and a warm hug.
- Ms Cormenzana has taken on a new role as a full time EAL teacher and manager (amongst other jobs!) as there is a strong need for support for children who join us and cannot speak English. We're very proud of how welcoming your children are and how helpful they are to such newcomers, and *that* acceptance and support is so necessary for future success but there is also a need for more structured support which is where Ms Cormenzana comes in. I'm very excited to see the speedy development that will ensue for these children (who must find it very frightening just walking into school on a daily basis) with her help and encouragement.
- Bad news - I contracted the virus and only got to spend 1 day in school before being whisked into hiding! Luckily, I caught it early as we test regularly in school and, even more luckily, I'm ok so far which is a real blessing, I know. Thank you for all your get-well emails - they really cheered me up and gave me a much-needed boost!

Ms Browne assures me that that all classes are already working hard and 4A were especially quiet when she walked in and was promptly (and politely) asked to 'shhh' by Freddie who, along with the rest of the class, was determined to keep noise levels down. On closer inspection, Ms Browne noticed a plethora of Positive Pixies on the desks. Now, believe what you will but, if it takes Positive Pixies to maintain a quiet, high-performing class, then bring on the pixie-dust is what I say!!!

Positive Pixies given to children who behave positively!



And that brings us to the end of the first week back in school. Do have a look below at important dates for this term so you know what's coming up like non-uniform days so you can be prepared in advance. I still have another week ~~watching Netflix~~ working from home so I won't see you in the playground until next Friday but do please remind your children that the play equipment is off limits before and after school - my little spies have told me that many children have forgotten that golden rule!

And so, I wish you all a very warm and breezy weekend and I leave you with the following thought - one that I've had to remember more than once over the past week as I'm sure you can imagine:

"You can't always have a good day but you can always face a bad day with a good attitude."

With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle

Our new EYFS Setting



WELCOME

New staff members:

Mrs Reyad - 5B Teacher

Miss Palmer - 1A Teaching Assistant

Mrs Green - EYFS LSA

Mrs Lawrence - EYFS LSA

Mrs Monk - EYFS LSA

Mrs Ogborn - Year 1 LSA

Mrs McMahon - MDA

Mrs Church - MDA

Mrs Seyyad - MDA

Miss Saadaoui - MDA

Mr O'Mahoney - Cleaner

Mr Walsh - Cleaner



Dates this half term:

- Tuesday 14th September EYFS Vocabulary and Reading workshop for parents 3:10 pm
 - Thursday 16th September EYFS Vocabulary and Reading workshop for parents 3:10 pm
 - Friday 17th September Jeans for Genes Day
 - Monday 20th September Piano Fun Club begins
 - Friday 24th September Individual Pupil Photos
 - Friday 24th September MacMillan Coffee afternoon
 - Wednesday 29th September EYFS Maths workshop for parents 3:10 pm
 - Thursday 30th September EYFS Maths workshop for parents 3:10 pm
 - Thursday 30th September Year 6 residential meeting for parents 6:00 pm
 - Monday 4th October EYFS Phonics workshop for parents 3:10 pm
 - Thursday 7th October EYFS Phonics workshop for parents 3:10 pm
 - Wednesday 13th October EYFS Harvest Festival assembly 2:30 pm
 - Thursday 14th October Year 5 Harvest Festival assembly 2:30 pm
 - Week beg Monday 18th October Parents Evenings
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Reminders

Please can we remind parents that the children are not permitted to use the play equipment before and after school for health and safety reasons.

If you need to enter the school between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm then you must do so via the Rainsford Way gates as the Barton Road gates are not open.

The office is not open to parents unless you have made an appointment. All forms are located in the parent foyer and any messages can be left at the gates in the morning.

*Thank
you!*