



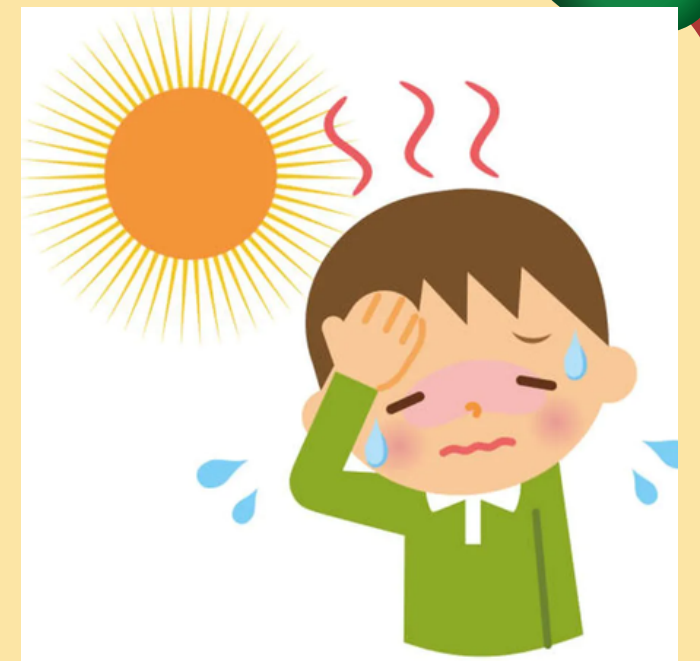
Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2021-2022. We've finished the year in quite a strange fashion. Here are the highlights:

- We began the week at the height of the worst heatwave Britain has ever experienced along with high levels of pollen. So, the school was swimming in puddles from melting children (and staff) and resonating with echoes of coughs and sneezes as red and swollen-eyed children walked the corridors in a zombie-like fashion, only perking up when the ice-pops appeared and relief was experienced for a moment or two! Yes, it was a difficult couple of days! Some parents chose to keep their children at home in the cool and where they could hose them down at intermittent intervals but other parents brought their children into school simply because they had heard a rumour that we were having water fights at school for two days!!! Chinese whispers has a lot to answer for!!



We finished early on Monday and Tuesday to try and get children home before the worst of the heat hit us and we had some very sad little faces of children who were left behind as their classmates skipped home heading for paddling pools and ice-cream. So we gave those left behind an extra ice-lolly and a restful afternoon. As you can see, for some, the only way to cool down was to have a cold foot bath! The good thing is that no one fainted or collapsed or melted completely which is comforting in a building such as ours which wasn't built to withstand extreme heat or extreme cold! Of course, this meant that our Open Evening had to be cancelled which was such a shame as so much work had been put into setting it up to showcase your children's work.

- Speaking of preparing for Open Evening, Ms Howard roped her class into sprucing up the classroom and, in particular, setting up the Spirited Arts Display. Matthew (5A) was busy helping when he enquired why a fish was a symbol for Christianity to which Ms Howard replied, by way of explanation, that Jesus was a fisherman. Some time later, as Matthew was sticking a picture of a dove up on the same display, he enquired as to whether Jesus was a bird-watcher as well! As I've said many times - "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings comes truth and wisdom!"
- Tuesday did indeed see a water-fight as a sea of yellow descended on the field ready to attack Mr Charlee and Mrs Sterling in what turned out to be a battle of major proportions! Phoenixes won the House Cup and enjoyed the duel as their prize! However, I found it rather perplexing when I looked out and saw half the soldiers attacking themselves with the water pistols! That's got to be a 'first'!! Mujtaba (2B) got hold of the hose and doused everyone (including me) but nobody minded and our Year 5 Peer Mentors were rewarded for their hard work by being drenched as well!

- Many congratulations to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance this year: Sophia (R1), Toby 1A, Daria (2A), Lily (2B), Liam (3A), Isabella (3B), Pavel, Katie, Ava (4A), Matthew (5A), Lewis (6A) and Ethan (6B). That's a significant achievement during a year that has seen plenty of cases of Covid still circulating! Well done to all of you. A certificate and special gift were presented to the children as a reward.
- We say goodbye to Ms Palmer who is leaving us to train as a teacher - we wish her all the best in a challenging but so rewarding career.
- And huge congratulations to Ms McLaughlin who is getting married over the summer holidays. She won't be changing her name at school and, in fact, the only change you *will* notice is that calm contentment that comes with marriage!! We wish her a wonderful day and a happy married life.
- And finally, we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 children who are off to pastures new. It's been quite a rollercoaster ride for this particular year group but they've all survived and we wish them all the best as they move on to the next stage of their lives. All the children were rewarded with certificates for their particular strengths and the following children were awarded these special trophies:

Kindness - Raymond

Achievement - Danielius

Performing Arts - Alyssa

Art & Design - Harry O

Citizenship - Layla

Sportsperson - Josias

Most Improved Student - Charlie

Head Teacher Award - Rafe

Congratulations to all and you can view their trophies in our trophy cabinet in the front entrance

- So it just remains for me to wish you a beautiful summer holiday, to thank you for all the lovely gifts sent my way and to thank you for your amazing support to me, the staff and our wonderful school and I leave you with this thought:

"Some things have to end for better things to begin!"

See you in September!

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

	Toby 1A	Sahar 3A	Jose 5A	
	Alyssa-Rose 1B	Boe 3B	Akshee 5B	Hallie 6B
Serena R2	Jake 1A	Muhammad 3A	James 5B	Danielius 6A
Milana R2	Joshua 1B	Aya 3A	Kaysan 5B	Nassar 6B
Indua R2	Kristupus 1B	Larissa 4B	Afridi 5B	Juana 6A
Liza R1	Joshua 2A	Mollie-Mae 4A	George 5A	Harvey 6A
Evie R2	Marynas 2A	Logan 4A	Lexi R 5A	Ilias 6A
Nala R1	Lily 2B	Demi 4A	Orest 5B	Beau 6A
Summer R1	Ethan 2A	Maria 4B	Alexandru 5B	Ellen 6B
Toby R2	Logan 2B	Ava 4A	Tyler 5A	Evelina 6A
Kal-EI R1	Micheala 2B	Emauel 4A	Sadie 5A	
Alrayan R1			Liana 5B	
Meshach R1			Prakhar 5B	
Teddy-James R2			Kevin 5A	

who will have a birthday between the 16th July and 31st of August.

We hope you have a great day!

Dates for the autumn term:

- Thursday 1st September - Inset Day
- Friday 2nd September - Inset Day
- Monday 5th September - Inset Day
- Tuesday 6th September - Children return to school