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HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new year 2022-2023. And we begin in a sombre manner with the announcement of the sad death of our Queen which has sadly overshadowed what was otherwise a most exciting start of term. Here are the highlights:



- We begin this first newsletter by welcoming all our new parents who have joined us this year either with Reception children or older children who have moved here from other schools. It's great to have you with us for the next few years as your children travel on their primary school journey. The first morning was tear-free from children but tissues were needed for some mums and dads who were caught by surprise at the strong emotion elicited by handing their precious parcels over to their teachers for the first time!!
- The children all looked smart as they entered the school gates with new uniform, new shoes and fresh faces. Nala (our school dog) greeted them warmly and enjoyed the fuss they made of her.
- Tuesday afternoon was quiet and uneventful until, at 2:30 pm, an email dropped into my inbox from Ofsted! Yes, it was the long-awaited inspection report which hadn't been completed before the summer holidays which meant that we wouldn't receive it until this term. If you're not aware of how the system works, we are basically told our result/grading before the inspectors leave on the second day of inspection. However, as so many checks have to be made on the evidence collected by the inspectors, we're told, very sternly, that no information about the result can be shared with anyone other than teachers and governors until the finalised report was sent to us. So we had to sit on that secret for 12 whole weeks without telling anyone; checking my inbox on a daily basis hoping to see the report appear! We were devastated that it didn't arrive before the end of term as we would have loved to share the news with the year 6 children and their parents before they left!

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- However, as soon as the draft report was issued, we set about ordering banners and making badges (thanks to Ms Hayward) so that we'd be ready to shout the news from the rooftops when we were finally given permission.
- Tuesday afternoon was our Inspection Result assembly in which we shared the results with the children. I think the details went over the heads of many of the little ones but they certainly enjoyed joining in with the cheering even if they had no idea what they were cheering about! And, of course the badges were distributed and the banners displayed on the gates.
- I must take this opportunity to give an official shout out and thank you to all the staff, children and parents who made this happen. It can't happen without a joint effort and no one let the side down! Now, we wait for 8 days when the report will be placed on the Ofsted website. Thank you to all of you who shared the Facebook post - it's really important for our reputation to get the message as far and wide as possible!
- In other news.....well, to be honest, there **is** very little other news as our inspection results have dominated the whole week and the queen's passing has dominated *everything*!
- Before I finish, I'd like to share the subject leadership updates so you know who leads what in the school:

Mrs Waddington - Literacy
 Miss Batt - Science
 Mrs Bracken - Art & Design
 Mrs Price - Computing
 Mrs Matharu - Maths
 Mrs Reyad - History
 Mrs LeMay - Geography
 Ms Howard - Religious Education

Ms Harrison - Music and Performing Arts
 Mrs Byrne - Design & Technology
 Miss B - PSHE & Personal Development
 Miss Cormenzana - English as a second Language & Spanish
 Mrs Boyes - SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities)
 Ms Goodwin - EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)
 Mr Charlee - PE (Physical Education)
 Ms Clarke - Phonics & early reading

- In case you're wondering about Mrs Price and Ms Clarke - they are/were Ms McLaughlin and Ms Browne who have both had name changes this year. Good luck remembering the new names - I've slipped up on numerous occasions but they let me off because of my age! Charming!
- And so we reach the end of our opening newsletter for the year. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend and I leave you with this thought:



***"Your life was a blessing,
 your memory a treasure.
 You were loved beyond words
 and are missed beyond measure"***
RIP Elizabeth II





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Henry 2A
Evie 3A
Marnie 4B
Amatullah 4A
Kairyn 6B
Harry 6A

who have had a birthday
in the last week.
We hope you had a great day!

Don't forget that our school
target for attendance is
96%

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching to the top?



Reminder

Please note that the school doors close at **8:50 am prompt**. Please do not try to enter via the classroom doors after this time as the registers will already be closed and your child's attendance will be missed. Make your way to the front office to sign in your child and register their lunch.



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Dates for autumn term:

- **Monday 12th September - EYFS children full time**
- **Monday 12th September - After school clubs start**
- **Wednesday 14th September - 6A visiting Hornchurch High for a PE lesson @ 2:00pm**
- **Wednesday 21st September - EYFS Prospective Parents tour @ 9:45 am**
- **Wednesday 21st September - 6B visiting Hornchurch High for a PE lesson @ 2:00pm**
- **Friday 23rd September - Jeans for Genes Day**
- **Wednesday 28th September - EYFS Prospective Parents tour @ 1:45 pm**
- **Wednesday 28th September - Year 6 Residential talk to parents @ 5:30 pm**
- **Friday 30th September - MacMillan Coffee afternoon**
- **Thursday 6th October - Year 3 Music Workshop**
- **Friday 7th October - Year 4 Music Workshop**
- **Wednesday 12th October - EYFS Harvest Assembly @2:30pm**
- **Thursday 13th October - Year 5 Harvest Assembly @2:30pm**
- **Friday 14th October - EYFS Prospective Parents tour @ 9:45 am**
- **Monday 17th October - Parent's Evening 3:30 - 6:00pm**
- **Wednesday 18th October - Parent's Evening 4:00 - 6:60 pm**
- **Friday 21st October - Dress Up for Downs Syndrome Day**
- **Friday 21st October - Break up for half term**
- **Monday 31st October - Return to school**