

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Special

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a very short letter just to round off the term, wish you a happy holiday and give you a few updates. This week has been extremely short but we have managed to pack in a lot!

- Firstly, my office has ended up looking like Santa's Workshop as it was covered in presents, paper, bows and ribbons! We had about 80 presents donated for children and I'd like to thank you for your amazing generosity.
- On Monday, we visited Holy Cross Church for a Christmas Service. The church vicar, Julian, was very welcoming and very aware that not all children followed any particular faith so he made it clear that he was simply explaining the meaning behind the Christmas Story which was 'Spreading Love'. Each year group sang a Christmas song as Julian told the story in between songs. It was delightful and your children were exceptionally well-behaved.
- On Tuesday, Santa paid us another visit at breakfast time where many of your children joined him for a story and a croissant with hot chocolate (that's a very French-style breakfast!!) A big thank-you to the PTA for organising the breakfast and to Santa for taking time out of his very busy schedule at this time of the year to give our children such a treat.
- As we come to the end of the term, there are a few good-byes to say. Firstly, a sad goodbye to Ms Jass who has worked with us this term to teach our brand new 3C class. She has been a super star teaching a class that began with 17 children and increased week on week as new children joined but other children left as they found schools nearer to their homes. It's not an enviable job to try and keep track of all the comings and goings whilst still ensuring that all children's needs are met but that's exactly what Miss Jass managed to do. I'm sure you will all join me in saying a huge thank-you to Miss Jass and in wishing her all the best for the future. 3C will be taught by Mrs O'Conner from January who has already been in to visit them and get to know their needs and personalities. We look forward to welcoming Mrs O'Conner in the new year.



- The second member of staff leaving us this term is Mrs Hartley. Mrs Hartley has been working with us for 11 years and has been one of our most steadfast and committed Teaching Assistants. She has taught countless children how to read and has been an unwavering and indispensable support to all our teachers and to the school as a whole. Mrs Hartley has decided to take early retirement and, whilst we fully understand and deeply envy her decision, we are going to miss her deeply on both a personal and professional level. We wish her all the best in her retirement and hope that she may venture back to visit us from time to time.
- I hope you all managed to catch a glimpse of our pages in this week's Romford Recorder. If not, pick up a copy and have a look at the 4-page spread of 'Christmas at Harrow Lodge Primary' - so, so proud!!
- I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the wonderful presents your children have given me. I don't expect nor deserve such generosity but I have the utmost appreciation for it and feel much loved by them as well as the cards and the kind Christmas wishes.
- Finally, please remember that the children return to school at 8:40 am on Thursday 4th January 2024!

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas holiday filled with love, laughter and fun and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



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Spring Term Dates

- Thursday 4th January 2024 - Return to school
- Thursday 11th January - Year 5&6 Road Safety Workshop
- Thursday 11th January - Performing Arts trip to Matilda
- Monday 15th January - Choir singing at the O2
- Wednesday 17th January - 6B Safer Bus Travel in Romford town centre
- Tuesday 23rd January - Year 4 trip to the V&A museum
- Thursday 1st February - Online Safety Show
- Monday 12th February - Parent's Evening
- Thursday 15th February - Parent's Evening
- Friday 16th February - Wear Green for Gardening Club donations.
- Friday 16th February - Break up for Half term