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Dear Parent's and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024-2025! I'm a very excited Head Teacher this year because this year marks the 7th year of my Headship at Harrow Lodge Primary meaning that our new Year 6 children were my very first EYFS cohort. And a beautiful cohort they are, too!!! I can't wait to start working closely with them, developing their leadership skills, resilience and confidence!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break - I think you must have done because, when I saw you in the playground on Wednesday morning, you had such happy faces, big smiles and almost celebratory skips out of the school gates!!! 😄

I'd like to extend a special welcome to our newest parents and, if you see any parent looking lost in the playground, please do extend your friendship and see if you can offer any help.

I know each year group has a WhatsApp chat so, if you're not part of that yet, do approach another parent and ask how you can join up - these groups are really helpful in keeping you in the loop about what's going on in case you miss a parent mail or simply forget something.

Just to bring you up to speed with some of the work carried out over the summer holidays, you'll notice that some artificial grass has been laid in front the reading shed and a new art and craft shed which is part of our OPAL development. Mr Welch has also painted the wall in the Art & Craft area with blackboard paint so that there's an upright surface for the children to use on 'Chalking Tuesday'.

In the Quad, we've finally got rid of the steps for giants leading into it and replaced them with human-sized steps so now we no longer have to perform the splits to access the Quad!! We're all very happy (and infinitely more comfortable!)

I am delighted to share that we have earned the Superkind Social Impact Schools Award this year. This is a testament to the wonderful social action work that our students have put in to make a positive impact on our local community and wider world. We're thrilled to have earned this recognition and are looking forward to having even more social impact this academic year! A huge thank you to Miss B who coordinated the project, encouraged the students and staff and helped the children to bring their social impact ideas to fruition. You can see the school's badge of honour here and this will be displayed on all our communication platforms now. Here's a link to the Social Impact Award page so you can see what was entailed in gaining the award.

<https://superkind.org/social-impact-schools-award>



We have (or are in the process of) also moved into the 21st century with regard to our IT system at school. We are now cloud-based (like most of the rest of the planet) but many of us are technologically challenged here so we need a lot of time to find our bearings and sort out how to use the system effectively. So, bear with us, please, if things take a little longer than usual!!

So, the start of the term has been lovely. All our beautiful children have grown by a foot over the summer and look shiny and smart in their uniforms. It's been a quiet few days - the calm before the storm?? Of course not - it's the pattern of what's to follow!!

Today, our KS2 Councillors took a trip to Parliament. At the time of writing, they are still in Westminster so I'll let you know how they got on next week.

Next week, we welcome our new 4 year olds so I've taken out shares in tissues (for the parents, not the children!!) and we begin the process of learning in earnest.

Before I finish, I would like to remind you about the no parking rules around the school streets. Please remember that you mustn't drive down any of the streets between 7:45 and 9:15 am and again between 2:30 and 3:30 pm. You may, of course, park in Tescos for the short time it takes to drop off or collect your child to and from school but, remember, there's a 2-hour limit for parking in the Tesco car park and you will be fined if you stay longer.

Please check the dates below and write them on your calendar - they will be upon us before you know it.

So, it is with great pleasure that we begin all over again and I wish you a wonderful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

"A little learner today, a world changer tomorrow!"

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Eyes of Africa!



Run to raise money for Great Ormond Hospice



Concert at Brownies for Children in Need



**Our school is a
Social Impact School 2024!**

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Anti-Bullying protest marches

AUTUMN TERM DATES



- Monday 2nd September - Inset Day
- Tuesday 3rd September - Inset Day
- Wednesday 4th September - Children return to school
- Friday 6th September - School Council trip to Parliament
- Monday 9th September - EYFS start part time
- Monday 16th September - EYFS start full time
- Wednesday 18th September - Learn to Ride for Years 2-6
- Friday 20th September - Learn to Ride for Years 2-6
- Friday 20th September - Jeans for Genes Day
- Friday 27th September - McMillan Coffee Afternoon
- Monday 7th October - Bikability week for Year 5&6
- Tuesday 15th October - Flu Vaccines
- Monday 21st October - Parent's Evening
- Tuesday 22nd October - EYFS Harvest Assembly
- Wednesday 23rd October - Parent's Evening
- Thursday 24th October - Year 5 Harvest Assembly
- Friday 25th October - Break up for half term

Reminder

Please make sure that children stay with you after school and do not play on the play equipment. Thank you

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