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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are this week's highlights:

- We've arrived very, very quickly at the end of the spring term and find ourselves preparing Easter Bonnets and Easter plays while the weather outside is suggesting winter coats and ear-muffs. It's crazy times!!
- The Year 4 Easter Play this year outstripped every other play in years gone by in terms of slick organisation, confident performances and sheer theatrical flair, leaving the audience thoroughly entertained and more than a little impressed. It was so good, we could have charged for seats! The confidence that exuded from the Year 4 children was unbelievable; it really 'was' like watching a West End Production! A massive thank you to Miss Batt and Miss Harrison who put the play together and choreographed the songs and dances. And a huge thank you also to Ms Roberts and Mrs Hayward who ran around like chickens carrying out the teachers' biddings! It was all worth it in the end!
- We were also treated to two excellent Y1 Assemblies in which their learning this term about 'School Days' was shared with parents. Children turned up filthy and ragged but, as it fitted with the learning of the day, I let them off this time!! Well done to Ms Goodwin, Mrs Harding, Mrs Delaney and Mrs Southgate, who threw themselves into their roles as formidable Victorian teachers with admirable commitment—(for some, the transformation required rather less acting than for others!)
- Year 2 also enjoyed some role-play this week as they set up a street party as part of their topic on Magnificent Monarchs. Their outside area was awash with bunting and an abundance of Union Jack flags as the children sat at long tables, feasting on a surfeit of delicious delicacies fit for a royal Jubilee.
- Meanwhile, Ms Seed hobbled around in a wonderfully rotund ensemble as Henry VIII (sans beard and crown for reasons best known to herself), Ms Wisbey looked suitably sombre in mourning as Queen Victoria, and Mrs Mallinder reigned supreme as the late Queen Elizabeth II. All in all, it was a right royal occasion—





- though I suspect Henry VIII may still be eyeing up second helpings somewhere on the playground...
- Year 6 carried out their final Future Project session this week, ending the series by writing a letter to their future selves. It was a very thoughtful exercise and one that showed how much their aspirations had grown since starting the project.
- We had **two** days of Cycle Awareness this week owing to its huge popularity. It was amazing to see some of the children riding tricycles **into** school and bicycles **home** from school. Well done to all who took part—proof, if ever it were needed, that at Harrow Lodge we are always moving forward... sometimes just with a few extra stabilisers along the way!
- EYFS had the pleasure of being measured and weighed this week - I don't know about **you** but I **never** find it a 'pleasure' being weighed and, this year, the City of London University are running a study to see if children feel the same way about the regular 'weigh-in' as adults do. As part of that study, they observed and interviewed the children before and after the measuring event and, later, they'll be asking parents how **you** feel about the children being weighed and measured. The best part is, if you agree to be consulted on the matter, you'll receive a £27.50 voucher to spend in any shop! You'll have to join the queue behind **me**! That's quite the incentive!!
- Y2 enjoyed a trip to Hornchurch Country Park to learn about habitats, plants and animals as part of their science curriculum. Although they remained dry, a picnic in winter temperatures is never a joyous event! Furthermore, no animals ventured out of their habitats on account of the cold, leaving our intrepid explorers to enjoy a rather exclusive—and decidedly one-sided—day of wildlife watching.
- And we ended the week (and term) with a rather grey-skied Easter Bonnet Parade - mind you, the colder weather meant more dancing to warm up which is always a treat to behold. Well done to all our Bonnet winners (see below) and to all our parents who walked off with raffled hampers heaving with chocolate! Thank you to the PTA for the prizes and the hampers. Our Chair of Governors, Susan Asser, joined us this year and I'm pretty sure I spotted a few boogie moves of her own as she enjoyed the razzmataz of the parade. She was very impressed by the effort expended to create some of the bonnets.
- A big thank you to the PTA also for organising a rather lively Easter Egg Hunt. It brought the term to a very egg-citing end! Sorry! I'm a bit giddy thinking about turning my alarm off for 2 weeks!!
- And that's it for the second term! It just remains for me to wish you the happiest of holidays and I leave you with this thought:

***“May your Easter be full of hope, new beginnings...
and just enough chocolate to keep you going until the summer term!”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Easter Bonnet Winners



Luca R1



Oren R2



Ana-Maria 1A



Joshua 1B



Vinnie 2B



Aaron 3A



Mia 3B



Harper 2A



Kasey 4B



Seb Willow



Elizabeth L 4A



Emily 5A



Sofia 5B



Drey 5C



Marharyta 6A



Daria 6B

Summer Term Dates

- **Tuesday 14th April - Return to school**
- **Wednesday 22nd April - EYFS trip to Marsh Farm**
- **Thursday 23rd April - Class Photos**
- **Thursday 23rd April - Year 3 St George's Day assembly to parents**
- **Friday 24th April - Coffee Morning 9:00 - 10:30**
- **Monday 27th April - Year 5 trip to the National Maritime Museum**
- **Wednesday 29th April - Year 3 & 4 Spanish workshops**
- **Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday**
- **Thursday 7th May - School closed for Polling Day**
- **Tuesday 12th May - EYFS & Year 1 Cycle Awareness Day**
- **Thursday 14th May - 4B River trip at The Chase**
- **Friday 15th May - 4A River trip at The Chase**
- **Monday 18th May - Stay and Learn Week**

