



April 2018

Newsletter

Sun Care



We would like to remind parents and carers that this is the time of year in which we can get (if we're lucky) some sunny and warm weather. We have spoken with the children about keeping safe in the sun and would like to encourage them to do the following, on the appropriate days:

- Apply lotion before school
- Bring a cap/sun hat (labelled with name)
- Bring bottle of water

On particularly hot days, we will make changes to our timetable to reduce or break up some of the time spent outside, particularly around the hottest part of the day. Our aim is to ensure that children get to play outside and enjoy the weather but in a safe manner.

Supporting School



Over recent years, the school has been supported greatly by parents and family members through various events often led by Harlow Green Unite. This has led to additional funding being raised which, in this day and age of tightening budgets, we have been able to use to support school resourcing. This year we have been able to:

- Purchase play equipment for break time and lunch times
- Have soft surfacing laid (due half term)
- Purchase furniture which will create a designated adult learning area to enable training and parent sessions
- Redevelop nursery through new furniture (September 2018)

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed time and money so that we are able to continue developing Harlow Green during difficult financial times.

Dogs on School Site



Please remember that dogs are not to be brought on the school site either walked or carried in. Such an enclosed space with children of varying ages is not the environment for dogs who could get overly excited or anxious by those around them.

This is the expectation for the vast majority of schools in Gateshead for the same reasons and we would appreciate it if this could be respected.

Got, Got, Need ...



This term, the Harlow Green football sticker 'Swap Shop' has been organised for children in Key Stage 2. Mr Malik has set up the session for those who are trying their best to complete their Russia 2018 Panini sticker albums.

The Swap Shop will take place every Thursday lunchtime where children can come and chant those immortal words 'got, got, need ...'

The children really enjoyed the first session and, hopefully, more children will bring in their stickers each week so they can get those all-important missing footballers.

Car Parking



We understand that car parking is a difficult aspect for parents/carers driving to school. However, we do not have the facilities to allow parents to drive onto the school site. There are a limited number of exceptions to this but these are specifically agreed in the best interest of the children involved.

It is also essential that cars are not parked in the entrance way to the car park at the barrier as this causes an obstruction, particularly in the event of a fire, but is also dangerous if trying to reverse onto the main road.

Thanks you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

Governor Election



We would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the parent governor election. This is not the easiest process when you have a number of nominees who all would like to give up their time working as a governor to support the school but only some can be selected.

The successful nominees were:

- Mr Wilkinson
- Mrs Sturrock

We are sure that this will again support bringing a parental perspective to the governing body in order to support developments in our provision.

Nursery – Gardening



The children in Nursery have been working hard to prepare their vegetable patch ready for planting. They have helped to turn over the soil and add compost. The boys and girls were then able to plant seed potatoes and onions in the ground. Everyone is hoping to see signs of growth very soon.

Reception – Andy Goldsworthy Art



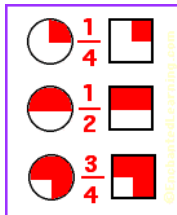
The boys and girls have enjoyed learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children have talked about how the artist uses natural objects to create sculptures. After reading the story 'What the Ladybird Heard' the children also talked about the natural objects that you would find on a farm. The boys and girls then went outside and created their very own art work in the style of Andy Goldsworthy which you can see by visiting our website.

Year 1 – Beamish Visit



Year 1 recently visited Beamish as part of their new topic 'Heritage Hunters'. The children cleaned a pit cottage making sure the pans were polished, the clothes were ironed and the chamber pots were emptied. Yuck! They even went back in time to find out what school was like in 1918. The children used chalk to write their names on slate and used peg boards to subtract numbers within 10. What a brilliant day!

Year 2 – Fraction Frenzy



The children in Year 2 have been practising all the skills they have learned to solve fraction problems. They have proven that they really are fractions superstars. The children are able to: find fractions of amounts, match fractions to images, shade in fractions and compare and order fractions.

Year 3 – Map Detectives



Year 3 have been learning about how maps can be used as primary sources to help us learn about the past. As part of their 'Heritage Hunters' topic, the boys and girls looked at maps ranging from 1862 through to the present day. Year 3 found it really interesting to compare maps of their local area and track changes over time.

Year 4 – What a Mess!



At the beginning of their new topic, Year 4 launched their new book 'Stig of the Dump'. The children received a letter and a bag of rubbish left by Barney. The children made many predictions using evidence collected for what they think their new book will be about.

Year 5 – Holes



In English, Year 5 launched a new text for this half-term. The book is called 'Holes' and in the story boys in a prison camp have to dig a hole 5ft long, 5ft wide and 5ft deep in the desert every day as a punishment. The Year 5s had to go and measure a space that was 5ft to see how big this hole was. The characters all have nicknames in the story too and the children came up with their own nicknames, which showed something about the children's characteristics, like 'Tortoise,' 'Book Worm' and 'Brains.'

Year 6 – Heritage Hunters



Year 6 have begun the school topic 'Heritage Hunters' by looking at modern maps of Harlow Green and locating their houses. The children then played 'Where's Wally' where one pair of children placed a picture of him on a map and the other pair had to ask questions using positional language and points of a compass to locate Wally. The children were very competitive and had great fun.

Summer Term Diary Dates

May

Individual/Class Photos
Summer Fayre
INSET Day

Wed 23rd
Thurs 24th
Fri 25th

Half Term

Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June

June

Glynwood Games
Y6 Bikeability
Year 1 Phonics Screening
Y6 Residential

Fri 8th
Mon 11th – Fri 15th
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Mon 18th – Wed 20th

July

Year 6 Transition Week
Sports Week
Nursery Sports Day
Rec Sports Day
Y1-Y2 Sports Day
Y3-Y6 Sports Day
Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Year 6 Newcastle Visit
Year 6 Performance

Mon 2nd – Fri 6th
Mon 9th – Fri 13th
Wed 11th am and pm
Wed 11th pm
Fri 13th am
Fri 13th pm
Tues 17th 2.30pm
Wed 18th
Thurs 19th 5.00pm

Last Day of Term

Fri 20th