



September 2018

Newsletter

A New Year



It has been wonderful to welcome back all of our pupils, who have been working so hard in their new classes. In particular, we have enjoyed getting to know our new Reception and Nursery children, who have settled in so well.

Please remember that if any issues should arise you should speak with your child's class teacher as soon as possible who will endeavour to help.

Recycling Projects



This term we are looking forward to taking part in a number of projects which will help to reinforce how we can look after our environment:

Article 29 Education must encourage a child's respect for human rights as well as respect for the environment.

We will be collecting small batteries throughout this term, over the next fortnight; we will be setting up a collection station for you to drop your batteries straight into.

In addition, on Tuesday 2nd October we will be having an amnesty of small electrical items such as toasters, kettles etc. If you have any unwanted items, please put these aside, ready to bring into school on that day.

We Love to Read



All of the children have enjoyed choosing books to bring home to read and share with their family. We have an amazing range for the children to choose from and have invested a large sum of money so that we can offer the very best books for your children to read. We will continue to purchase new books over the year, particularly in KS2.

We are sure that parents/carers understand how important this resource is and will support us in ensuring that children show the appropriate respect and care for books. However, we also understand that, from time-to-time there may be an accident. Due to the nature of the replacement costs, please note that there will be a £5 charge for any books that have been lost or damaged.

Macmillan Cake/Coffee Afternoon



On Friday 28th September, we will be hosting a cake / coffee afternoon in support of the Macmillan cancer support, to support the charity's annual 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' event. Donations of biscuits and cakes will be gratefully received from Wednesday 26th September. Please spread the word and bring along friends, neighbours and family members. We look forward to seeing you there.

Nursery Refurbishment



During the summer holidays, the Nursery has undergone a total refurbishment with new furniture and resources. Each area of the Nursery has been carefully developed to facilitate learning linked to the seven areas of the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' curriculum and the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'. We have welcomed the children to our wonderful new classroom and we look forward to seeing our amazing environment being utilised extensively to enable our youngest children to reach their full potential through quality play-based learning experiences.

We still have some places available in Nursery so please contact school if you wish to take up a place or if you would like to apply for a place in the future. If there are any friends or family who are also looking for Nursery options, we would also appreciate it if you could let them know about Harlow Green.

Please note that our Toddler Group continues to run every Friday morning between 9am and 10:30am in our school hall.

Attendance and Punctuality



Regular attendance is linked directly to raising achievement and it will help to give your child the best possible start in life if you can encourage good attendance routines from an early age.

The minimum satisfactory attendance for pupils at Harlow Green is 96% but most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. Many children at our school do in fact achieve 100% attendance either over a term or for the whole school year and this achievement is recognised. We will track absence over the year and follow the school policy to tackle persistent absence. Please ensure your child is in the playground by 8:50am when the school bell rings.

Holidays during term time are not considered to be an exceptional circumstance and will not be authorised. Where children of statutory school age are taken out of school for a holiday during term-time for 5 days or more this will be referred to the local authority for consideration of a fixed penalty notice.

PE



All children in school have two PE lessons per week and children should now have a labelled PE kit in school. This should be brought in at the start of each half term and then school will send it home to be washed at the end of the half term. This means that it does not matter what day PE lessons are on, children will always be prepared and take part. For health and safety reasons, earrings should not be worn for PE or swimming.

Nursery – Welcome Back



We have been welcoming back our returning children who have been eager to catch up and share news about their holidays with their friends. Upon their return, the children were very excited to find lots of new furniture and resources at Nursery and have enjoyed exploring and playing with the new toys.

We have also welcomed some new children to our Nursery who have been visiting with parents and getting used to staying at Nursery on their own. It has been lovely to see the returning children helping them to settle in and make new friends.

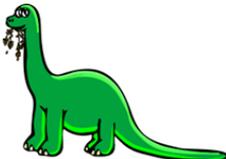
Reception – Getting to know each other



We are so proud of how our Reception children have settled into school especially as their first full weeks have been very busy! The children have had fun both indoors and outdoors and have enjoyed climbing on the adventure playground and exploring the different areas in the classroom.

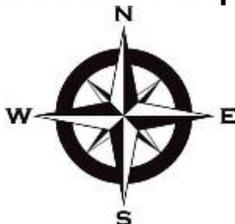
Staff have been greatly impressed at how the children have proudly shared their summer holiday books, recounting their adventures with new friends. It has also been really nice to see that all the children are really enjoying their Read, Write Inc lessons where they are developing their knowledge and use of phonics.

Year 1 – Dinosaur Drama



This term, Year 1 have been going dinosaur crazy! To begin with, the children searched the school grounds to find as many different types of dinosaur as they could. They then made dinosaur headbands to help them act out the story of 'Tyrannosaurus Drip'. In addition, the children have been learning about the job of a palaeontologist and have been hunting for fossils. This has led to children enjoying using clay to make their own fossils!

Year 2 – Marvellous Map Reading



In Geography, the Year 2 children have been hunting the school grounds for map symbols. They have also been learning about compass directions and practising their compass skills by directing a friend around a map. The children are all looking forward to creating their own map and applying their learning of map skills and compass directions.

Year 3 – Place Value Puzzles



In Year 3, the children have been exploring different representations of 3-digit numbers. The boys and girls made 3-digit numbers using counters and solved puzzles involving making the same number in different ways. Children were also beginning to write a calculation to show the number they had made.

Year 4 – Exciting Electricity



During Science lessons, Year 4 have been learning about how electricity is made and used, and presented these facts to the class. They then looked at how electricity travels around a circuit and made their own circuits using different components. They were amazed when they could make a bulb light using just kitchen foil and a battery!

Year 5 – Learning about the 3 'R's



As part of their new start in Year 5, the children have been exploring ideas surrounding the three 'R's: Rights, Responsibilities and Rules. They thought about what the world, our country, our home and school might be like if there were no three 'R's. They then pictured their school and home and drew a scene to depict this.

Year 6 – The RAF Flies In



Year 6 had a very special visitor this month from the RAF to launch their 'Peacekeepers' topic. Corporal Michael Galvin came to talk to the children about his experiences and why he had signed up for the role. The children enjoyed asking questions and handling some different items from Corporal Galvin's working life. They were amazed to find out that fighter jets can fly from Scotland to London in just fifteen minutes! Thank you to Corporal Galvin for his time.

Hot Chocolate Friday Reward KS1/KS2



Mr Malik has had the pleasure of a number of children's company already this term for 'Hot Chocolate Friday'. As a reward for their efforts, teachers have selected children who have consistently been trying their best, been respectful, polite and friendly, helped others and produced work to the highest standard they can.

During the session, hot chocolate and marshmallows are consumed whilst Mr Malik has the opportunity to find out about the fantastic work the children have been doing which has impressed so much.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

September

Early Years parent sessions
Macmillan cake / coffee afternoon

Thurs 27th
Fri 28th

October

Amnesty of small electrical items
Parents Evenings
Half term

Tues 2nd Oct
Mon 15th Tues 16th
Mon 22nd – Fri 26th