



# Harrington Hill Primary School

## Newsletter - Week Commencing 14th May 2018

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### Spring 2 Term

#### Dates for your Diary - May 2018

**Monday 14th to Thursday 17th:** KS2 SATs

Year 6 free breakfast club from 8.15am

#### Mental Health Awareness Week

**Tuesday 15th:** Teddy Bears Picnic—Nursery, Saffron and Citron Class

**Friday 18th:** Coffee Morning

**Friday 18th:** Year 5 Trip Museum of Childhood

**Monday 21st-Thursday 24th:** Healthy Choices Week

**Tuesday 22nd:** Sports Day

#### INSET Day –Friday 25th May

Half term is Monday 28th May -Friday 1st June

#### Dates for your Diary - June 2018

**Monday 4th-Friday 8th:** STEM Week

**Wednesday 13th:** Bike around the Borough

**Monday 18th-Friday 22nd—**Year 6 World of Work Week

**Thursday 21st:** Year 5 Trip Migration Museum  
Year 2 Lime trip to supermarket

**Friday 22nd:** School Fayre 3.30-5.30pm

**Thursday 28th:** Bike around the Borough

### Headteacher's Message



Welcome back to another week of sunshine!

I am delighted to announce that we have won second prize in the primary school category of the Grand Bug Design school competition. Our prize is a bug hotel, provided by The Royal Parks' Mission Invertebrate team incorporating elements of our children's design. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Last Wednesday, the PTFA turned out in force and held another successful cake sale, raising over £70. We are so lucky to have such a bunch of dedicated parents and carers who have put their efforts into creating such events. **THANK YOU!**

Education is an important part of developing as a person and there are many ways of this happening. School takes up a large chunk of a child's life and supports children to form their ideas and develop a thirst for learning. School trips and visits are a valuable part of the learning process. I am excited to announce that on Friday 13th July the whole school will be going on a trip to Clissold Park. All parents and carers who want to can join us for this exciting Harrington Hill community event! More details will follow after half term.

Healthy Choices Week is taking place next week at Harrington Hill and is an opportunity for our school to celebrate and promote children's health and wellbeing. The children all have a busy timetable of activities to help them consider the many aspects to being healthy including healthy eating, the importance of physical activity and having a healthy mind. Our annual Sports Day naturally belongs inside this week and is taking place next Tuesday 22nd May weather permitting. We will be inviting parents and carers to stay with us for a whole school picnic in Springfield Park. A letter will be going out later this week with the final arrangements. As well as helping children to be more active and competitive, school Sports Day is also a chance to enjoy a day in the sunshine altogether. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Please take a look at our new 'Healthy Living' section of our school website. It is full of information and ideas to encourage a healthier lifestyle.

The Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs tests are now underway in school. A test would never be my preferred way of assessing pupils' learning but, for the foreseeable future anyway, they are here to stay. As a school, we have a duty to prepare our children for national and internal tests both practically and emotionally; we would be doing our children a great disservice if we didn't. However, we must always strive for balance: our commitment to the wider curriculum must always remain. So, if your child is sitting the SATs this week remind them of how proud you are of them. Help them place the test in context, whatever the outcome. It should not dampen their dreams and it certainly will not take away their talents. A free SATs breakfast club is being offered this week until Thursday for Year 6 children. Please encourage your child to join us from 8am.

As a reward for all the children's hard work, Year 6 weekly Friday trip to a London attraction begins this week. The children will find out on a Friday morning their destination. Keep an eye out for photographs on the website.

**Just a reminder that school is closed on Friday 25th May as it is an INSET day; we re-open on Monday 4th June at 8.45am following the half term break.**

**Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.  
Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.**

*Helen Keller*

**Best Wishes, Kirstie Barrett—Head of School**

#### Term Dates

##### Summer 2018

Half term is Monday 28th May -Friday 1st June

##### INSET Day –Friday 25th May

End of term is Friday 20th July

##### Autumn 2018

**INSET Day – Monday 3 September 2018 – School closed to pupils**

Start – Tuesday 4 September 2018

Half Term - Monday 22 October- Friday 26 October

### Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance 97.9%

*Please support us to achieve the school's target of 97%*

Class	Attendance%
Indigo	90.1
Saffron	96.9
Citron	96.4
Apple	100.0
Lime	99.0
Olive	99.0
Sage	98.5
Azure	98.0
Sky	99.5
Cobalt	97.7
Copper	100.0
Amber	97.5
Emerald	98.9
Jade	92.9
Diamond	96.7
Crystal	100.0

