



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter - Week Commencing 16th April 2018

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Spring 2 Term

Dates for your Diary - April 2018

Thursday 19th: Choir singing at retirement home

Friday 20th: Coffee Morning

Monday 23rd: KS1 SATs information session parents at 9am

Thursday 26th: Lime & Apple Learning Assembly

Dates for your Diary - May 2018

Thursday 3rd: Sage & Olive Learning Assembly

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th: School photographs

Friday 4th: Coffee Morning

Monday 7th: May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

Friday 11th: Coffee Morning

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th: KS2 SATs

Friday 18th: Coffee Morning

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

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

Term dates for 2018-2019 are available on the school website under parents section.

Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance 95.7%

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

Class	Attendance%
Indigo	88.0
Saffron	90.8
Citron	91.4
Apple	97.1
Lime	94.3
Olive	95.6
Sage	97.2
Azure	92.1
Sky	97.9
Cobalt	98.2
Copper	95.8
Amber	95.4
Emerald	98.3
Jade	99.3
Aqua	98.3
Sapphire	97.4

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to school and the start of the Summer term. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday despite the wet weather over the break. Thankfully, the sun is now looking like it is on its way. This is a busy term ahead with many exciting trips, productions, specialist weeks and special events including: 'Healthy Choices Week' to end this half term which includes our annual Sports' Day event; 'STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - Week' to start next half term; 'Hispanic Week'; a Summer Fayre and even a whole school trip! I hope you will be able to join us in celebrating these occasions.

Year 6 SATs week will soon be upon us and we are confident that the children will be ready to tackle these test papers. There is nothing for you or the children to worry about but if you have any questions or concerns please let us know and we will do our best to answer them for you.

There is an important information session for Year 2 parents and carers on Monday 23rd April at 9am in the Harrington Hill hall. This session will last no more than 30 minutes and will be an opportunity for us to discuss the assessment arrangements for pupils nationally in Year 2. We look to seeing you all there.

A rich and exciting curriculum, full of enriching opportunities for the children remains our focus. I am delighted to announce that we have updated the topic curriculum for pupils in Years 1 to 6 to ensure it is relevant and engaging for our children. The children will begin their new topics today and I look forward to hearing feedback from staff, children, parents and carers.

Another strength of Harrington Hill is the professional development we are able to offer our teachers to ensure the quality of teaching and learning is excellent. As a community we pride ourselves in continuously 'striving for excellence' and this is across all we do, including looking after and developing our staff. You may notice on some mornings or afternoons that your child's Class Teacher is not in the classroom. This is usually because they are either meeting other professionals to develop their practice; observing another teacher either within school or within our HTSA (Hackney Teaching Schools' Alliance) or attending another training session and very rarely because the teacher is absent. We are very fortunate to have Mr. John, a very experienced teacher, available to enable us to develop staff in this manner whilst also ensuring consistency for the children.

Year 3 will be starting swimming this term for the first time which is very exciting and will enable them to learn a very valuable life skill whilst keeping fit and having fun at the same time. The importance of swimming lessons for water safety can't be overstated. Everyone and especially children should be able to swim. In addition to saving lives, being able to swim has a lot of benefits in itself: The health benefits of swimming are numerous.

- It trains the cardiovascular system, is a low-impact exercise and a great whole body workout.
- There are also several psychological benefits of swimming. A swim session at the pool relaxes the mind, uplifts the spirit and is also often an occasion for social contacts.
- Besides this, swimming is also a recreational activity to have with friends and when it's hot outside.
- Being able to swim opens up a lot of recreational possibilities that wouldn't be safe to practice otherwise: surfing, kayaking and boat fishing to name a few.

Mrs. Moore, Sapphire Class Teacher, has started her maternity slightly earlier than expected. I am delighted to welcome by Mr. Keech to our Year 6 teaching team. Mr. Keech has already spent time at Harrington Hill with Year 6 to ensure a smooth transition.

The HHPTFA Easter Egg Tombolo on the last Tuesday before the end of term raised £171! What a great success that wouldn't have been possible without the support of the HHPTFA members, site managers, staff, all who donated Easter eggs and all the parents, carers and children who purchased tickets. A big thank for making this event another success. It's amazing what we can do as a community.

I would like to thank parents and carers for your attendance at our recent parents' evening on Thursday 15th March. The attendance was 94%, which is fantastic. It was such a positive experience and we hope we have given you all the information you need. Please remember, if you ever need any more information, you can call the school to make an appointment with your child's teacher. A letter has been sent to parents and carers who could not attend parents' evening to arrange an appointment in the next few weeks.

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

John Steinbeck

Best Wishes, Kirstie Barrett—Head of School



Congratulations to the following Attendance Heroes who received a gold medal for attending school EVERY day in the Spring term!



* Children in **BOLD** have had 100% attendance since September

Esther M	Samir	Albert	Amariah
Yasmine	Cayleb	David M	Melis
Ellis	Lucas	Kenayah	Nana
Haroun	Maame Serwaa	David D	Renee
Szymon	Amari	Brittany	Muhamed B
Imran	Illyas	Kymarni	Denis C
Ashleigh	Yaser	Matean	Alina
Princess	Nicole	Nil	Isra
Remi-Junior	Alie	Patryk	Felicio
Makari	Fred	Lucerito	Edilgia
Berkay	Jeet	Lera	Jamal
Cristal	Maggie	Clifford	Paulina
Yagmur	Naia-Eve	Emmanual	Luis
Mikiyas	Samiya	Chahinez	Jeni
Munira	Monia	Inacia	Maria Angeles
Edily	Yagmur	Adeejah	Guy
Mateusz	Emre	Anas	

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is allocated to schools to support children who are currently eligible for free school meals or have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years; children who are 'looked after' by the local authority or those who have left care through adoption, special guardianship order, child arrangements or a residence order and children of service personnel in the armed forces. This Pupil Premium funding represents a significant proportion of our budget and we are grateful to all those parents and carers who have applied for free school meals to see if their children are eligible. Even though all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 currently receive free school dinners, completing this form could raise money for our school as, if you are eligible for free school meals, the school will get this additional funding. We use the money in ways that enable all children to maximise their learning, although it is targeted at the children who receive it. You only need to apply once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at school. You need to apply online at:

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/schools/Pages/>

Messages!

HHPTFA

Easter Egg Tombola



Raised £117!

What a great success again, A big thank for making this event another success. It's amazing what we can do this as a community.



Please Help

We need your help to fill the new wooden planters for the playground.



If you would like to donate any plants, soil, flowers, bulbs, herbs or shrubs we would be very grateful. Please leave any donations at either school offices.



New Summer Food Menu

We work hard to provide the children of Harrington Hill with a healthy balanced meal. Our charges for a school meal are currently £2.20 a meal. *Please see website for further details*