



Harvey Road School News

Newsletter 4

6th November 2020

National restrictions

As the start of November sees the start of a further lockdown, I am grateful that schools can this time remain open. It is clear that school is the best place to support children's health and wellbeing as well as their continued learning. Whilst most normal school routines can continue, teachers and I are aware that the lockdown may still have an impact on everyone. If you have any concerns about your child or feel the school could provide additional pastoral support, please do arrange to speak with the class teacher.

Sadly, under these temporary restrictions we are not allowed to run extra-curricular sports and activity clubs. These will all be stopping with immediate effect until the end of lockdown. Our Breakfast Club and After School Club are an exemption as they provides childcare for parents to work, seek work or attend training.

As you will know, we are all currently required to stay at home where possible and can only mix with one other person outside. Could I please ask you to be mindful of this on the playground, avoid congregating in small groups and socially distance at all times. It is also important that you do not arrive on site more than a few minutes before your child is due to go into class and you leave as soon as you have dropped them off. The same applies at the end of the day. Please leave the school site as soon as your child/ren have come out of their classes. Whilst this appears draconian, it is an important step towards protecting the health of our school community. Thank you for your support.

Virtual School Tour

Normally at this time of year we are beginning to welcome prospective parents into the school who would be looking for their children to start in Reception or Nursery in September 2021. We have made the cautious decision not to hold these school tours to reduce the risk of virus transmission. Instead we will be producing a virtual open day film which will be placed on our website for any parents who are interested in finding out more about the school. Filming is taking place on Monday 9th November and Nursery, classes 2, 4 and 6 will be involved. This will be an exciting day for the school with lots of interesting things taking place both inside and outside the school - not least a film crew walking round and a drone in the sky! Thank you to those parents in these classes who have given consent for their child to be involved and I look forward to sharing the film with you all. A huge thank you to Mr Orgill for his significant involvement in this project.

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have recently received a Headteacher's award.

Scarlett, Emily, class 1

Rishabh, Chaz, Moses, Luigi, class 4

Amar, class 5

Parent consultations

I hope that your parent consultation phone call before half-term was useful and productive. I am very conscious that it may appear that school life and the children's learning is a little inaccessible to parents at the moment. Whilst these phone calls have been a formal way to keep you informed about what your child is learning and how they are doing, our Let's Talk initiative is still very much in operation. If you wish to meet with the class teacher at any time to talk about anything or just seek an update on your child, please do write a note in their link book/homework diary or call the office to book an appointment. On a 1:1 basis parents are able to come into school before or after school and meet with the class teacher in a socially distanced and safe way.

Egyptian Day

Year 4 had a wonderful day this week dressed in their finest Ancient Egyptian wear and learning all about this period of history from a 'real archaeologist'! They have come away with hundreds of facts, some quite gory, about the Egyptians and enjoyed wrapping each other like mummies with toilet paper!!



Kind regards

N Rowlands

Headteacher

PTA News

Halloween Non-uniform Day

Thank you so much to everyone for their generous donations towards the non-uniform day and to sponsor Mr Rowlands to dress up for Halloween.

It was fantastic to see the children and parents smiling and laughing as they arrived at school and saw Mr Rowlands dressed as an inflatable pumpkin – I'm sure you will agree he was a good sport!

We raised over £800 which is fantastic.

PTA Committee Members needed!

We are looking for volunteers to join the PTA committee and help organise fun events whilst raising money for the school! We are looking for a Secretary as well as general committee members- it's a great way to get more involved in the school and meet other parents. If you would like more information please contact the school office.