



Harvey Road School News

Newsletter 1

10 September 2021

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back!

The new school term is now in full swing and I am pleased with how well the children are settling into their new classes, particularly our youngest children in Nursery and Reception. Welcome to all the new families who have joined our school this term, I hope you too are starting to feel settled into the new routines. Please do speak with class teachers or call the school office if you have any questions.

I am delighted to say that all children have returned to school and our attendance so far has been excellent. Please try to help your child organise themselves for the day, remembering bags, PE kits and water bottles. School starts at 8.55am (9am for nursery) and it is very important that children are ready on the playground to line up when the bell rings at this time.



Today we appointed our new School Councillors and Eco-Battlers following some closely fought elections in class. Well done to everyone who took part in the election process and I am looking forward to working with our newly appointed officers. Thank you to Keith Martin, the Chair of the Three Rivers District Council who attended our election assembly today.

Teachers, office staff and myself are all available if you have any questions or queries about this term or concerns about your child. Appointments can be booked through the school office or by catching the teacher on the playground. Mrs White, our SENCO, is also available to meet with parents on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Collection arrangements

If your child is being collected by someone different to normal, please let teachers know by writing in your child's link book or homework diary. Messages should only be sent via the school office if there is a last minute change.

School photographs

Tempest Photography is coming into school on Wednesday 15th September to take individual and sibling photographs of the children. Could you please make sure they have their school jumper or cardigan with them on this day.

Class assemblies

Our class assemblies for the year have been planned for the year as follows. Parents are invited to attend either in person or virtually and this will be confirmed two weeks prior to the assembly. They will start around 9.15am in the main hall.

14th October – class 5

10th November – class 3

24th February – class 1

5th May – class 4

16th June – class 2

20th July – class 6 leavers assembly (10am)

Queen's Jubilee bank holiday

This year we have an extra bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. As this falls during the May half-term, Hertfordshire County Council have advised us to allocate a different day during the school term. The school will therefore be closed on Friday 26th November 2021.

Packed lunches

We work very hard to raise the awareness of healthy eating in the school. For this reason I would like to remind you of our guidelines for the contents of a child's packed lunch.

Some examples of the kinds of things that could be in a packed lunch are: sandwiches/rolls/wraps, a piece of fresh fruit, yoghurt, cheese, cold meats, cereal bar, dried fruit, water or fruit juice.

- It will be assumed that only food that your child likes will be included and that the amount sent in is what parents expect should be eaten.
- Sweets and chocolate will **NOT** be included in packed lunches or snacks since we encourage a healthy eating approach within the school. This includes chocolate bars, chocolate covered biscuits, chocolate cake and chocolate spread in sandwiches.
- **As we have children with nut allergies we are a nut free school. Consequently, please do not include peanut butter sandwiches, nutella sandwiches or any nuts in the packed lunch.**
- All food must be suitably wrapped and placed in a named lunch box.
- Drinks may be brought in cartons or named plastic bottles. A beaker of water will be available for children who do not bring their own drink. Cans, fizzy drinks, glass bottles and chocolate based drinks should NOT be brought in.
- Please cut all sandwiches into suitably sized pieces, preferably 'quarters' rather than 'halves' for our youngest children.
- Spoons will need to be provided for yoghurts etc.
- Lunchtime staff will encourage children to finish their packed lunches. If this proves difficult and there is a significant amount of food left, then they will inform teachers who will in turn notify you.
- All empty cartons, wrappings and any uneaten food will be placed in their lunch boxes and be taken home. This ensures that you can monitor what your child is and is not eating.

New staff

I am delighted to welcome 3 new members of staff: Mrs Udall and Miss Haydon are joining the SEN team and Miss Smith is the new LSA in class 5.

Annual safeguarding statement

Harvey Road School takes safeguarding of children very seriously. If we have any concerns about a child, we will always act on it in accordance with our Child Protection Policy. This may or may not include speaking with parents depending on the nature of the concern. Our updated policy is due to be signed off by governors today week and will be on our website for you to see.

Nasal Flu vaccinations

These are taking place for year reception to 6 on Thursday 7th October. Forms have been sent home this week on which you can say if you do or do not want your child to be vaccinated. Please return forms by Friday 17th September.

Harvey Road Skills Academy

Our School Council would like to revolutionise our current Key Stage 2 Golden Time sessions that happen each Friday afternoon. Instead of Gold Time the Skills Academy will give children the opportunity to explore new and existing interests and hobbies.

We need parents to volunteer to run these activities and work with a mixed bubble of children (Years 3&4 or 5&6). They will take place for 6 weeks each half-term on a Friday afternoon from 2.30-3.10pm.

Ideas for activities:

Explorers / nature	Music	Dance	Map reading
Photography	Art	Chess	Website design
Cooking	Coding	Creative writing	Journalism
Typing club	Book club	Languages	Languages
First aid	Drama	Singing	
Gardening	Clay	Junk modelling	
	Sewing	Recorders	

If you would like to help share a skill or interest with the children a parentmail form to sign up has been sent to all parents in Key Stage 2. Parents in other year groups are welcome to get involved by contacting the school office.

Kind regards,
N Rowlands
Headteacher

PTA News

Welcome Back Fair

Final preparations are underway! Only 2 weeks to go, so please keep telling your family & friends and sharing on your social media channels.

Tombola

All Parents - we will be asking for donations of alcohol and chocolate for the Tombola stall. A reminder will go out in book bags next week to drop them off on Friday 17th September after school drop off.

Drop off area for donations will be up on the school field this year by the PTA shed.

We also need some volunteers to help with the ticketing of the bottles and chocolates after drop off on that day. Just head up onto the field next to the swimming pool.

Stalls

Thank you to everyone who has put their name forward to volunteer. If you are able to, please volunteer to help set up and man your class stall on the day. The more volunteers we have the more we can share the load and everyone can enjoy themselves.

We also need help clearing away at the end of the day so please offer to help if you can. The more volunteers we have the quicker we can pack up and enjoy the rest of the day.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning this week. We hope that you enjoyed having a chat in the sunshine and getting to know some of your fellow parents.

Thank you
PTA Team