



Harvey Road School News

Newsletter 2

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Dear parents and carers

Relationships and Sex Education consultation

A reminder of our consultation meeting on the subject of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) which is taking place on Wednesday 29th September at 6pm in the school hall.

Harvey Road School has followed a Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy since 2013. Feedback from parents over the years has been extremely positive and I would now like to introduce some changes to what we teach that reflect the changes that are happening within our community.

RSE is an essential part of our curriculum and as such the school plays an important role in supporting your child's knowledge and values on this subject. With this in mind, it is our intention to review the different areas that are covered so that our curriculum not only reflects the key biological and physiological changes that happen when children grow into adults, but also considers the views and values that are held by you and our local community.

The purpose of the consultation is for governors and I to understand your perspectives on a newly revised policy and consider how your views can be reflected in what we talk to children about. This means your opinions will shape the policy and the way we deliver this subject over the next 4 years.

Governors and I will go through the areas we are considering to cover, what changes we are proposing and why. There will no doubt be many different views on what should and what should not be included within the RSE curriculum. Governors and I will consider the general consensus of opinion shared at this consultation and write to you afterwards with the final version of the RSE policy.

If you are unable to attend this meeting but have views that you would like to share then please email Mrs Boichat who will forward this information to me.

Remote learning during pupil absence

I want to thank those parents who have kept their children off school this week whilst waiting for a PCR test result as their child has symptoms. Many have made enquiries about remote learning and remote access to the classroom so I thought it would be helpful to clarify our practices this term.

- If your child is unwell then they need to rest and recuperate and so there will be no provision of remote learning.
- If your child would have been well enough to attend school but you are waiting for PCR test results, then we can arrange for remote learning from day 2. You will need to contact the school office and a member of the classroom team will contact you to give you access to the learning.

Christmas card competition

Today I launched our Christmas card competition. Children should design a card using felt tip pens and the winning entry will be the official Christmas card for Harvey Road School. Entries should be A5 sized and the deadline is Friday 8th October. Entries should be handed to class teachers.

Morrisons - FREE gardening equipment for your school

Morrisons are running a scheme to provide gardening equipment to local schools. For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you will get a Grow Token which we exchange for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing. All you need to do is download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose our school as the one you would like to donate to.

Year 4 music lessons

We are delighted that Herts Music Service are sponsoring us to take part in the First Access programme. This will enable the class to have a group instrumental lesson on the cornet once a week with Lewis, our brass teacher.

The cornets are provided by Herts Music Service and the lessons will take place on a Friday afternoon. The cornets will initially be kept in school but once the children have learned how to look after them, they will be allowed to bring them home to practice on. These lessons should give all the class a unique opportunity to learn an orchestral instrument and to have lots of fun with their friends at the same time. I am very much looking forward to hearing their performance at the end of the year.

Website developments

We are in the process of changing our website and we hope to have it go live in the new year. In the meanwhile, I would like to thank Julian Orgill and Erik Bramall for their invaluable support and the time they have given to this project.

Kind regards,
N Rowlands
Headteacher

PTA News

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Welcome Back Fair on Saturday. The sun shone, the band rocked, games were played, lots of prizes were won & we ran out of Prosecco!

It was the first PTA social event that we've been able to hold in over two years, so we were extremely happy to see so many families having lots of fun on the school field.

The icing on the cake is that we raised £2,500 for the PTA, including a generous £250 donation courtesy of Natalie Reynolds from Stylecheat, which is fantastic!

We will be putting together a plan for how best to use this money (together with the funds raised during 2020/21) and will share this with you over the coming weeks.

Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you at our next event – the Christmas fair on Saturday 4th December!