



Harvey Road School News

Newsletter 8

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Dear Parents and Carers



As we reach the end of term, I would like to thank all of you for your support, kind words and gifts over the last few weeks. Managing the recent covid outbreak has been challenging for the children, you as parents and all the staff. A great deal of understanding and patience has been shown by those who have been required to stay at home and do remote learning and the children at home have been incredibly resilient and determined to continue learning. Many families have been asked to take your children for PCR tests and we are grateful for your co-operation with this as it has certainly be a factor in containing the outbreak. Finally, I would like to thank the school staff who have worked exceptionally hard over this time, ensuring the children at school and at home are cared for, supported and above all enjoyed all the celebrations and traditions of a Harvey Road Christmas.

As outlined in my recent letter, we have been asked by public health to continue our outbreak management plan until the end of the full first week of term. This means that the following measures will be in place until Friday 14th January, at which point they will be reviewed:

- children to remain in single class bubbles with unisex toilets; zoned playgrounds; online assemblies
- Breakfast and After School Club will remain open
- no activity clubs and letting activities until after 14th January
- staggered drop off and collection times
- outside equipment should not be used by children at drop off or collection time
- communication with teachers and office staff will be primarily through email or phone
- parents to wear face masks when coming on site and use one way system in and out of school
- library books and reading books will need to be quarantined for 72 hours before they go back into circulation. Please do not bring in any other items from home for this reason.

All children will be expected to attend school as normal. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's attendance, please contact the office to arrange a meeting with me.

If your child tests positive for covid during the school holidays, please email the office on admin@harveyroad.herts.sch.uk so we can monitor trends and seek advice from public health if required. Please do not leave message on the school answerphone until the first day of term.

Of course, the worst case scenario would be that we go into some kind of lockdown and are only permitted to allow keyworker and vulnerable children into school, with the rest of the class learning remotely. Whilst we very much hope this will not be the case, I have asked teachers to be prepared for this eventuality and we will communicate with you should we receive this notification.

Thank you

Thank you for all the kind words and gifts you have given staff and myself. This has really helped to keep us going through the last few days and it is much appreciated.

End of term awards

Congratulations to the following children who were all trophy winners in our end of term assembly. There will be some more photos to share in the new year.

EYFS Jelly Cup	Shay, Reception
Thanks for Thinking Cup	Sarah, Class 6
Maths Cup	Isla, Class 6
Music Cup	Dexter, Class 4
Communication Cup	Jack, Class 4
PE Cup	Ozzy, Class 5
Computing Cup	Darcy, Class 5
Creative Cup	Violet, Class 4
Excellent Progress Cup	Yehen, Class 6



Excellent Progress award

I am delighted to say that Violet in class 4 received an Excellent Progress award last week for her fantastic work in D&T, designing and creating a wonderful money container and helping others do the same. Well done Violet!

Carol concert

Sadly, we have not been able to hold a carol concert again this year, but I am delighted to be able to share with you an online version. I hope you enjoy it <https://youtu.be/sNLk7KB4hEA>

Headteacher awards

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

Class 1 – Ivy

Class 2 – Vivan

Class 4 – Ruby

Class 6 – Amar, Sachin

Relationships and Sex Education

Following the recent governor board meeting we have now finalised the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy which will now be in place for the next 4 years.

This policy (attached) was written in partnership with you through an open consultation in October this year. Your views led to us making significant changes to this important programme of work and I would like to thank you for your contributions that you made.

In light of this success, I will be writing to you in the New Year with a second consultation proposal.

School meals

The menu for next term is now on parentmail. Please make sure you have placed orders 7 days in advance.

Nursery Open Morning *change of date*

If you are looking for a place in our Nursery for September 2022, you are invited to our admissions open morning on Saturday 22 January. Mrs Stevens, Head of Early Years, Mrs Martin, Nursery teacher and myself will be talking about our nursery provision and answering your questions. There will also be an opportunity to look around the nursery and school. You are welcome to bring your children as the nursery classroom will be open as a crèche while you listen to the presentation in the main hall. To book a place please contact Nicola in the school office. Please also share this information with other families in the community.

Happy holidays!

I would like to wish all our families, a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful holiday. Thank you for your continued support this term. I look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 6th January, starting at the same staggered start times as we have had this week.

Kind regards,
N Rowlands
Headteacher