

# The Pinner Park Post



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## We Will Remember Them...

During the First World War some of the worst fighting took place in France and Belgium. After the war had finished, the only thing that seemed to grow on the fields were poppies.

After the War ended, the poppy became a symbol of Remembrance. On the first anniversary of the end of the war, a service was held in memory of all those who had fought. At 11 o'clock, the same time that the Armistice (peace agreement) was signed there was a Two Minute Silence.



Now, every year on 11 November we stop for a moment and we think. This allows us to remember or think about all those people who are affected by wars, both in the past and now. It allows us to think about all those people who suffer in wars all around the world. It reminds us how important it is to work for peace.

This extract from "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon is often read at Remembrance Services:

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

Headteacher

## Governing Board – Parent and Foundation Governors

We are inviting nominations for the role of parent governor. The information has been sent to all parents by School Ping. If there are more than two nominations, we will hold an election.

The Governing Board works hard on behalf of the school's children. The board provides challenge and support to ensure that the school can be the very best version of itself, for the benefit of all our learners.



Please do consider whether this role may suit you. If you have any questions about the role, please do ask us.

## School Closure due to General Election

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It has been confirmed that a General Election will take place on Thursday 12 December. Furthermore, we have received notification that Pinner Park Primary School will be used as a polling venue.



Therefore, the school will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 12 December.

We are sorry for the inconvenience that this may cause.

## Parking

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We still have a small but significant number of drivers who are parking illegally, causing great disruption to the local roads and putting our children's lives at risk.

To be clear, we do not expect to see any Pinner Park Parents parking on the yellow zig-zags outside school during the times when parking is restricted.

We have asked Harrow Council and the local police to patrol as frequently as possible to enforce this.

Additionally, there is an area outside the school which is restricted to drivers with disabilities, who display a blue badge. If other drivers park in this area, some of our parents with blue badges are unable to drop their children safely at school. Please do not park in this area unless you have a blue badge.



## Morning Entry into School – Years 3 - 5

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We operate a 'soft start' to school for our older children. This means that children can come into school any time between 8.45am and 8.55am. We do this because it is a calmer start to the day, and also gives some flexibility to parents who are dropping off other children.

In operating a 'soft start' we hope to reduce the need to queue, and avoid the difficulties associated with getting so many children into school at the same time.

Even with a 'soft start' we still have quite a gathering of children in the morning which has caused some difficulty for other children and parents to navigate around the playgrounds. To resolve this, we are now asking children to line up alongside the school building to leave the route around the school clear for others.

Thanks for your support with this.

## Bag2School: Wednesday 13 November

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We have organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA.

You have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reusing.

You will receive a bag today. If you fill the donation bag, and still have more, then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Please return your bags Wednesday 13 November by 9am. They will be collected shortly after.

Please do not drop them off before this date because we do not have the space to store lots of bags!

## Anti-Bullying Week: Change Starts with Us

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Next week we will be joining with many schools and organisations as we participate in Anti-Bullying Week.

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to: stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn.

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Change Starts with Us'. We'll be talking to the children about:

- Our definition of bullying
- Being ready, respectful, safe and kind
- Bullying as a serious issue
- Being responsible for our actions
- How a small change can make a big difference

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