

# The Pinner Park Poet

Special Edition



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## Remembering Dame Vera Lynn

It was only a short while ago that we were remembering VE Day. Our [video compilation](#) had one of Dame Vera Lynn's most famous songs, 'We'll meet again' as its backing track.

I am sure that you will have seen the news that Vera Lynn died last month, aged 103. Throughout her life, Vera used her gift for singing to bring hope and joy to people in their time of need. She counted it a privilege to be able to help people in this way. She is reported to have said once, 'I got so many letters. I still get them now, and I'm always moved by them. It seemed extraordinary that soldiers would come back from the war and write to thank me for what I had done. It made me feel very humble, and that's why I've always done everything I can to thank them back.'



We hope that our Pinner Park children will consider it a privilege to help others and to bring joy to others during their lives. What a wonderful gift we are all able to give to those we encounter.

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

Headteacher

## All About Me



At this time of year we would usually do some 'All About Me' activities in class. These activities are designed to provide information directly from your child to his or her new class teacher.

This year we have created an online 'All About Me' form. This is an opportunity for your child to talk about themselves, and to tell their new teacher what they need to know.

Teachers will have conversations with your child's current teacher but we think it is important that children get to say what's important to them too!

[The online form can be found here.](#) Please encourage your child to complete the form – younger children will need some help to complete it (and that's just fine, of course!)

## Years 2, 3 and 4 – Get Together

We enjoyed seeing some of our children back in school over the last week to meet with their teacher.



The dates and times of the final get-together meetings are as follows:

Class	Date	Time
2 Chestnut Boys	Thursday 16th	12.30 - 1.45
2 Chestnut Girls		2.00 - 3.15
4 Willow Boys	Thursday 16th	9.15 - 10.30
4 Willow Girls		10.45 - 12.00

## Harrow School Travel Survey



Harrow Council has been asked by the Minister for Roads, Buses and Places, to conduct a survey regarding how children and young people travel to schools and colleges in Harrow.

This is to evaluate the possible impact on travel in London following proposed changes to Transport for London's (TfL) travel arrangements, including social distancing.

We are asking all parents and carers to complete this survey on how their child/children travel to and from school currently and what choices they will make in the future.

The results of the survey will help Harrow Council, TfL and the government to better understand and plan for the impact of the changed TfL travel requirements on home to school journeys

We would be very grateful if you could complete the survey which can be found at [www.harrow.gov.uk/schooltravelsurvey](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooltravelsurvey).

The survey will close on 24 July 2020. Thank you, in advance, for contributing to this research.

## Connecting with Small, Local, Independent Businesses

We are working with our PTA to explore a new project which will support the school, local families and local businesses. The concept is at a very early stage and we would like to consult with some local businesses to gather some feedback on the idea.

If you, or anyone you know, manages or owns a small, independent, local business, we'd love to hear from you – we are hoping that we have found a way that we can support each other, and local families. Please complete [this short, simple form](#) if you are interested in further information.



## End of Term

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The final day of the Summer term is this Friday, 17 July. For those children in school on Fridays, please note that we will end the day at the 'new normal' times:

Birch classes at 2.40pm, Chestnut classes at 2.55pm, Oak classes at 3.10pm and Willow classes at 3.25pm.

## Pupil Reports

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We are currently distributing the end of year school reports. Where pupils are in school, or coming in for a get-together, we'll send the report home with them. We'll post out any which we are unable to distribute within school.

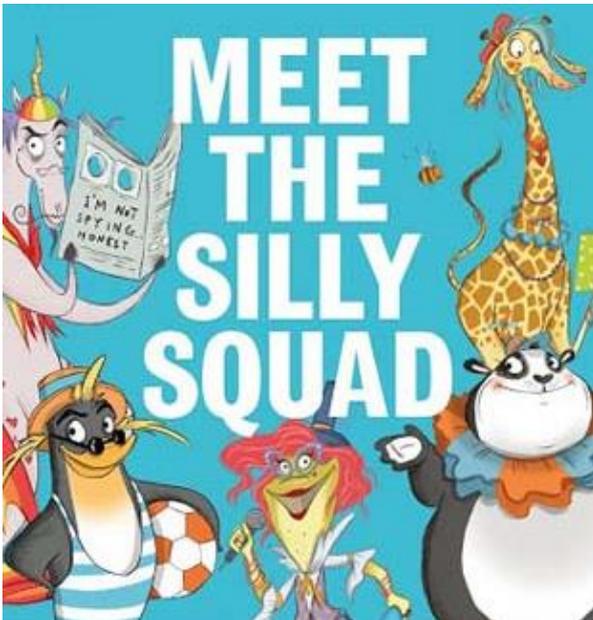


We have taken a proportionate approach in deciding what information to include in pupils' reports this year. The reports were written before the wider opening of school and it has not been possible for reports to cover the period of partial school closures. The reports have a section regarding the children's learning up to the period of school closure and also some general comments. We have also included some attendance information which is for the period from September up to February half term.

There is an opportunity to contribute towards your child's report by [completing an online form](#). If you are unable to access the online form, please do send back the slip at the bottom of your report letter.

## Meet the Silly Squad – Summer Reading Challenge

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Harrow Libraries, in conjunction with The Reading Agency, are once again participating in the Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge is the biggest children's reading for pleasure programme in the UK. Last year over 700,000 children and their families took part.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020 will run from June to September and the theme for 2020 is 'Silly Squad'. The aim is to encourage children to read whatever makes them happy, get silly and have fun!

Children can sign up for the challenge at [www.sillysquad.com](http://www.sillysquad.com) and can set their own targets for books read this year.

It would be wonderful if all our Pinner Park children took part in this wonderful, free activity.

**KEEP UP TO DATE ON OUR WEBSITE**  
<http://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk>



## Introducing Classlist - Join this week!



Yesterday we sent out an email to each parent with a personal link to sign up for Classlist.

Classlist is the app and web portal which you will be able to use for parent-to-parent conversations. It will be used in the same way as the WhatsApp groups are currently used (we won't be using the WhatsApp groups from September). The app will also be used by our PTA to keep you up to date with everything. We won't be using it for school-to-parent communications – we'll carry on using School Ping – Classlist is very much 'by parents, for parents'.

To join Classlist, please use the information in the email we sent yesterday – the link in the email enables you to join as a 'pre-approved' parent. If you didn't receive the email, you are welcome to use the following link: <https://classlist.page.link/abfmXP9VbndyLcWM9>

**Please remember to join the class group(s) your child(ren) will be in when school returns in September.**

## Benefits Related Free School Meals – Voucher Update

Last week we sent voucher codes to each of our families who are eligible for free school meals. The codes were sent by email and can be activated through the Edenred website:

<http://www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk/>

If you have not seen the email, please check your spam and junk folders.

The vouchers each had a value of £45 to cover the final three weeks of term. This code will need to be converted to a supermarket voucher, through the Edenred website, by 7<sup>th</sup> August.

This week, we are sending a new code, by email, which is for £105. This is to cover the Summer holiday period. You can convert this code to a supermarket voucher, through the Edenred website, from Monday 20 July (and it must be converted by 19 August). If you have not received your voucher code, or if you need any help, please do get in touch with us as soon as possible.

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## Year 6 Instrumental Tuition – Return of Hire Instruments



If your child is in Year 6 and has been learning an instrument through school, they may have been using a hire instrument. If you have a hire instrument at home, please can you return it to school before the end of term.

Thank you.