

# The Pinner Park Poem

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## A Personal Note of Thanks

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be my last newsletter of the school year. This is number 72 since the start of the school year and 49 since the outset of the disruption to school life caused by the Covid-19 pandemic!

Just over a year ago, I met the school's newly-formed, joint governing board for the first time. This was an exciting time for Pinner Park. The plan for an amalgamated primary school was at the final stages of implementation and I was appointed to be its first substantive headteacher. What an honour. I started my official duties in September.

Although this year panned out in ways we would never have expected, I want to tell you that I am proud of our school community. There has been a great deal of change over the last year, and the support of children, staff, parents and governors has been appreciated.

I want to thank all our staff, governors, parents, children and members of the local community who have been part of the first chapter of the story of Pinner Park Primary School, building on the long history of the two schools working in partnership. It has been my privilege to play a part in that journey this year.

Schools have always been about community - the learning community, the 'family' community, and the local community. It has always been my passion to not only build a school but to build community.

The work continues. And I am so pleased that the school community is in such safe hands with our governing board, school leaders and staff team who will continue to move the school forward over the next year. I know that you will support us in every way that you can.

Very best wishes for a super summer,

*Nick Waldron*

Headteacher

## All About Me

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If your child has not yet had the opportunity to complete the 'All About Me' form, please can we encourage you to support them with it.

The 'All About Me' form will go straight to your child's new teacher and will help them to get to know your child.

[The online form can be found here.](#)

## Harrow School Travel Survey

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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

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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.



## 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 <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> 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.

## Collection and Return of Items – Final Chance!

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It has been lovely to see some parents and children back in school over the last few weeks. Lots of parents have popped in to bring back library books and other items as well as collecting children's personal items.

We are opening the school for one last opportunity to return items and to collect children's PE kits and personal possessions. This will be next Tuesday, 21 July, from 9.30am to 12.00pm.



## Classlist – Parent to Parent Communications

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Thank you to everyone who has signed up to use Classlist. This is the parent-to-parent communication tool which will also be used by our PTA – it will replace the WhatsApp lists currently being used.

To join Classlist, please use the information in the email we sent this week – 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

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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 have sent 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.

# Free school meal VOUCHERS

## Governing Board Update

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The school's Governing Board have continued to work throughout the year – moving to online meetings over the past few months.

The Governing Board works in partnership with the school's leadership team - it provides support and challenge with the aim of making Pinner Park the very best it can be.

The Governing Board has been led by Bhavin Savla as Chair. He has led the work of the Board through the appointment of a new headteacher, the amalgamation of the two schools, and through Covid-19. Bhavin had previously been governor and Chair of the Infant School's Governing Board.

Bhavin is now stepping down from his role as a governor. We want to thank him for his commitment to the school over a long period of time and for his considered leadership through a period of extraordinary change. Governors are volunteers, and we really appreciate his dedication to the work of the school.

Our Co-Vice-Chairs, Bhumika Mehta and Rahul Sareen will become our Interim Co-Chairs. The Governing Board will follow its procedures to appoint a permanent Chair in due course.

Thank you to all our governors for supporting the school as volunteers.