

# The Pinner Park Post



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## Help Out to Help Out – Harvest 2020

On Monday we'll be talking to the children about our Harvest this year. We are undertaking a 'Help Out to Help Out'. We aren't able to hold our usual Harvest gatherings this year so we've come up with a scheme whereby we can still celebrate Harvest and help others.

We want all our children to 'Help Out' at home in return for a donation to the Harrow Food Bank.

Traditionally in rural locations the entire community would be involved in the gathering of the harvest - everyone helping out - and a share of the harvest would support those families who need it.

We're doing the modern day version by doing our 'Help Out to Help Out'!



Please talk to your child about how they might help out at home – washing up, washing the car, sorting, tidying, preparing meals – and agree an amount of money you will donate in return for a good job done! Jobs can be done any time over the next two weeks (half term is a great opportunity!)

Once everything is complete, please donate your money using the following 'Just Giving' link. After half term, we'll make sure all the money goes directly to the Food Bank.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/pinnerparkharvest?utm\\_term=mEayy8KBY](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/pinnerparkharvest?utm_term=mEayy8KBY)

It would also be fabulous if you could take a photograph of your child doing their jobs so that we can share them with the community through a video on Pinner Park Online. Please send any photos to

[harvest@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:harvest@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

Headteacher



**REMINDER: Next Friday is an INSET day**  
School will be closed to children on this day

## Black History Month

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October is Black History Month. This is a special time where we have the opportunity to celebrate black history, culture and heritage. Although this is a special month, at Pinner Park we aim to celebrate diversity all year round!

We encourage the children to reflect and explore ideas that promote respect and understanding of one another. We also consider important historical events as we learn about Black History whilst taking the opportunity to celebrate the lives of positive black role models and the positive contribution they have made and continue to make. As always, this is undertaken in an age appropriate and considerate way.

This morning Mrs Ohene led an assembly on the subject of diversity and respect for others. We especially want to celebrate the diversity of cultures, background, religious beliefs and languages that we have in our school.

People can sometimes be treated differently because of their skin colour, the languages they speak, their different religious beliefs, or their cultural traditions. We don't want this to happen at Pinner Park and we remind the children that we never say unkind words, tease or treat people differently in this way. We have much more in common than we have that sets us apart.

As a School, we consider it important to voice our solidarity against injustice. We have a duty to speak up, to recognise issues that exist, and to reaffirm our unfailing commitment to inclusion. We are committed to listening, acknowledging, reflecting and learning. We want to take meaningful actions which further promote equality and anti-racism, which is all perfectly in line with our work as a Rights Respecting School.

## Family-School Partnership Award – SURVEY REMINDER

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We are taking part in a scheme being run in Ealing, Harrow and Brent which will help us to think about how we work with families and support us to build stronger links between home and school. This very much reflects our belief that parents are our key partners, as expressed in our new Foundation Statement.

The first step is to gather the views of everyone involved in school life: parents and carers; all staff and Governors.

To help us make decisions about how we work in the future we need the views of as many parents as possible. Please help by taking part in the online survey. The short survey is anonymous and can be done online by following this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Pinnerparkparents>

It is open now and will close on **Wednesday 21st October**.

At the end of the survey there are some questions which relate directly to the COVID-19 lockdown and partial school closures. When answering all other questions, please think about how things are in more 'normal' times!



## No Parking, No Waiting, No Excuse!

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You will be sure to recognise the yellow and white zig-zag lines outside our school. These lines are there to prevent parking at key moments in the school day – they are there to keep our children and families safe.

If you park or wait on the yellow lines, you are putting children's lives at risk.

Please don't park or wait on these zig-zags for any reason.



## School Photographs

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We have booked our school photographer to take individual portraits next Tuesday, 20 October. Following this, you will receive information about how to order photographs.

Due to the protective measures we have in place to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission, we won't be able to do sibling photographs this year.

## PTA Meeting – All Parents are Warmly Invited

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The date of the PTA Annual General Meeting is approaching. It is on THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

All parents are welcome to attend and are warmly invited. We especially welcome parents of children who are new to the school. The PTA is a group of parents and staff who work in the very best interests of the children of Pinner Park Primary School.

At the AGM each year we appoint the officers of the PTA, hear about the work of the PTA over the past year, and think ahead to the coming year.

Please put the date in your diary. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will be holding the meeting 'virtually' and the joining details will be sent by SchoolPing straight after half term.



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## Annual Flu Vaccinations

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The immunisation team will be in school on Tuesday 8 December. The flu vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu and this year is being offered to all children in primary school (Reception to Year 6). Nursery aged children can have the vaccination through their GP.



Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected.

[Click here](#) to view a leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be found at this link – it includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

This year the consent process is electronic. In order to access the online consent form, please click on the following link <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need to enter the unique code for Pinner Park Primary Sschool. The code is: **CL102207**

Please submit your form well before the team is due to visit the school to ensure your child receives their vaccination. On line consent will close at 12pm on Monday 7 December. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will save us having to chase you up!

For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

## Year 6 – Secondary School Admissions – **Deadline Soon!**

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If your child is in Year 6, you can now apply for a secondary school place, online at: [www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk).

The closing date is 31 October 2020

It is really important that you apply by the closing date. There is further information in the [Harrow Guide to Secondary Schools](#).

If you have any difficulty making your application please do let us know as soon as possible.

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## School Lunches – SPECIAL REQUEST TO PARENTS

We are working with Chartwells, our catering company, to reintroduce hot meals after half term. These will still be served in classes (for children in Years 1 – 6, and in the hall for Reception children).

The menu, and all the allergen information, are available on the school website:

<https://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/school-meals.html>

### Special Request

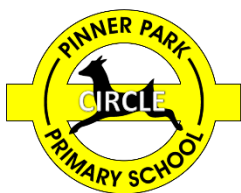
We are expecting much higher numbers of meals to be ordered now that we are reintroducing hot school meals. It would really help our catering team if parents could order for the first week after half term **NOW**. This will help when ordering food, but also to plan the logistics of distributing meals.

Thank you, in advance, for helping us in this way.

The meals are now available to book on ParentPay.



## Pinner Points – Congratulations Circle!



The final results for the half-termly House Point count are in, and while it was very close indeed, we congratulate all the members of **Circle** on taking first place and winning the House Mufti Day.

This means that next **Thursday, 22 October**, all children in **Circle** may wear their own clothes to school, in the colour of their house (**Yellow**). They need not completely wear their house colour – so no shopping trips for new clothes needed – but it should be clear they are representing their house!

Well done to all children for earning so many House Points and for making the result so close!

The scores will all reset to zero as of today, so keep on earning House Points – there will be another mufti day for the next winners!

1 <sup>st</sup>	Circle	518
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Piccadilly	503
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Central	484
4 <sup>th</sup>	District	477
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee	432

## Application for Nursery Places

**APPLY NOW**  
**PINNER PARK**  
**NURSERY**

You can now apply for nursery places online to start in September 2021. To apply for a nursery place, you will need to complete an online application form which can be found on the Harrow Council website:

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/schoolnursery>

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2021.



## Staying Safe and Protecting Others

We are sure that you have heard the news that Harrow has moved to the High Alert Level for Covid-19 (also known as 'Tier 2'). Cases of Covid continue to rise rapidly across London, as well as in Harrow where they have nearly doubled in the past couple of weeks.



The move to Tier 2 now means more restrictions around social distancing in London and Harrow to control the spread and save lives: we must not meet socially with friends and family indoors in any setting unless we live with them or have formed a support bubble with them. This includes private homes, and any other indoor venues such as pubs and restaurants. The new restrictions come into place from midnight today.

This is a good opportunity to reinforce the guidelines we have for parents to reduce the risk of transmission. Please follow this checklist as closely as possible.

**Social Distancing:** Please keep 2 metres between adults when waiting on the playground.



**Face Coverings:** Adults, please wear a face covering if you are able to, whenever you are on the school site (including on the playgrounds)



**One Parent:** We are allowing just one parent to drop off and collect, to reduce the number of adults on the school site



**Timings:** Please aim to arrive just a few minutes before your children drop-off or collection time. Please leave the site as soon as your child has gone in.



**Drop off:** Please find a space on the playground and send your child to the teacher when he or she comes out to collect – please can adults remain in their space and not 'line up'



**Collection:** Please find a space on the playground and we will send your child to you.



**Reception / Office:** We are limiting access to the building because space is limited. Please use the parent information point which is in the upper school playground – this is our 'outdoor office'



**Be Kind and Polite to one another:** Please treat each other with respect, including our school staff. We may have to remind you of these rules – we are just trying to keep everyone safe

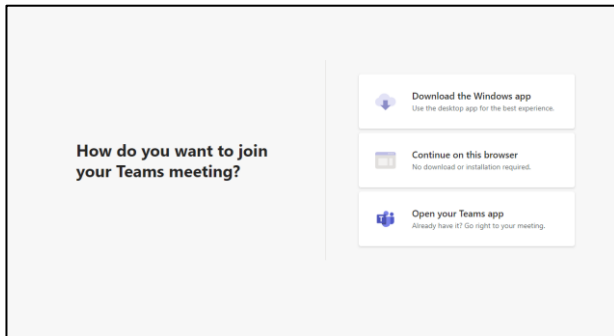




# Online Parent Teacher Consultations

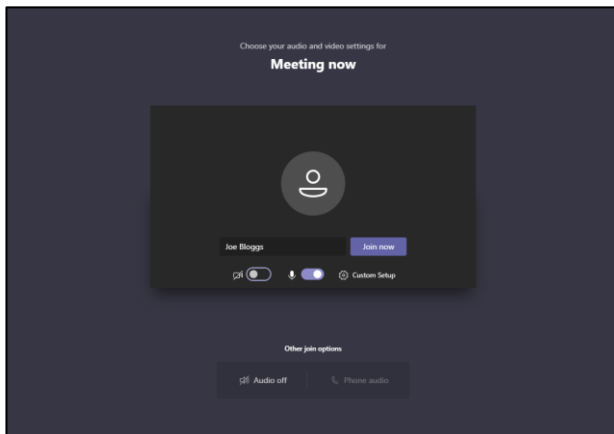
## A Guide for Parents

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will be held through Microsoft Teams, unless you requested a phone call when you booked your appointment. We will send you a web link which will be for your child's class only. If you have more than one child in school, please click the correct link for each child.



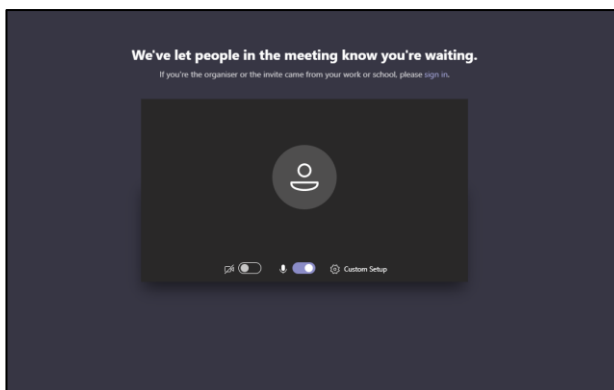
If you are using a PC or laptop, when you click the link, this page will open in your default browser. You do not need to download the app, you can click, 'Continue on this browser'.

If you are using a mobile device, you will need to download the app first (please leave plenty of time to do this before joining the meeting).



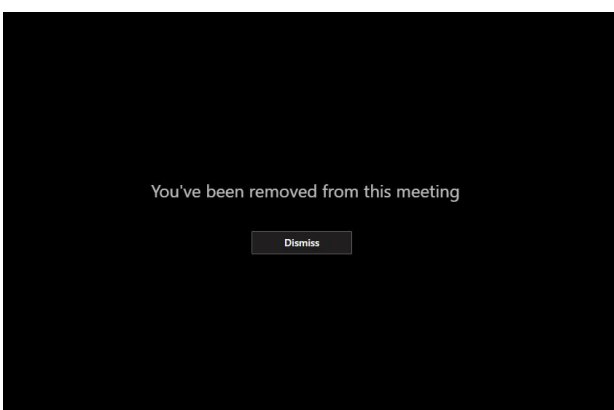
If you are using a PC or laptop, you will then have the opportunity to add a name. Please activate your camera and microphone if you have one.

When you add a name, please use your child's name so that the teacher knows who you are when you are in the 'waiting room'.



The teacher will be notified that you are waiting and will allow you into the meeting at your scheduled time.

We will keep strictly to time so please aim to arrive in the waiting room a few minutes before your meeting starts.



When the time is up, you will be removed from the meeting to allow the next parent to start at their scheduled time.

You will see the message, 'You've been removed from the meeting'. We would have liked that message to be a little more kind and polite but it is set by Microsoft. We mean to say, 'Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with us and have a lovely evening'!