

The Pinner Park Post



Learning • Character • Community

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The End of the First Half Term!

Today is the last day of our first half term.

In many ways this half term has been very strange. None of us has experienced anything like this before and we are working things out, together.

We chose the book, 'We are Together' as the starting point for our term. Such an apt book and title. In these strangest of times, we achieve so much more when we work as a team.



It has been wonderful to have everyone back in school, and we know that this is positive for the children. Despite the staggered starts, hand-washing and sanitising, keeping in bubbles, lunches in classes and other changes, the children have demonstrated great resilience, positivity and commitment to their learning. What an amazing bunch of students we have! We are also delighted that all those who are new to Pinner Park have settled in so quickly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, once again, for your support, flexibility, resilience and positivity at this difficult time. It is great to hear that you appreciate the support that our staff are giving you – and we appreciate the support you are giving to us.

I want to thank the staff team. They're dealing with unprecedented times with a smile and a spirit of determination. Their workload has increased as they've managed the additional Covid19 precautions, and remote learning for a number of students. We appreciate their efforts!

We hope that you have the chance to relax and enjoy your half term break.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Headteacher

REMINDER: Tomorrow is an INSET day
School will be closed to children tomorrow

From the Governing Board...

Rahul Sareen (Co-chair of the Governing Board with Bhumika Mehta) writes...

In edition five of the Pinner Park Post, Mr Waldron described the new vision for the school, 'Learning • Character • Community'.

The new vision was developed by building from the feedback of parents, carers and staff.

One of the areas of most debate was whether we chose the word learning, or achievement or potential. These are different sides of the same, cherished, coin.



In the end, we chose learning because we wanted to celebrate the importance, and enjoyment, of the act of learning. Studies into character show how important it is that children themselves are motivated to learn, especially at primary level. Few children will know what they want to do as a career at this stage, or know what they will be most passionate about in 10 or 15 years. We want children to enjoy learning, and to become skilled at it so that this will enrich their lives at primary school and beyond. Pinner Park Primary is determined to give children the lifelong tools to succeed.

Help Out to Help Out – Harvest 2020 – Half Term Jobs!



On Monday we talked 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 week or so (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

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

PTA Meeting – All Parents are Warmly Invited

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.

Annual Flu Vaccinations – Please complete the consent form

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.



[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 School. The code is: **CL102207**

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!

Year 6 – Secondary School Admissions – **IMPORTANT DEADLINE**



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

If you are late to complete the form this makes it far less likely that you will be able to secure a place at one of your preference schools for your child.

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.



Application for Nursery Places

APPLY NOW
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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.

Christmas or Greeting Card Project

We are taking part in a project which will enable you to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs or gift labels... and help the school at the same time!

After half term your child will bring home their own special design for you to look at. You will need to complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return to school by the deadline. You will then receive an email and text message with your order code and a link to the online ordering portal. You simply enter your order code to log in, complete your order and make payment.

More details will be sent home after half term.



Bag2School: Monday 9 November



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 Monday 9 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!

PLEASE IGNORE THE DATE ON THE BAG – WE WEREN'T ABLE TO HAVE OUR COLLECTION IN MAY DUE TO LOCKDOWN!

All About Play – We are collecting 'loose parts' and resources

We have prepared a set of resources for each bubble to use at playtimes and lunchtimes. These are a mixture of 'loose parts', which can be used imaginatively by the children, and more traditional toys and games.

The equipment is limited to a single bubble but will be rotated through the term.

We are on the lookout for the following items. Please collect them for us and bring them in to school. We can help with collecting items if that's helpful.

- Pipes/guttering and connectors
- Plastic or wooden cable reels of any size (no cardboard)
- Plastic bread crates
- Poles, such as broom handles
- Nets/ ropes
- Wooden planks
- Wooden pallets
- Elastics/skipping ropes
- Lego
- Card games such as Top Trumps
- Table-top/board games with few small pieces such as Jenga



Staying Safe and Protecting Others - Reminders

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, so we all need to play our part in controlling the virus and keeping each other safe.



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.

Please remember the guidelines we have in place 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

