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Happy Diwali!

Many children, staff and families in our school and local community will be celebrating Diwali and New Year over this weekend.

To all those who celebrate the festival of Diwali, we hope this festival of lights brings you every joy and happiness. May your life be illuminated, and your days filled with the bright sparkles of peace, joy and goodwill!



We know that this year's celebration will be 'Diwali with a difference' due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It's important that everyone continues to follow the national lockdown guidance but it is our hope that, regardless of the ever changing circumstances that the pandemic has brought, this holiday remains a reminder of love, family and positivity that will be celebrated no matter the circumstances.

Have a joyous Diwali and New Year!

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Headteacher

Annual Flu Vaccinations – Have you completed the form yet?



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!

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week. Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in this special week. This is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. This year the theme for the week is 'United Against Bullying'.

As parents and carers, we all want our children to be happy and safe and it is natural to worry about bullying - particularly if we have experienced bullying ourselves, or we think our child may be more vulnerable to bullying. The good news is you are not alone!

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are lots of positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm. One of the steps is knowing when to ask for support.

During the week we will share with the children, at a level appropriate to their age, our understanding of what bullying is (displayed above). Please reinforce this message with your children.

There is a pack for parents, written by Kidscape and designed to give you information about bullying, tips about what to do if you're worried about bullying, the tools to help you talk to your children about bullying. [You can download the pack here.](#)



We're launching Anti-bullying week with an 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun - it's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All children have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school – grown-ups can join in too - it couldn't be simpler!

Borrowed School Clothes

We have a stock of clothing items which we use when children need an emergency change of clothing.

We give these items on loan but we don't always get them back! If you have any items of school clothing which have been loaned to your child, please could you return them as soon as possible.



All About Reading and Phonics – Reception and Year 1



We have two briefing events coming up, for parents of children in Reception and Year 1. These briefings will be an opportunity to focus on phonics and reading. You will hear all about how we teach reading and phonics in school.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, these events will be online, through Microsoft Teams.

Reception Parents:

Thursday 19 November at 6pm.

Year 1 Parents:

Thursday 3 December at 6pm.

Learn all about phonemes, graphemes, blending and segmenting, sound buttons, reading levels, phonics games, reading schemes, real books and tricky words... in a fun, relaxed environment!

These briefings are for parents – children do not need to attend.

We will send the link to the meeting and a guide to Microsoft Teams through School Ping.

Important School Admissions Information

If you are a harrow resident and your child is due to start in primary school in September 2021 you need to apply for a reception place. This is for all children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017.

Please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 15 January 2021.

Applying online is easy and you get an instant acknowledgement that your application has been received. You will also receive an email with the outcome of your application on offer day.

For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

For help and advice on how to complete your application please email schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk



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School photographs – Monday deadline

Your child will have brought home an envelope containing a proof of their school photograph. All the information about ordering is on the envelope.

There are two ways to order. The best way to order is to visit www.getphotos.co.uk. You will need your photo code. If you order online, you will have a wider range of options, including a range of gifts. You can pay using credit or debit cards, or with PayPal. If you order within 10 days you can save on post and packing costs because your order can be delivered to school.



If you are unable to order online, you can return your order and payment to the school, using the envelope.

Please note that the deadline for orders is Monday 16 November.

Parking on local streets



We have a positive relationship with our neighbours. When you live very close to a school, there is an understanding that road usage will be very high at certain times of the day.

However, it is still our responsibility to take great care on local roads when driving and parking.

Please do not park in such a way that blocks driveways, or reduces drivers' vision at junctions, or would block access for service and emergency vehicles. It is incredibly frustrating for our neighbours if bins are not emptied due to inconsiderate parking, or if they cannot get out of their driveway, and it's very dangerous if the route for emergency vehicles is blocked.

Let's be great neighbours!

Celebrating Difference

PSHE Education (Personal, Social and Health Education) is a planned programme of learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to successfully manage their lives – now and in the future.

We take a whole-school approach to PSHE which embodies a positive philosophy and creative teaching and learning activities to nurture children's development as compassionate and well-rounded human beings as well as building their capacity to learn.

This term's work, 'Celebrating Difference' focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity. This ties in really well with our work during Anti-Bullying week.





HM Government



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NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

5 November to 2 December

National restrictions apply to England:

Meeting Indoors



You cannot meet anybody socially indoors unless they are in your household or support bubble.

Meeting Outdoors



You can meet with 1 person from another household in outdoor public spaces, following social distancing. Children under 5 and anyone dependent on continuous care do not count towards the 2 person limit.

Weddings and Funerals



Weddings, civil partnership ceremonies can only take place where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover. Funerals can take place with up to 30 people in attendance.

Working from home



You must work from home if you can. If you cannot work from home you should continue to go to work (unless you are clinically extremely vulnerable).

Essential Shops



Open. Essential shops should follow COVID-secure guidelines.

Non-essential Retail



Closed. Can only open for click-and-collect and delivery services.

Exercise



You can exercise outside on your own or with your household; your support bubble; or one person from another household.

Leisure and Gyms



Closed, except for allotments and outdoor playgrounds.

Hospitality



Closed except for takeaway, click-and-collect, drive through and delivery services. Takeaway not permitted after 22:00.

Education



Early years, schools and FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.

Healthcare Services



You can leave home for any medical reason.

Residential Care



Care homes are encouraged to provide safe, COVID-secure visiting opportunities. See the guidance for details on how to keep visits safe.

Travel



You must not travel in the UK or overseas other than for permitted reasons, including work, education, medical reasons, caring responsibilities or for essential retail.

Public Transport



You may still use public transport, but should only travel for permitted reasons and should look to reduce the number of journeys you make, avoid travelling at peak times, and walk or cycle where you can.

Overnight Stays



Overnight stays and holidays away from primary residences are not allowed, except for work and other exempt purposes.

Entertainment and tourism



Entertainment venues are closed. Public gardens at visitor attractions are open.

Vulnerable People



If you are 60+ or clinically vulnerable, be especially careful to follow the rules and minimise contacts with others. If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend essential health appointments.

Worship



Closed except for: Funerals, broadcasting acts of worship, and individual prayer.

Childcare



Registered childcare and childcare activities open to enable parents to work, or respite care. Parents can form a childcare bubble with another household for informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under.

Youth Clubs and Activities



Some youth services are able to continue, such as 1-1 youth work and support groups, but most youth clubs and groups will need to cease for this period.

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus



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