

Message from Ms Allen

It has been great to see parents in school attending events during these first few weeks of the new year. Some parents have asked if they could support the school more and provide their help at school events. If you would like to do this, Victoria Chapman Brown, who is a parent at the school that often helps organise events, is happy for you to contact her. Victoria's email address is: victoria.chapman-brown@hotmail.co.uk

Parental Engagement

We recognise that you want your child to be happy at school, as do we. However, children do fall out with each other at school, it is a normal part of growing up and we do address it in school and speak to parents if it is necessary. Recently there has been some conflict between parents which has been brought into the playground. This is not an appropriate way to address a concern and it is not fair for children to see or hear conflict amongst adults. We ask you not to do this.

Equally, the morning needs to start promptly to maximise learning, so please let the class teacher bring the class into school in the morning and if you do have anything urgent to tell them, either make it very quick or let the office staff pass the message on. Should you wish to speak to the class teacher make an appointment to meet with them at the end of the school day and please treat all staff with respect.

Attendance Policy.

We have reviewed our school Attendance Policy and this is now in line with the PCLC Trust policy. The policy states that children cannot be collected from school by anyone who is under the age of 16 years of age. We hope you recognise that this is a safeguarding precaution.

Cashless School as from Monday, 7th October

You will have recently received an email regarding SIMs Pay that contained your personal activation code. **If you did not receive this email, please contact our office urgently to make sure we have the correct email registered for you.**

SIMS pay has gone well for the parents who have attended one of this week's four training sessions that we held to support you with this. If you do have an issue, please come into the school office at the beginning of the day when there will be someone on hand to help you.

As from Monday, 7th October we will be a cashless school. We will no longer accept cash payments for dinner money, breakfast club, extra-curricular clubs, trips and so on, so it is essential that you activate your SIMs Pay account.



Harlow Poppy Rocks for Remembrance 2019

Painted poppy rocks are to be hidden around Harlow next month in memory of the 128 soldiers who served and died in the first world war. There will be a total of 129 rocks hidden around the town, one for each of the 128 soldiers from Harlow and one special rock to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Hiding painted rocks and finding them has become a popular pastime in Harlow, with the council teaming up with Facebook group Harlow Rocks to run this project. The hunt for rocks will begin on Saturday 5th October until Remembrance Day on Sunday 10th November.

Each rock will link to one of the soldiers and be numbered on the back. Families will be encouraged to take a photo of the rock and bring it in to the Civic Centre (Monday to Friday between 9am and 4.30pm) where a certificate about the soldier will be presented to the person who finds the rock.

For the latest keep an eye out for #harlowpoppyrocks on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Harvest Food Bank Collections

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will once again be collecting donations for Harlow Food Bank. If you would like to donate, in date, non-perishable items, cans or packets please send them into school on Monday 21st October. Thank you.

Reminders – Bags, Coats and Reading Diaries

Children in Years 1 to 4 have a box for their belongings as coats were falling off the pegs. Large rucksacks do not fit in these boxes so please make sure your child brings only a small bag for their book and reading record into school. All children from Reception to Year 6 need their reading book and reading record in school every day as we are really trying to encourage children to read and have their reading record signed. Please help your child by signing their reading record. They also get a house point for this.

The weather is turning very wet and cold. Children need to be coming into school with a coat every day please. This needs to be named as they seem to get lost very easily.

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2019

Monday 7 th to Friday 11 th October	Year 6 residential school trip to Kingswood
Monday 7 th October	SIMs Pay go live date – all payments to school now to be made online
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening (appointments between 3.30pm and 6.00pm)
Thursday 24 th October	Parents Evening (appointments between 4.00pm and 7.00pm) Flu Immunisations
Friday 25th October	Non-Pupil Day (School closed to children)
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half Term (School closed to children)
Monday 4th November	Children return to school
Thursday 7 th November	Years 1 and 2 Cinema Trip
Friday 8 th November	Years 5 and 6 Cinema Trip
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 3 and 4 Cinema Trip
Thursday 21 st November	Year 1 Trip to Toy Museum
Friday 29th November	Non-Pupil Day (School closed to children)

More events and details regarding specific events will follow.

In School This Week...

Children have enjoyed lots of activities in school this week.

On Tuesday, the children in KS1 and KS2 were visited by Jonathan from The Cats Protection who explained the work that they do and how to care for cats. Every child was given a leaflet and a cat mask to decorate.

Children from across the school took part in dance workshops on Wednesday with Education Group. They had the opportunity to celebrate a range of music styles including hip hop and musical theatre. The children all had a great time!



Team Spirit – Children are able to earn Team Points for their house by working together and showing a good team spirit. Children who have been awarded for Team Spirit are as follows.

Dragon House

Sumaiya in Hazel Class
Noah in Sycamore Class
Lexi in Acorn Class
Tyler in Acorn Class
Patrycja in Aspen Class
Mya in Rowan Class
Brooke in Cedar Class
Lena in Maple Class

Griffin House

Freyja in Birch Class
Martin in Maple Class
Bethany-Anne in Cedar Class
Frankie in Chestnut Class
Christian in Aspen Class
Aaliyah in Holly Class
Andra in Mulberry Class

Lion House

Maisey in Willow Class
Aliza in Chestnut Class
Callum in Oak Class
Frankie in Rowan Class
Mishal in Larch Class
Olivia in Mulberry Class

Unicorn House

Olivia in Elm Class
Newton in Holly Class
Isabel in Oak Class
George in Hazel Class
Zain in Birch Class
Millie in Willow Class
Hollie in Sycamore Class
Eli in Larch Class
Liam in Elm Class

Stars of the week – to children who have really shone in class and impressed a member of staff.

Ryan and Armands in Oak Class
Layla and Joanne in Birch Class
Izzie and Josh Chestnut Class
Youcef and Ajla in Cedar Class
Lena and Inayah in Maple Class
Ryan and Safwan in Larch Class
Ethan and Indie in Holly Class
Zara and Sharon in Acorn Class

Muhammad and Inga in Hazel Class
Shaurya and Connor in Willow Class
Mason and James in Rowan Class
Olivia and Kofi in Aspen Class
Elina and Ryan in Sycamore Class
James and Abdul in Elm Class
Freya and David in Mulberry Class

