



# Harvey Road Primary School

Newsletter 1  
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## Welcome

Welcome back to the new school year! The children have settled really well this week and seem to be enjoying being back at school. I would like to say a particular welcome to the new children and families in Nursery and Reception as well as Jack, Shayna and Ayan who have started in our junior classes.

We are looking forward to the new challenges that lie ahead this year. You will have seen a lot of speculation in the media about the future changes in the education system in recent months.

I want to assure you that whatever the Government decides to do in the years ahead, we will maintain the high quality of our work at Harvey Road and will certainly communicate any changes to you well in advance.

## Communication

Over the next week or two I will be sending home lots of letters and school information on parentmail. These are very important documents and their purpose is to help you be aware of school procedures and expectations. Please take time to read them.

Information about the curriculum taught in each class for the Autumn term will also be sent home at the start of next week.

## Child safety

It is very important that when leaving the school premises during the school day that you check to see you are not letting other children out of the gate with you. This is particularly important at Nursery collection times when there may be many other children in the playground. Please also speak with your child and remind them not to go through the gate without you. Finally, when coming through the security gate, please check it is fully closed behind you.

## Start of school

The bell rings to start school at 8.55am. This is the prompt for children to line up in their classes on the playground. It is important that they are able to line up at this time and are not still arriving at school. Please help you children arrive promptly. If the bell has gone and the classroom door is closed when you arrive, please come to the school office to sign your child in.

## Christmas Card Competition

Today I launched a competition to design the Harvey Road School Christmas Card. I have attached more information to this parentmail and look forward to seeing the entries.



### **School uniform**

May I remind you that children must not be wearing any jewellery to school apart from simple gold or silver ear studs. If your child wishes to wear jewellery for a particular reason eg religious celebration, please let their teacher know in writing.

It is important that your child has a full PE kit in school every day. This should be a house coloured PE shirt and black shorts/skort. Cycling shorts and leggings are not permitted. When the weather gets colder they may wear royal blue jogging bottoms and the house coloured sweatshirt. Please check PE shoes/trainers still fit after the summer break.

### **School dinners**

If your child is in the Juniors and having school meals, please ensure you have put money on their account. The new term's menu has been sent home and can also be found on our website.

### **Music lessons**

These will be starting next week. Please ensure your child has their instrument and music books in school on the appropriate days. Monday – Piano (years 2 + 3) and Brass, Tuesday – Recorder, Wednesday – Piano (years 4 and 6) and Woodwind, Friday – Violin.

### **PTA news**

If you have been on foreign holidays this summer and have any left over currency, please do bring it in to the collection box in the school office to raise money for the PTA.

### **Secondary School Applications**

Year 6 parents will have received a booklet this week about applying for secondary school. The application system is now open with the deadline being 31<sup>st</sup> October. Good luck to all those sitting the entrance test tomorrow!

### **Road safety**

On Tuesday next week we will be focussing on road safety with local authority traffic officers and local police coming to speak with the children. They will also be holding a meeting for parents at 3pm to discuss details about this and answer any questions you may have.

### **E-safety**

As part of our drive for child safety on the internet we will be circulating an e-safety newsletter next week. Please do take a read and speak with your class teacher if you have any queries about protecting your child online.

### **Evacuation of the school**

Every term we hold a fire drill so that the children are familiar with procedures for leaving the building safely in the event of a fire. We also hold an annual a whole school evacuation in the summer term. Following our practice last term, we have decided to change the venue where we evacuate to from All Saints Church to Rickmansworth School. This change means we can walk there without having to cross any main roads which will make it safer for the children.

### **Staff news**

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Jones into class 1 this year. It's great to have her back!

Best wishes, N Rowlands