



Harlow Fields School and College

Family Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I want to remind you of some important updates within our school community.

Farewell to Our Esteemed Colleagues

John Holland

After many years of dedicated service, John Holland will be leaving us to take on an exciting role with Essex County Council, where he will project manage developments in various schools across Essex. John has been instrumental in numerous improvement projects, including the development of our College site and the enhancement of our playgrounds, which our pupils absolutely love! He will be greatly missed here at Harlow Fields.

Laurence Carey

Our highly regarded Music Therapist, Laurence Carey, is also moving on. Laurence has created a safe and enjoyable outlet for many of our pupils through music therapy. Due to a long commute, he has found a school closer to home to continue his important work. We will miss Laurence dearly! In anticipation of his departure, we are currently developing our Music provision across the school and will share our plans with you after the half term break.

Meet Nurse Emma!

My name is Emma, and I am your new school nurse here at Harlow Fields. I've officially been in post since the start of this term and have been busy orientating myself to the school while meeting with staff and pupils. I bring a wealth of knowledge and skills from my previous nursing roles, and I'm really looking forward to being part of the team here.



After School Clubs Update

After school clubs will start after the October half term, taking place on Tuesdays at 3:10 PM. Parents/Carers will need to collect pupils from their respective locations:

- Lower School Club: Explore the new playground (indoor fun during wet weather) - collect from main reception at 3:40 PM.
- Blake & Morris / PMLD: Specific details can be obtained from Becky and Megan - collect from Upper School hall at 3:45 PM.
- Football Club: Upper School students - collect from Upper School hall at 3:45 PM.
- Sensory Club: Upper School students - collect from main reception at 3:45 PM.
- Singing and Signing Makaton Club: Upper School students - collect from main reception at 3:45 PM.

These clubs will run until Christmas. There will be only one Lower School club to start with, but don't worry, we will introduce changes each term. Please note that clubs are not open to Early Years pupils due to the length of the day, although we have two students from Hazel class who attended last year and may wish to join.

Coffee Mornings - PACT for Autism



We invite you to join our coffee mornings at the Playhouse in Harlow. The next one is scheduled for 7th November from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

Important Dates

- INSET Day: 4th November (no school for pupils)
- Return to School: 5th November

Wishing you all a lovely half term when it arrives. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils and young people back to school and college.

Kindest regards,

Kathleen M Faherty
Headteacher

