



Harlow Fields School and College Family Newsletter

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Dear Families and Carers,

What a busy and exciting time it has been at Harlow Fields School and College! This week has been particularly wonderful as we held our parent meetings. Building a close partnership with you is key to the educational success of our pupils and young people. I am delighted that so many of you are coming into class to partake in activities and trips with your children.

I am delighted to share that we have officially issued confirmation for all pupils transitioning from the school to the college site. This is a significant step in their educational journey!

As we continue to support our pupils, I would like to take a moment to emphasise the importance of school attendance. Regular attendance is crucial to your child's success and is a legal requirement. Thank you to those families who the leadership team met with this week for your commitment to improving school and college attendance. The national target for attendance is 95% for all children and young people.

I am also thrilled to announce that the whole school and college are now moving across to Earwig! This fantastic platform allows you to stay in tune with your child's day-to-day activities, and you can also share what your child has been engaging in at home!

Lastly, let's give a huge thank you to our amazing staff who have been working diligently on developing our curriculum further. They have also planned lots of Easter fun, including crafts and a whole school and college Easter Egg hunt!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Merit assemblies, where we will celebrate your children's successes for the Spring term.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to share them at the gate(s), email admin on admin@harlowfields, or drop them into the suggestion box in the school reception.


Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,
Kathleen M Faherty

Headteacher

Ps: As always, I hope you enjoy reading our class newsletters at the end of term!

Please congratulate our Spring Term Jack Petchey award winners!

<p>Lola, from Avon class</p>	<p>...for overcoming fears in the swimming pool and gaining her confidence to now independently set herself challenges.</p>
<p>Ishra, from Stort class</p>	<p>...for settling well into upper school and regulating his emotions effectively. He is transitioning across the school sensibly and confidently. Additionally, he is using his voice more in class to ask questions and ask for help when needed. He is a role model to other pupils by consistently displaying good behaviour throughout the school day. He listens well in classroom lessons and participates well in all lessons and activities. This is a big achievement for Ishraq.</p>
<p>Paul Cash (RIP)</p> 	<p>...for being a fantastic asset to the school. Going above and beyond for all the staff and students. He was always happy to help anyone in need with a smile on his face.</p>

Some News to Share!



I am pleased to introduce Becky, our new Senior Assistant Headteacher for the Quality of Education, whose role officially begins in September. She will be leading a Cultural Capital Week in the summer term, featuring various educational experiences such as museum visits and exposure to literature, art, and music.



I also want to introduce Megan, our new Assistant Headteacher for Relationships. While her official role starts in September, she will launch a weekly 100% attendance competition after the Easter break to encourage and celebrate our pupils' commitment to school.

More details on these initiatives will follow soon!



Headteacher Star Pupils of the Fortnight

This new section of our newsletter is dedicated to highlighting the "Star Pupils of the Fortnight," showcasing the outstanding contributions and progress made by our pupils. **All our pupils are stars but do read about these four pupils and their achievements:**

Natalia, Blake class	for progress made and successful transition sessions with Oak Class
Amelia, Oak class	for progress in lessons and communication with adults and peers
Tae, Orwell class	for increased confidence and communication
James, Eagle class	for incredible team spirit and always working together to succeed

Please support our appeal to help keep our bubbles, glue sticks and wipes flowing!

What We Need:



- **Bubbles:** To keep our playtime magical!
- **Wipes:** For those sticky fingers and little messes!
- **Glue sticks:** For those crafty moments our pupils love!

**URGENT
APPEAL**

How You Can Help:

If you have any spare bubbles, glue sticks or wipes lying around, please bring them to the main school office!

Thank You for Your Support!

An important letter for families to read:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write and introduce myself on behalf of the Improvement Board. I was really delighted to attend the coffee morning on 3rd March and have the opportunity to hear about your concerns and what is important to you as parents, as the school continues the improvement journey. It was also good to listen to how you want to support the school and staff going forward. Many of you had good questions and suggestions that will form part of the work as we move forward.

Ms Faherty outlined the purpose and members of the Improvement Board in the last newsletter so I just wanted the chance to let you know that the Improvement Board will be working with school leaders on the areas for improvement that were highlighted by Ofsted and also to ensure that the priorities in the School Development Plan make good progress at pace.

I will endeavour to write to you regularly and let you know the progress that is being made as it is important to you and your children that attend Harlow Fields School and College.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Improvement Board, I would like to wish you an early 'Happy Easter' break and let's hope the sun shines so we can all enjoy the spring!

Best wishes,

Cathryn Adams

Chair, Improvement Board.





Following on from our recent Parents Meetings, please provide any feedback that you would like to share with us.

Please see below forms link for Parent Feedback:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xBcJTTPeEV>



Key Dates for Your Diary

- Autism Acceptance Week: Monday, 31st March – Sunday, 6th April
- PMLD Merit Assembly: Friday, 28th March at 2pm
- Upper School Merit Assembly: Tuesday, 1st April at 2pm (with PTA cake sale)
- Lower School Merit Assembly/Classroom Activities: Wednesday, 2nd April at 2pm (with PTA cake sale)
- Sixth Form Merit Assembly: Thursday, 3rd April at 2pm (**revised date**)
- End of Term: Friday, 4th April (½ day for pupils and young people)

Summer Term (22nd April - 22nd July 2025)

- Parental Coffee Morning, 23rd April at 9.30am (**revised date**)
- Parent Meetings: Week commencing 23rd June (Families will receive the end of year report then)
- Half term, 26th - 30th May
- Staff Training: Monday 2nd June
- Parental Coffee Morning, 9th June at 9.30am
- PTA School Fete: Saturday, 28th June
- Whole School and College Transition to September 2025 Classes: Week commencing 30th June
- Staff Training: Friday, 27th June
- Sports Day: Friday, 4th July
- 6th Form Prom 4th July – details to be confirmed
- Family picnic, Friday 11th July
- Sixth Form Merit Assembly: Monday, 14th July at 2pm
- Upper School Merit Assembly: Tuesday, 15th July at 2pm
- Lower School Merit Assembly/Classroom Activities: Wednesday, 16th July at 2pm
- 6th Form Leavers Assembly 17th July at 2pm
- PMLD Merit Assembly: Friday, 18th July at 2pm
- End of term: Tuesday, 22nd July (½ day for pupils)