Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of a very busy and exciting term. Back in September we launched our new whole school curriculum focus on Saving the World, weaving this as an “exploration” across all curriculum subjects. We are now reviewing the impact of this of the children’s learning and the connections they are able to make as a result of this. You tell us that your children are talking about Saving the World at home, and they are more enthusiastic about their learning. We are seeing some wonderful examples of home learning which you have supported your children to research and design at home and this is enhancing their learning in school. And we are extending and deepening this learning through workshops and exciting educational visits too. This term we have had trips to The Natural History and Science Museums and Year 1 will be visiting a local Church.

One of our priorities this year is to focus on our schools’ curriculum design and as you have noticed, we are trying out something new. This model will be used for the rest of the year and we hope you will continue to join us on this journey as we all become Change Makers next term!

At the centre of our vision for the curriculum is promoting children’s curiosity and ability to make meaningful connections and we know that one of the best ways to find out what the children want to learn about and what they have already learned is to ask them. So we will be introducing an exciting new Pupil Leaders’ Newsletter very soon, where you will be able to find out what knowledge, skills and ambitions are informing our new curriculum! So watch this space….

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned our latest Parents’ Questionnaire after the recent Parents Evenings. We value your feedback and we will be analysing your responses and reporting back to you shortly.

We are now looking forward to the seasonal celebrations and performances from Early Years and Key Stage 1. In the meantime we would like to wish you and your families a happy and relaxing festive season.
SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2020/2021

**ALL** School admission must be made online. Information booklets will also be available online only.

Parents will be able to access the online system by logging onto the website at

www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Parents without internet access are advised to use the computers located at the Civic Centre or at local libraries.

**RECEPTION**

For children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, applications must be submitted to the Admission Services by **Wednesday 15th January 2019.**
Unaccompanied Children

Please ensure that you supervise your children in the playground and on the school site before 8.40am when staff start their playground and gate duties. Before this time staff are preparing for the day’s learning, taking part in daily meetings and briefings, and cannot be expected to look after your children. Only Year 6 children, whose parents have signed a Consent Form, are allowed to come to school on their own and it is important they do not arrive in school too early as we cannot take responsibility for them before 8.40am.

Diary Dates

Christmas holidays - Friday 20th December - 3rd January 2020

(Children due back to school on Monday 6th January 2020)

Parents’ Evening - Monday 10th & Wednesday 12th February 2020

Half term holiday - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020

(Children due back to school on Monday 24th February 2020)

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Free School Meal Eligibility Checker

A website has been developed for Parents to check whether their child qualifies for free school meals. Please check even if your child receives meals under the Universal Free Schools Meal scheme. **If your child is eligible you will also need to register on the website.** If you need any help please come to the school office.

We urge all parents to check so the school can receive extra funding.

The link is https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/

Unauthorised Leave in Term Time

We must remind parents that the school will not authorise family holidays taken in term time in any circumstances. We receive large numbers of Leave requests at this time of year and these will **always** be refused following the school's Attendance Policy and in line with Harrow Council's Attendance Intervention Model. Absences of 10 sessions of more (5 days in total) will result in Penalty Charge Notices being issued with a fine of £60 per child. Please ensure that you book family holidays during the 12 weeks of the official school holidays.

Contact Details - Safeguarding

We MUST have up to date contact numbers for you for home and work so that we can reach you or a close relative if your child becomes unwell or if there is a school emergency. We were unable to reach all families via the school Text to Parents service last term when we had to close the school, so please help us to safeguard your children by providing latest phone numbers email and home addresses.

Article 23

Children who have any kind of disability should have special care and support, so that they can lead full and independent lives.
Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility

Article 3 - The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all activities concerning children. If you are concerned about a child’s safety, please speak to Ms Shaw or Mrs Aggarwall. You can also contact Harrow Children’s Services anonymously on:

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Salaried Teacher Training (click the link)

AND

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