

29th September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your support and kind words during the Ofsted inspection last week. We greatly appreciated the encouragement and support. The report will go through a number of quality assurances before being made public. This may take up to 30 days.

Thank you for such an enjoyable day on Saturday at our Harrold fete. The fete has grown since last year and it was amazing to have seen such a variety of stores. We were also fortunate to have had the police join us, promoting cyber awareness and advice. What made the event such a success was your support and generosity. Thank you.

School Educational Visits and Residentials

This term, classes will be planning for their local visits. We always endeavour to keep the costs of visits to a minimum. This year we are using minibuses, where we can. However, there may be other educational visits where we will need to use the services of coaches. We will attempt to source the most economical in these circumstances.

As the benefits of educational visits are phenomenal for our children, we try to ensure parents/carers know well in advance and Wisepay is set up to ensure payments can be made over time.

Ideas

During transition day in July, Year 6 children will spend 2 days at their secondary school. We like to take the rest of the school, Reception to Year 5, out for one of these days.

For July 2024, we have looked at Twin Lakes, however this is proving too expensive. We have explored Wicksteed Park and unfortunately, there are too few activities for the children to enjoy for a whole day.

We are therefore asking if you have any alternative suggestions. If so, could you please email these into the school office.

Parents Forum

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th December at 3.30pm. Children can watch a film in the hall, whilst parents and carers are attending the meeting.

Homework Days

Children are given homework. Below is a table of the expected days and type of homework that is sent out. In addition to what is sent out, we expect children to read with an adult, to a sibling or independently every day. This is a [useful link](#) to reading with your child and why reading is important.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

Class	Day Set	When returned	Subject
Owlets	Grapheme to practice every day Library book		
Owls	Tuesday	Friday	English Spelling Maths
Kingfishers	Friday	Friday	English Spelling Maths
Magpies	Monday	Monday	English Spelling Maths
Swans	Friday Monday	Thursday Monday	English and Maths Spelling
Kestrels	Monday Thursday	Thursday Monday	Maths English Spelling (tested Mon)

Learning for this Term

Each term, teachers and children will provide information on what children will be learning each term. Our curriculum class maps can be found in your child's class area of the website. If you encounter any difficulties, please contact your child's class teacher.

Equality and Diversity

At Harrold Primary Academy, our Academy Council and staff are committed to ensuring equality of opportunity for all irrespective of race, gender, disability, belief, sexual orientation, age or socio-economic background, in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We aim to develop a culture of inclusion and diversity in which all those connected to the school feel proud of their identity and ability to participate fully in school life.

We would like to collect your opinions on the school's approach and delivery of equal opportunities and diversity in our school.

The data from this questionnaire will feed into our Equality and Diversity Action Plan. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions on our questionnaire around this important aspect.

We have been addressing descriptions of equality and diversity through our assembly on Protected Characteristics. This form expires on Monday 9th October.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Z0iViJmPB3>

Parent's Evening

Parent's evening will take place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October.

Please see the end of the letter for a link and information on how to book your appointment.

Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments



Browse to <https://harroldprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the **Log In** button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose **Automatic** if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose **Manual**. Then press **Next**.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Step 4: Select Availability

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

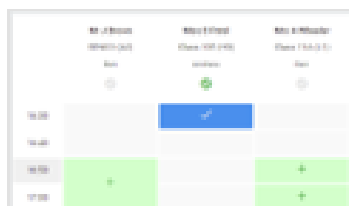
Step 5: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose **Accept** at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.



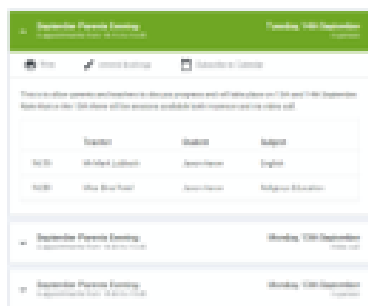
Step 7: Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking **Delete**. Then choose an alternate time.

You can optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you'd like to discuss, or raise anything beforehand.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press [Click here](#) to finish the booking process.



Step 8: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the *My Bookings* page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing **Print**. Click **Subscribe to Calendar** to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.

If you have any questions or need further clarifications, please contact your child's teacher via the school office at administration@harrold.academy.

Kind regards,

Ms Brown
Headteacher

Dates for your diary – Autumn Term

Thu 5 th Oct PM	Mutisports – (Year 5 only) Sharnbrook Academy	
Tues 10 th Oct	Rec, Year 1 & Year 2 West Lodge Farm visit	
Tues 17 th Oct PM	Mutisports – (Year 3 & 4 only) Sharnbrook Academy	
Tues 17 th Oct 3.30pm to 6.50pm	Parents Evening Whole School	Parents to prebook appointments online click here.
Wed 18 th Oct	Year 5 – Nene Valley Railway visit	
Wed 18 th Oct 3.30pm to 5.50pm	Parents Evening Whole School	Parents to prebook appointments online click here.
Half term w/c 23 rd Oct to 27 th Oct	Whole School	
Mon 30 th Oct	Staff training day	
Tue 31 st Oct	Children return to school	
Wed 8 th Nov AM	Mutisports – (Year 1 only) Lincroft Academy	
Fri 10 th Nov AM	Individual & family School Photos	
Mon 13 th Nov	Reception children NHS Vision Screening – In school	
Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need - Mufti	
Thu 30 th Nov	PTA selling preloved Christmas Jumpers	
Fri 1 st Dec	Theatre Production arranged by Harrold Primary PTA Whole School The Gingerbread Man and A pot full of Porridge	
Fri 8 th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	
Fri 8 th Dec 10am	Carols on the Green	All welcome
Fri 8 th Dec	Christmas Lunch	
Wed 13 th Dec 3.30pm	Parent Forum Meeting	All welcome
Thu 14 th Dec AM	Flu Vaccinations (nasal) – Whole School	
Fri 15 th Dec morning	Rehearsal of Christmas Carols – School Hall	
Fri 15 th Dec 2pm	KS1 Christmas Nativity	KS1 Parents & Carers
Mon 18 th Dec 13.45pm	Carol Service in St Peter's Church tbc	All welcome
Wed 20 th Dec afternoon	Class parties & visit from Santa	