

Message from Mrs Horton

It's December, and Christmas has arrived here at Hargrave Park. Our much-loved elf, Sparkles, arrived on Monday in a fire engine (apparently he has been reading our newsletters - he seems to know what our Key Stage 1 children have been learning about!).

Many families will know that there has been a lot of illness going around. These things happen and, while coming to school every day is important, sometimes it is more important that a child stays home to recover. Please see the guidance on p5 to support you in making those decisions.

There are many special events coming up. Please see the messages on Page 2 from our Friends Of Hargrave Park to find out how you can help these be as successful as possible!

As excitement builds in anticipation of all the special events, it is important to be able to maintain respect. It is one of our school values and something we expect from all members of our school community – towards each other, towards our work, towards our school building and equipment.

We are working hard to make sure that everyone understands the importance of respect and can maintain that throughout all the exciting moments that are coming up!

We have had to rearrange the date of the cinema visit. That will now happen on Tuesday 17th December. The children will be back in time for lunch at school, so no packed lunch required!

As ever, we plan ahead. The upcoming events on the right give you an idea of what to expect on our return after the Christmas holidays when we will be in 2025...

Upcoming events

Week beginning 9th December

Tues 10th Year 4 – Year 6 Cricket
Wed 11th Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner
Thur 12th KS2 to Hackney Empire – 5pm return
Fri 13th Pink and Blue to Little Angel Theatre a.m

Week beginning 16th December

Mon 16th 3pm Nursery families Christmas singalong
Tues 17th **Reception to Year 6 Cinema trip** *change of date*
Tues 17th 3:30 – 5pm Winter Fair
Wed 18th 3pm Under 3s families Christmas singalong
Thur 19th Winter concerts:
9:15 – Pink and Blue Class
1:30 – Green and Red Class
2:15 – Lower KS2
3pm – Upper KS2

More info on Christmas events – see pages 9 and 10

Fri 20th Last day of term – school finishes at 2pm

Mon 6th Jan First Day of term - Children Return
Wed 15th Jan **Cyan Class Assembly**
w/c 20th Jan Orange Class Swimming
Tues 21st Jan Lime Class to British Museum
Wed 22nd Jan **Blue Class Assembly**
Wed 22nd Jan Purple Class to British Museum
w/c 27th Jan Lime Class Swimming
Tues 28th Jan Cyan Class to Tower of London
Wed 29th Jan **Purple Class Assembly**



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Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School



Want to get in touch? Email us at:
friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

Joint Class Teacher Presents

Do you want to give a joint present to your child's class teacher and assistant this Christmas?

Online GiftRounds have been created for each class so families who would like to contribute any amount to a joint class gift this year. Links have been shared on each class WhatsApp groups.

Or email your class name to friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com and we will send you the link for your class teachers.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WINTER FAIR

Tuesday 17 December, 3.30-5.00pm, Middle Hall
Join Hargrave families for an afternoon of festive fun.

FAIR CUPCAKES

Bake your best festive cupcakes, biscuits or pre-sliced traybake for our cupcake stall and be in with the chance to be our Christmas 'Star Baker'.

RAFFLE PRIZES TO WIN

- ❄ Child's Bike
- ❄ Box of Beer
- ❄ Amazon Echo Speaker
- ❄ Now Boxed Toys
- ❄ Large Plush Dog
- ❄ Class Hampers



TOMBOLA, ELFRIDGES AND YOUR CLASS HAMPERS COLLECTIONS

You can drop your donations to the fair's Tombola and Elfridges stalls every drop-off and pick-up. We are looking for prizes and gifts that could be anything from pre-loved toys and books, unwanted gifts and food items.

The class hampers are raffle prizes. Could you contribute to your class hamper with a yummy treat for families to enjoy over the holidays?

BE PART OF THE WINTER FAIR TEAM

Could you help to decorate the Santa's Grotto and set-up the stalls from 1.00 to 3.00 pm or help at the fair between 3.30pm-5.00pm? We need more parent or carers to help on the day. Email friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com



TOILETS

THE BIG HUB

Santa's Workshop



Santa's Grotto
(meet Santa by the fireplace)

Elfridges
(the HP elves will wrap a present
you choose for a loved one)

SMALL HUB

Games



Staircase
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LUNCH ROOM



Refreshments



Hot Chocolate



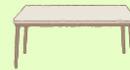
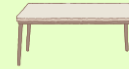
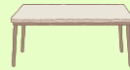
Cupcakes



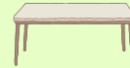
Gingerbread
Decorating



MIDDLE HALL



Class Stalls



Tombola



Pre-Loved
Uniform Sale



Raffle Tickets



Library Stall

STAGE

HARGRAVE PARK SCHOOL'S WINTER FAIR

Tuesday 17 December
3.30pm - 5.00 in the school

We have lots of great activities planned for this year's winter fair. There's something for everyone, plus space to catch-up with other families over refreshments.

- Santa's grotto
- Festive fair games
- Class stalls
- Pre-loved uniform sale
- Tombola
- Cupcakes & hot chocolate
- Gingerbread decorating
- Refreshments
- Library stall

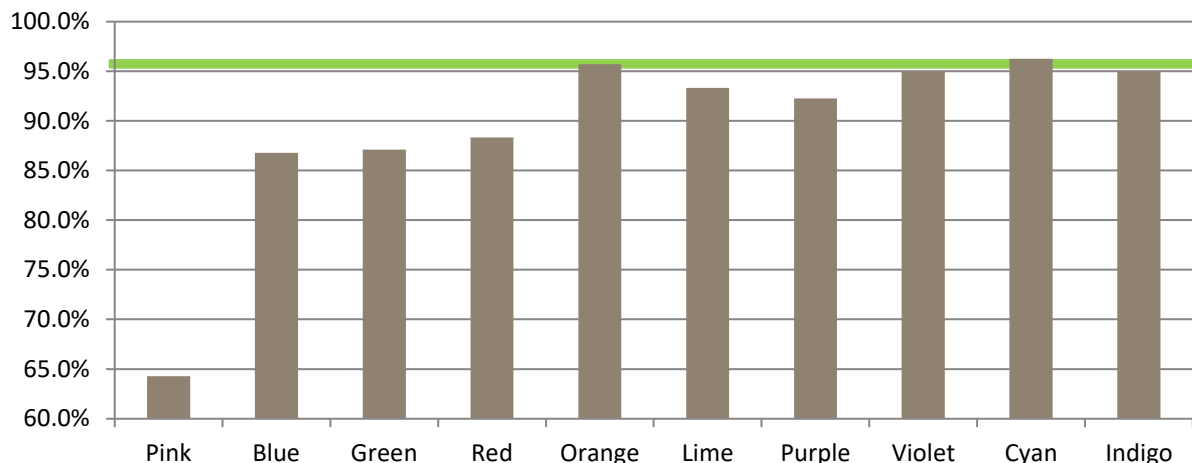
You can use cash or scan to pay on your mobile at each stall



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W/C 29/11/24 – 05/12/24



Best Class Attendance

Well done to Cyan class.
They achieved 96.3% attendance this week.
Cyan class will be rewarded with a prize for their great efforts.

Absences

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please make sure you call 020 7272 3989 option 1 and record your absence message before 8.30am

Absences should be called in each day your child is off

Medication in School

Please ensure your child has their asthma pump and spacer in school.
Children may need them more in the cold and damp weather.

If your child has prescribed medication that they may need in school eg asthma pump, epi-pen, buccolam or antibiotics a medical form must be completed on the Piota app.

You may be asked to complete a medical care plan and provide supporting documents.

All medication must be handed in to the school office.

Supporting your child's attendance

Your child can attend school with...

Toothache
Earache
Headache
Sore throat
Conjunctivitis
Glandular Fever
Head lice
Molluscum Contagiosum (viral skin condition)
Ringworm
Threadworm
Warts and Verrucae
Cough/Cold – If your child has asthma, remember they may need their blue inhaler more often
Hand, Foot and Mouth

A raised
temperature
is over
37.5

If your child has been diagnosed with the following:

Chicken pox – Child can return to school once all spots have crusted over
Diarrhoea and vomiting – can return to school **48 hours from the last episode** of diarrhoea or vomiting
Influenza (flu) – Children should return to school as soon as they have recovered
German Measles (Rubella) – Keep off of school for 6 days from onset of rash
Impetigo – Keep off of school until lesions are crusted/healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
Measles – Keep child off of school for 4 days from the onset of rash
Mumps – Keep off of school for 5 days from onset of swollen glands
Scabies – Child can return after first treatment
Whooping cough – 5 days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment has been given.

Doctors notes will be required for all of the above

Appointments to
be made after
school

Bumped Heads

If your child has bumped their head, you will only be called if your child complains of feeling sick, dizziness and/or headache. A message will be sent home via text or email informing you

Please make sure that all contact details are up to date via the Arbor App in case your child is not well enough to stay in school.



Incredible Years Parenting Group
For parents of primary school children aged 6-10 years

Thursdays 9.30am -12.15am (9.45am start)

January 23rd-May 15th 2024

(14 weeks with breaks for school holidays)

Newington Green Primary School

Matthias Rd, Mayville Estate, London N16 8NP

Michal Ruzansky, Clinical Psychologist, Islington CAMHS
Tashi-Ann Page; Educational Support Practitioner, Bright Futures, Islington

❖ For further information, please contact

Bright Futures on 020 7527 4343 tashi-ann.page@islington.gov.uk

Islington CAMHS on 020 3316 1824, michal.ruzansky@nhs.net

Incredible Year Groups are a great way to support your parenting.
They help parents to:

- Develop parenting skills and knowledge
- Improve relationships and communication with their children, through quality time, child directed activities, praise and rewards
- Understand more about child development
- Understand challenging behaviour and set appropriate limits
- Meet other parents, share skills and ideas and build friendships

"I have learned so much from sharing with the group and hearing about their experiences"

"I am feeling much more confident as a parent. I know how to react to specific situations. My child is behaving better. It was life changing for me"

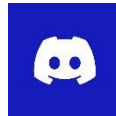
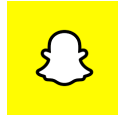
"Oh my! What changes haven't I seen?! It has become a joy to be a parent again and to enjoy my children the best way"

"This course is not a lesson on what as a parent we are doing wrong – more so an insight as to how we can improve"

You can find out more here:

[The Incredible Years Parenting Groups Service in Islington | Waiting Room](#)

If you are interested, please contact Mr Bond. He will send you the Expression of Interest form.



In recent years, we have seen an increase in challenges around the use of social media platforms, one in particular being Snapchat. We have been aware of children being unkind to one another on such platforms, leading to a lot of upset for pupils within school.

See below NSPCC guidance on the use of Snapchat for children.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

NSPCC

“Family Lives”

See below information shared with us by Safeguarding expert Andrew Hall.

Online Parenting Courses - Family Lives

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The rapid pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

(* Free from landlines and most mobiles)

ELSA TRAINING

One of our Pastoral Care Workers, Miss Channer, is currently attending training each Monday to become an “Emotional Literacy Support Assistant”.

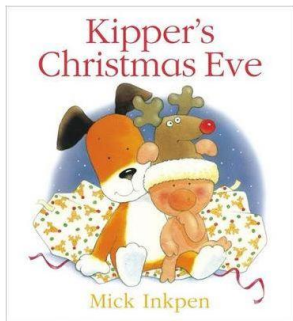
This 6 week course is provided by Islington council.

The ELSA programme is designed by Educational Psychologists (EPs) to build the capacity of schools to support the emotional needs of their pupils from within their own resources. The programme recognises that children learn better and are happier in school if their emotional needs are also addressed. This intervention is now widely implemented across Britain.

More information can be found at: www.elsanetwork.org



Here are some festive books that can be borrowed from the school library before Christmas

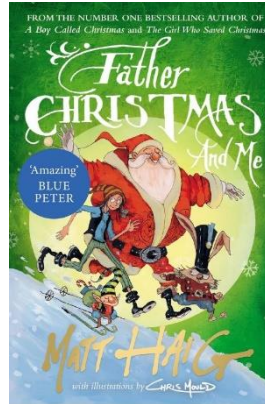
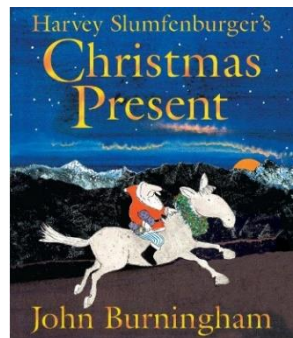


Which is best, Kipper wonders, Christmas Day or Christmas Eve?

Recommended for EYFS

It's Christmas Eve and there is one present left in Father Christmas's sack. It's for a small boy called Harvey, who lives far away on top of the Roly Poly Mountain.

Recommended for EYFS and Year 1



Funny adventure starring Father Christmas, Mary Christmas and their adopted daughter Amelia. This book was described as 'amazing' by Blue Peter

Recommended for KS1/ LKS2



Santa crash lands causing an almighty Christmas lights explosion that blasts the reindeers to far-flung corners of the Earth, a book to make you giggle! **Recommended for KS2**

Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. Looking for answers about who she really is, a journey begins: from icy rivers to smouldering mountains. **Recommended for UKS2**

Please look after the library books and return them so they can be shared with others!
Thank you



Library





After School Club bookings through Arbor

As you will be aware, we have recently moved After School Club bookings to the Arbor platform.

The new system requires parents/carers to pay up-front for a half-termly booking. Once After School Club is full, Arbor will not allow more bookings for that day. We will not be able to accept more pupils into After School Club on an ad-hoc basis due to staffing capacity. Furthermore, if a parent/carer is in arrears for After School Club, Arbor will not allow a child to be booked in until this has been paid off.

Keep an eye out as we approach the Christmas Holidays for communication about booking your After School Club places for the first half of the Spring Term: 6th January to 13th February.

If your child is registered for After School Club, you will still be charged if they don't attend one of their allocated days. The school ensures appropriate staffing based on places booked. If you have booked a place, it will have been staffed accordingly and therefore must be paid, whether used or not.

Moving forward, the booking system for parent consultations - next round is in March - will be through Arbor. We will remind you about that nearer the time and provide a 'how to' guide.

If you wish to discuss anything or raise any concerns, we are happy to listen and take action. You can:

- send the teacher a message on Tapestry or Seesaw
- speak to a member of staff in the playground in the morning or afternoon
- speak to the teacher at home time
- email parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk

If you would like to raise a concern at the end of the day, please talk to a member of the leadership team on the playground or wait for the teacher to dismiss all children safely.

If you have a concern about the behaviour of a child who is not your own, please speak to a member of staff about it. Do not approach other parents or other people's children directly.

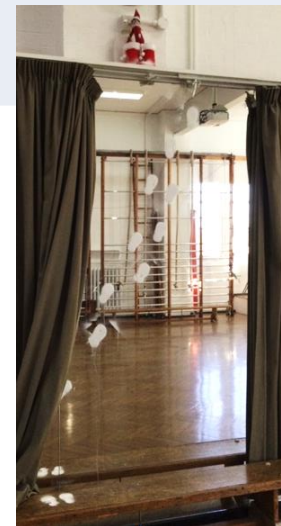


Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
9 th	10 th	11 th Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day	12 th p.m KS2 to Hackney Empire Dick Whittington and his Cat - return approx 5pm	13 th Little Angel Theatre a.m Pink Class and Blue Class – Rosie Robin and the Christmas Post
<p>Collection boxes for tombola, 'Elfridges' and raffle prizes in playground. Contributions for class hampers to class teachers.</p>				
16 th 3pm Nursery families Christmas sing-along	17 th <i>*change of date*</i> a.m. R - Y6 Holloway Odeon To see Moana 2 Moana 2 trailer on YouTube 3:30-5pm - Winter Fair	18 th 3pm: Under 3s families Christmas sing-along - toddler room.	19 th Winter concerts Middle Hall - Families invited 9:15 – Pink and Blue Class 1:30pm – Green and Red Class 2:15pm – LKS2 3pm – UKS2	20 th Last Day of term 2pm finish



Meet Sparkles!

Sparkles is the HP Elf on the Shelf who visits us each December. Despite his job title, we have never seen him on a shelf! This week he has been on a fire engine, in a hot air balloon, up a pipe, swinging on a candy cane, climbing up the mirror! The children have so much fun looking out for him each day to find what he is getting up to. He is a real talking point, very magical and loved by all.





Theatre Visits

Fri 6th Dec

Little Angel Theatre

a.m Nursery – Rosie Robin and the
Christmas Post
p.m. Red and Green – The Singing
Mermaid

This has already happened!

Thur 12th Dec

Dick Whittington and his Cat
Hackney Empire

p.m KS2

NB KS2 will return at approx 5pm

Fri 13th Dec

Little Angel Theatre

a.m Pink Class and Blue Class – Rosie
Robin and the Christmas Post

Cinema Visit

Tues 17th Dec

Change of date

Reception to Year 6
Holloway Odeon
To see Moana 2

[Moana 2 trailer on YouTube](#)

Winter concerts

Mon 16th Dec at 3pm

Nursery families invited
Christmas sing-along in the
Nursery

Wed 18th Dec at 3pm

Under 3s families invited
Christmas sing-along in the
toddler room.



Thurs 19th Dec

Winter concerts

Middle Hall

Families invited



9:15 – Pink and Blue Class

1:30pm – Green and Red
Class

2:15pm – Lower KS2

3pm – Upper KS2



Winter fun!



Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 11th December

Children will enjoy a traditional
Christmas dinner at lunch
time, wearing Christmas
jumpers and pulling Christmas
crackers!



Winter Fair Tues 17th Dec

3:30-5pm

See page 2 for more details
about how you can support
this event to be successful