

October Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 6th October 2021

Welcome to the October edition of the monthly parents' newsletter.

It has been an eventful start to the new school year and the children are now settling into the routines of school. The Nursery and Reception pupils have now completed their induction and Reception pupils completed their first full week in school last week. I can imagine that some were tired after a full school day, so it is important to ensure that the children all have good bedtime routines. Young children need at least 10 – 12 hours quality sleep a night. Please ensure that you establish good bedtime routines and do not allow your child to nap when they get home otherwise they will not be able to go to sleep at a reasonable time. Children in Early years should be in bed by 7.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. at the latest for children in Years 1 and 2.

COVID – safety.

The school continues to take a cautious approach to ensuring a COVID- secure school environment, even though the government have lifted most of the restrictions. Classes are still operating as bubbles to minimise the risk of transmission particularly as the number of positive cases of COVID are on the increase across Harrow. We are still monitoring symptoms in school and conducting daily temperature checks on the pupils as they enter the school building in the morning.

In line with the guidance for schools, please be aware that we err on the side of caution if a child has a continuous cough in school or displays any of the symptoms associated with the virus we will be requesting that the child is collected from school and a PCR test to be taken. The school is within its rights to do so to minimise potential transmission. We appreciate the support of parents who have acted swiftly as a few pupils have tested positive and it has reduced the potential for further transmission.

Please also remember that if anybody in your household is self-isolating because they have contracted Covid, anybody in the house hold who is double vaccinated does not need to self-isolate, all school age pupils need to continue to attend school. Any absence taken without a valid reason will be unauthorised as it is important that we avoid any further avoidable disruption to the children's learning.

Please keep reminding your children of the importance of frequent and thorough hand washing should be regular practice. The 'catch it', 'bin it', 'kill it', approach continues to be important.

Safeguarding

Please try to be on time to collect your child from school at the end of their session, particularly the youngest pupils in the school who become very distressed when they are left waiting and all the other children have left. We appreciate under the present circumstances with Petrol queues etc, there is increased potential for parents/careers to get caught up, if that is the case please have the courtesy to phone and inform the school office staff or if you have made alternative arrangements for someone to collect your child from the school. Provide their detail (name, gender and relationship to you or the child) and also ensure that they know the password. **We will not release to anyone who does not know the password.**

Dates for your diary.

What is coming up?

This term we aim to host some meetings for parents of pupils across the school. All the meetings will be held adhering to social distancing, adult visitors to the school site will be asked to wear face coverings for their own safety and protection. However, please also be mindful that we may need to cancel at short notice if the local rates of transmission become a concern!

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
October	All Year groups	Black History month		Activities throughout the month	
11 th October	Year 1 & 2	Maths parents workshop	9 a.m.	Details to be confirmed in the invitation letter.	School hall
Tuesday 19 th October	Year 1 & 2	One to one meet your child's new class teacher. Evening 1 of 2	3.45 – 5.30 p.m.	A short introduction meeting with your child's class teacher. Meetings to be scheduled in the classrooms.	In the canteen
Wednesday 20 th October	Year 1 & 2	One to one meet your class teacher. Evening 2 of 2	4 – 7 p.m.	A short introduction meeting with your child's class teacher. Meetings to be scheduled in the classrooms.	In the canteen
Friday 22 nd October	All year groups	Non-uniform day	All day	Children do not need to wear their school uniform and are asked to donate £1 toward the school fund for the privilege. Theme to be confirmed.	

Autumn Term 2021

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

First day of school

Half term

Back to school

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Last day of term

Wednesday 1 September

Thursday 2 September

Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Monday 1 November

Friday 5 November

Friday 17 December (**finish at 2.15 p.m.**)

Please note there is no afternoon Nursery class on Friday 17 December 2021.

Coming up in November.

Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status.

Our Reception classes will take part in this year's programme on 11th November 2021.

The checks will be carried out by a trained member of school nursing team. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. The programme will be delivered in a COVID-safe way, in line with the school and local authority's safety control measures and national guidance for schools and healthcare.

Withdrawing your child from the National Child Measurement Programme

If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.

If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight please let the school know so that they can advise the school nurse who will be carrying out the measurements.

Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

We will be sending out more information explaining this process **before half term** and ask that you inform us **by Friday 5th November** if you do not want your child to take part via email office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk . Subject: [Reception Height and weight checks](#). Please state your child's name and class.

Flu Vaccination Programme Autumn 2021

The Government will be offering the National Flu Vaccination Programme to all pupils from Reception to Year 11.

As part of this vaccination programme the Harrow Immunisation Team will be attending the school on **Monday 22nd November 2021** to vaccinate our Reception to Year 2 pupils.

Please look out for an E-Consent link that will be sent out to all parent's on the 1st November.

FREE gardening equipment for your school

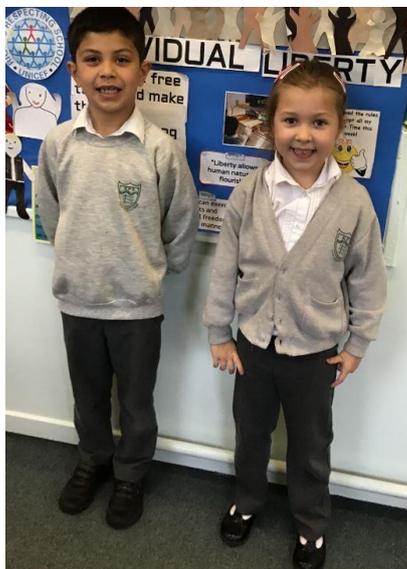


Do your shop at Morrisons?

If so, for every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. You can download the MyMorrisons app and please start collecting Grow Tokens and choose Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery school to donate them to.

We will then be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

COMPULSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE UNIFORM CONVENES FROM SEPTEMBER!



Please be reminded that the school takes a hard line regarding compliance with the school uniform. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child is wearing the school uniform as stipulated in the school prospectus and website. On Wednesday's we require all children in Year 1 and 2 to wear the schools PE uniform which comprises of **Grey joggers (Option of black shorts in the summer) a grey top and black trainers/plimsolls and not their own sportswear.** This uniform can



also be worn for PE lessons, in line with their class timetables, on days other than Wednesday. All Uniform orders can be made via the Weduc App at the school shop.

It has been noted since the start of the school term that a number of children are not in the appropriate clothing and black shoes (No Trainers please). Please respect the school's policy and practice by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform.. We thank you in advance for your support and compliance.



Girls may wear Black or Grey Trousers too.
White socks or grey tights
Boys' black or grey socks.

Summer dress from April – July only

Required:

As and when cleaner: working hours 3.30 – 6 p.m. week days only (no qualifications required but experience of cleaning employment desirable).



As and When Lunch time leaders (1 hour 10 minutes per day) – are you able to work flexibly between the hours of 11.30 – 1 p.m. Please visit the school office and request an application form.



Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership Supporting children, families and schools.



Introducing our new School Counsellor!

You may already know that Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership is in Kenmore Park Infant School, none the less, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself.

I am Sylvia McLeod the new Therapeutic Lead in your school. I will be based at Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School every **Wednesday**, and I am looking forward to being a part of your school and getting to know you. Below is a brief introduction to the Harrow Schools Counselling partnership, what we offer and how we can support you:



Supporting Parents - Sometimes, we could all do with someone to talk to and that includes you as parents. If you would like to meet with me (Sylvia McLeod) for a safe and confidential chat about you, your child, or any concerns you might have, I am available to meet with you every **Wednesday between 9:00-10:00am**. Please feel free to get in touch via email smcleod17.307@lgflmail.org or by phone on **07901 000606** to book an appointment.

Supporting Children – I will offer a lunchtime drop-in for children who want to talk about any feelings or worries they may have: your child knows this as **The Space**. This is a safe, confidential space where children can feel listened to, feel better or to better understand their emotions. Consent will be needed. If you would NOT like your child to make use of this service, please notify the school as soon as possible.

Please do feel free to contact me at any time on any of the contact details below:

Contact details: Email smcleod17.307@lgflmail.org

Phone: **07901 000606**

After School Extra Curricular Clubs.

After half term we will start to introduce some after school activities for our pupils in Year 1 & 2. We will continue to monitor the situation re: COVID and transmission and have made the decision to start small and increase provision as the school year progresses. Please be patient we always aim to allow every child that expresses an interest to engage in at least one after school club over the school year. So if your child is not offered a place during this term, please do tell your child not to be disappointed there will be other opportunities over the year.

Attendance highlights from the month of September.

During the month of **September**, the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: Sea Turtle & Jaguar **Class.**

Week	Class	% attendance
06 -10 September	Bear Elephant Fairy Pixie	100%
13 - 17 September	Sea Turtle	100%
20 – 24 September	Sea Turtle Lemur Jaguar	100%
September	Sea Turtle & Jaguar	97.9%

School Travel

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery is a Healthy School and also has a Travel plan which means that the school is passionate about the health and well-being of its pupils and school community including parents/carers.

We feel very strongly about how children travel to school and encourage all pupils to walk or scoot to school rather than using the car. This is good for their health and also for the environment – helping to reduce carbon dioxide and pollutions which contributes to the increase in number of pupils suffering from Asthma!

We have designated pods for parking bikes & scooters in different areas of the school for the convenience of parents. We realise that some children live some distance away from the school and may need to come by car however, we would ask that parents park a little distance away from school and walk the rest of the route to school. As an incentive for children who walk we promote Walk on Wednesdays – ‘WOW’. Children who walk to school every Wednesday of each month will receive a WOW badge at the end of the month. We look forward to your support with this initiative.

