

November Parent Newsletter



Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Welcome back.

We hope you all had a good half term break as we all prepare for the run up to Christmas. This half term will continue to be a busy one in school as we try to bring back some of the pre-covid activities back into school.

We plan to host our annual Christmas production which is always a popular family event. The staff will be working hard rehearsing with the children whilst also trying to ensure curriculum coverage for the term. More information about ordering tickets will be sent out via Weduc at the end of the month so please look out for that. Dates and details of other school events can found later on in this newsletter.

Safeguarding

Do you know it is a sign of neglect if your children have bad oral hygiene!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have continued to be surprised and shocked at the number of young children presenting at school with decaying teeth or being absent due to surgery to remove teeth or simply suffering with tooth ache. This all impacts on your child's well-being and learning.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to make sure that the children regularly brush their teeth and have a healthy diet.

I have been shocked at the number of parents that bring sweets, chocolates, crisp and other high sugar/salt content food items to school at the end of the day when collecting their child.



Please note that we do not permit these items on the school site and would advise that if you need to bring something for your child to eat at the end of the school day and it cannot wait until they get home – you bring a healthy snack – fruit, raw vegetables and not chocolate bars, lollies or crisp!

No parent/carer wants to be accused of neglect, but under the remit of safeguarding and child protection this is! **So take action now, it is never too late!**

Dates for your diary.

Remember the school is closed to the children on Friday 5th November for staff training.

What is coming up this half term?

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
Week beginning 8 th November	Reception	Parent meetings Mon to Thurs	3.45 – 5.15 p.m.	Sign up for a time slot with the teacher on the notice outside your child's classroom door.	Your child's classroom.
Week beginning 8 th November	Reception	Virtual - English parents workshop		Focus of the workshop is reading.	You Tube link to be provided.
11 th November	Reception	Height and Weight checks	p.m.	School nursing service	In school
Week beginning 15 th November	Reception	Virtual – Maths parents workshop		Focus of the workshop is number.	You Tube link to be provided.
16 th November	Year 1	Parents English meeting	9 a.m.	Miss. Bennett will be presenting.	In the hall
18 th November	Year 2	Parents English meeting	9 a.m.	Miss. Bennett will be presenting.	In the hall
22 nd November	Reception Year 1 Year 2	Flu Vaccination	9 a.m.	Health vaccination team	In school
Wb 22 nd November	Nursery & Reception	Parent Computing sessions.	TBC	Early years teams will send out more information.	In the computer suite.
6 th December	All year groups	Christmas concert. (Ticket sale details will be sent out at the end of November)	1.15 p.m.	Parents with young children not of school age and or in buggies invited to this performance only also afternoon Nursery parents.	In the hall
7 th December	All year groups	Christmas concert. (Ticket sale details will be sent out at the end of November)	9.15 a.m. 1.15 p.m.	No children allowed at this performance – Adults only.	In the hall.
14 th December	Year 1 & 2	Panto trip	8.15 a.m. children to arrive at school.	Children will be taken by coach. The coaches will leave school at 8.40 a.m.	Harrow Arts Centre
15 th November	All Year groups	Anti- bullying Week		Children to wear odd socks and donate £1 to the	

				Anti-bullying Alliance.	
16 th December	All year groups	Class Christmas Parties		The children will have their class Christmas parties – staff will purchase the food and parents will be asked to make a contribution via Weduc.	In school.
17 th December	All year groups	Christmas Jumper day		Donate £1	In school
17 th December	Reception Year 1 & 2 No afternoon nursery session	School term ends		Reception pupils finish at 2.00 p.m. & Year 1 & 2 pupils finish at 2.15 p.m.	

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.

Reminder Coming up in November.

Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

The children in Reception will be having 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.

Remember if you would like to withdraw your child from the National Child Measurement Programme Send an email to office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk . Subject: Reception Height and weight checks. Please state your child's name and class and that you wish to withdraw your child from the programme.

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.

The letter containing the **E-Consent link** was sent out to all parents via Weduc on the 23rd October and again on the 1st November.

Achievement nominations first half of the Autumn term 2021.

Each half term, class teachers nominated pupils from the class to receive a certificate for their efforts and achievements. At such times, under usual circumstances we would invite parents of the pupils to attend a special assembly held in school

Unfortunately, due to the heightened risks of transmission presented by COVID, we want to ensure that our school community continues to keep safe. Therefore, we are celebrating the children's achievements in this month's newsletter. The children will have received their certificates during a virtual class assembly.

Class	Name	Reason for nomination Is for...
Fairy	Reign	working really hard to develop his writing skills.
	Emima	being really brave to talk and answer questions during carpet activities.
	Shivam	being a great singer, and for teaching Fairy Class a new song.
Pixie	Evelina	being a Sensible Squirrel and using her knowledge of phonics to segment and blend CVC words and also attempting to write a sentence.
	Kush	being a Tough Tortoise and always willing to take on new challenges in all areas of learning.
	Vimarsh	settling down nicely to the routines of Reception and always using kind hands when playing with peers.
Unicorn	Deborah	growing in confidence and starting to use her voice to speak to adults.
	Ved	working hard during phonics lessons and starting to hear initial sounds in words.
	Beatrice	trying her best at all times and being a positive role model to her peers.
Dolphin	Daria	being a keen learner who works hard and always tries her best.
	David	working hard during phonics to learn his phase 2 sounds.
	Rebeca	being a keen learner who works hard and always tries her best.
Sea Turtle	David	being a keen learner who completes his learning to the best of his ability in all areas of curriculum & for being a kind member of the class.
	Laila	being a kind, thoughtful member of the class who tries her best. She is helpful and caring.
	Iudita	being a keen learner who completes her learning to her best ability. She is a kind and helpful member of the class who loves reading!
Starfish	Rebeca	being resilient and reflective & making improvements in her reading, writing and maths.
	Reda	always showing good effort in all areas of the curriculum and for being a respectful pupil.
	Aalia	always showing good effort in tasks set and for being a respectful pupil.
Chameleon	Bianca	striving to do her very best in all areas of the curriculum and being a fabulous role model to her peers.

	Elijah	being a 'Tough Tortoise' especially when it comes to trying his best with subjects and tasks that he finds tricky.
	Yaksh	being a wonderful role model for behaviour at school and for not giving up when it comes to tasks he finds tricky.
Jaguar	Sergiu	being a good role model and for always listening well and working hard in the classroom.
	Samara	being a good role model and for always listening well and working hard in the classroom.
	Ianis	being an enthusiastic learner and for always trying his best, especially in maths.
	Mohammed	working very hard and making excellent progress in his reading.
Lemur	Darius	making valuable contributions in class.
	Marina	working hard and for being a Tough Tortoise in Maths.
	Nikhil	staying focussed and on task in all subject areas.

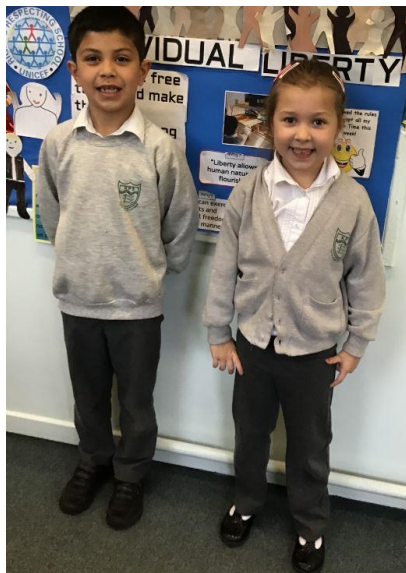
FREE gardening equipment for your school



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.



COMPULSORY 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 Wednesdays 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.

Remember 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.

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.



As and when (Casual) Teaching Assistants to work with specific pupils with additional needs. Must have a level 3 qualification in teaching and learning (or be working towards one) or equivalent qualification.

Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership
Supporting children, families and schools.



Reminder of our new School Counsellor!

Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership is in Kenmore Park Infant School.

Sylvia McLeod is the new Therapeutic Lead at the school. She is based here every **Wednesday**.

Below is a brief introduction to the Harrow Schools Counselling partnership, what is on offer and how they 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 a 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. We are starting with a Dance Club and the Christmas Carol Concert Club.

Attendance highlights from the month of October.

During the month of **October**, the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: **Lemur Class.**

Week	Class	% attendance
04 - 08 October	Lemur	100%
11 – 15 October	Lemur	97.5%
18 - 22 October	Jaguar	99.2 %
Month of October	Lemur	97.85%

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 scooter 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.

