

October Parent Newsletter



Friday 7th October 2022

The autumn term is now fully underway. The new Nursery and Reception pupils seem to be adjusting to school life and are engaging in a comprehensive timetable of teaching and learning.

This term we will be starting to invite parents/carers back into school to join us for our seminar lessons where we demonstrate how your child is taught to read and learn mathematical concepts. We will also be showing you what you can do to support this process as we commence our partnership working with you (dates of these sessions can be found further on in this newsletter).

As part of our parent partnership working we are really pleased to have been able to host the 10 week Parents Nurturing programme at the school this term. 10 parents have enrolled and the feedback is that they are already starting to see the benefits from attending. The sessions take place every Tuesday morning 9 – 11.45 a.m. for 10 weeks.

If you are interested, we will be hoping to run the programme again from January. We will write out nearer the time (December/ early January 2023) promoting the programme and enrolment details.

Recycling school uniforms.

Please continue to support us by recycling good condition school uniforms as your child grows out of them. Remember it can help another family who may be finding it hard to purchase uniform items at full price. We will keep the container for old uniforms in the playground permanently so please keep decluttering and dropping items into the box as and when you can.

School Attendance

Please remember that all pupils are expected to attend school regularly and on time. The Moorhouse Road school **gate open at 8.20 a.m.** and the **entrance locks at 8.50 a.m.** as all children are expected to be in class by then for registration at 8.50 a.m. Lessons commence straight away. The exit gate locks between 8.55- 9 a.m. to ensure the safety of the children as they start their day.

The school takes a hard line on any absences in line with the Local Authority AIM policy. Where absence is not authorised due to absence without supporting evidence, leave during term time that does not meet the exceptional leave criteria could lead to the school issuing educational penalty notices of £60 per child, per parent to be paid within 14 days and if not the amount doubles.

Where a child is absent for medical reasons evidence in the form of letters, appointment details, medication and prescriptions must be provided.

Talking to the teachers.

Please respect the fact that teachers need to be with their classes at the start of the day and should not be distracted by parents. If you have a question or wish to speak to a teacher at length, then please message them via class dojo and arrange to speak to them at the end of the school day once all other children have been dismissed. We appreciate your support.

Safeguarding

Please ensure that you phone and inform the school office staff if you have made an alternative arrangement for someone to collect your child from the school. You must provide their details (name, gender and relationship to you or the child) and also ensure that they know the password. **We will not release your child to anyone who does not know the password.**

Also, if you have changed your mobile number or emergency contact details please make sure they are updated as soon as possible.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery school has one vacancy on its governing body. We are looking to appoint a parent Governor to join our Governing Body. The individual needs to have an interest in representing the parents' community and acting as a voice of the school and parents. Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body. We rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking and to help us to decide what is best for all our pupils. They also keep parents informed about the strategic work of the school leadership.

What are you required to do?

- Attend Full Governing Body meetings which are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and there is one meeting every half term (max 6 per year). All paperwork is sent out a week in advance of the meeting.
- Join at least one of the subcommittees who meet once each term as a minimum at 7 p.m. on a Wednesday evening at the school.
- You must have skills and areas of expertise and knowledge to support with the strategic planning and vision for the school
- The term of office is 4 years

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please collect an application form from the school office. Complete and return by the end of the month ensuring you have details of nominees completed. Where there is more than one person interested we will hold a ballot.

Dates for your diary.

What is coming up?

This term we aim to host some meetings, workshops and seminar lessons for parents of pupils across the school.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Tuesday 27 th September - 6 th December.	All Year groups	10 week Nurturing Programme due to commence subject to recruitment of 10 -14 parents.	9.15 – 11.45 a.m.	10 week programme. Commitment to attend all sessions. Adults only – No children permitted.	Infant School classroom.
October	All Year groups	Black History month		Activities throughout the month	
Monday 3 rd October	All Year groups	International Walk to school week.		Encourage walking, scootering or biking to school, leave your vehicles at home.	School
Week beginning 3 rd October	All year groups	World Book week		Promoting the love of reading activities throughout the week.	
Monday 10 th October	Year 1 & 2	Maths parents workshop	9 a.m.	School maths lead explaining maths curriculum and teaching strategies.	School hall
Monday 10 th October	Dolphin Class	Story telling seminar	2.30 p.m.	Dolphin class parents only	School hall.
Tuesday 11 th October	Starfish Class	Story telling seminar	2.40 p.m.	Starfish class parents only	School hall.
Thursday 13 th October	Sea Turtle Class	Story telling seminar	2.50 p.m.	Sea Turtle class parents only	School hall.
14 – 20 October	All year groups	National Baking Week			
Tuesday 18 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 and targets given.	In the canteen
Tuesday 18 th October.	Fairy Class	Reception – English workshop. Focus on Little Wandle – Phonics teaching.	9 a.m.		In the school hall.
Wednesday 19 th October	All year groups	Cake sale – parents donate cakes for the school to sell as a fundraiser.	3 p.m.	A plate of cakes for £1 each.	Playground.

Thursday 20 th October.	Pixie Class	Reception – English workshop. Focus on Little Wandle – Phonics teaching.	9 a.m.		In the school hall.
Thursday 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 and targets given.	In the canteen
Friday 21 st October.	Unicorn Class	Reception – English workshop. Focus on Little Wandle – Phonics teaching.	9 a.m.		In the school hall.
Friday 21 st October	All year groups	Non-uniform day	All day	Children <u>do not need to wear their school uniform</u> and are asked to donate £1 toward the school fund for the privilege.	

Autumn Term 2022

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

First day of school

Half term

Last day of term

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September

Monday 5 September

Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Friday 16 December (**finish at 2.00 p.m.**

Reception pupils and 2.15 p.m. Year 1 & 2)

Please note there is no afternoon Nursery class on Friday 16 December 2022.

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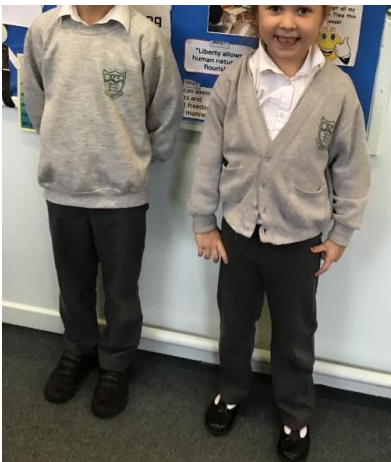
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A REMINDER THAT - COMPULSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE UNIFORM CONVENES FROM SEPTEMBER!

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. 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

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY CHECK

It is important that parents check their eligibility criteria as a number of parents found themselves to be eligible during lockdown. They were then issued with free school meal vouchers which they could use to purchase food at a supermarket of their choice. It is important that you check as it may be helpful in the event of a second spike!

Parents can check to see if they meet the eligibility criteria by following the instructions below:

Step 1: Login to the following website: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> (Free School Meal Eligibility Checker)

Step 2: Click – **Check eligibility**

Step 3: Click – **create an account** (Unless you already have an account in which case you go to return to your account and enter your password)

Step 4: **Create an account**

Step 5: On the drop down menu:

Local authority – select - **Harrow**

School – select – **Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School.HA3 9JA**

Step 6: Read and accept the privacy notice **by ticking the box at the bottom of the page.**

Step 7: Enter your details:

First name

Last name

Your date of birth

Your National Insurance number

Email address

Mobile number

Postcode

Get address: click on your address; house number etc

SUBMIT

Once you have submitted the form you will receive a response in a couple of days confirming your status. If you are eligible, please forward the email to the school on the following email address: **office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk**

Job Vacancies

We are looking for casual as and when cleaners: 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.



School Travel

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery has been awarded the Early Years Healthy School Gold Award, The Healthy Schools Gold Award and the Gold Travel Plan Award for our initiatives and drive to ensure safe and healthy travel to school.

The Awards and an indication of the school's work in this area which has been in recognition of the passion and action taken to support and contribute to the health (both oral and physical) and well-being of our 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 the number of pupils suffering from Asthma! A brisk work or exercise before work is also a good way to get the brain working too!

We have installed 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 and we reward the children at the end of each month. We look forward to your support with this initiative.



IMPORTANT REMINDER RE:
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

**CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER
2023**

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2018 AND 31 AUGUST 2019

You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 2023**

**APPLYING ONLINE. IS EASY AND YOU GET AN INSTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOUR
APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE
OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION ON OFFER DAY.**

For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

**For help and advice on how to complete your application please email
schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk**