

November Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 1st November 2022

Welcome back after the half term break.

We hope you all had a good half term break. Happy Diwali to all our families celebrating this important festival in the Hindu and Sikh calendar over the weekend and Happy Hindu New Year

This half term is the exciting, but busy run up to Christmas and we will soon be commencing our rehearsals for this whole school event. We look forward to inviting you to experience this wonderful school event. Details outlining ticket sales will be sent out near the end of this month, so look out for communication from the school via Weduc.

Highlights of the first half of the autumn term.

Our parental engagement sessions are now fully up and running. Thanks to the positive and constructive feedback, you have provided as it is helping us when planning future events. Our school improvement priority this year is to work hard to ensure all our children are reading and support them with their communication and language skills by focusing on speaking skills, vocabulary development so that they are able to remember more of their learning so that they can know more and do more. It is important that as parents you encourage your children to speak in full sentences and ask them questions about their learning in school.

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 opens 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.

This half term is the run up to the Christmas break and we know that some families will be planning to travel abroad to celebrate the festive season. This year we break up on the 16th December, which is over a week before Christmas, allowing plenty of time for families to plan their outward bound journey's once the school term has ended. We reopen on Tuesday 4th January and there is an expectation that all children should be back to school from day one of the new school term.

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: **Sea Turtle Class.**

Week	Class	% attendance
3 rd October 2022	Chameleon	100%
10 th October 2022	Sea Turtle	99.3%
17 th October 2022	Chameleon	99.3%
Month of October	Sea Turtle	97.5%

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.

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, crisps 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 for general consumption 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 crisps!

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!**

Celebrating your child's birthday.

We appreciate that parents will want to acknowledge their child's birthday, we do not permit the distribution of sweets and confectionary. Staff will not handle any items. We ask that if you wish to distribute party pack they contain non-edible items and you hand them yourself to the children as they leave. We have a number of children with life threatening allergies and we wish to avoid compromising their safety. Furthermore, in line with our drive to improve the oral hygiene of the children sweets and confectionary is discouraged.

Alternatively, you could donate a story book to the class with an inscription commemorating your child's special day.

Achievement nominations first half of the Autumn term 2022.

Each half term, class teachers nominated pupils from the class to receive a certificate for their efforts and achievements. We hope to be able to resume inviting parents in to our achievement assemblies in due course. However, until we do we continue to acknowledge and celebrate the children's achievements in this months' newsletter. Congratulations to the following children who received achievement certificates for their efforts during the first half term.

Class	Name	Reason for nomination Is for...
Dolphin	Amalia	For being a sensible member of the class who works hard in all areas of the curriculum.
	Jamal	For listening well and answering questions to show his understanding of the learning.
	Kristaq	For concentrating well when learning and being a focused, hardworking member of the class.
Sea Turtle	Ruchita	For always trying her best and being a wonderful role model for her peers.
	Ayssa	For trying her very best and being brave at school..
	Luis	For settling well into our school and trying his very best at all times.
Starfish	Damaris	For always showing good effort in all areas of the curriculum and for being a respectful pupil.
	Iqra	For always showing good effort in all areas of the curriculum and for being a respectful pupil.
	Benjamin	For always showing a keenness to answer questions and resilience in completing his work.
Chameleon	Daria	For being a motivated, resilient and happy member of the class who enjoys learning and tries her best in all areas of learning.
	Reda	For being a sensible, polite member of the class who is resilient, enjoys learning and tries his best in all areas of learning.
	Luca	For being a kind, polite member of the class, who is resilient, enjoys learning, helping others and participating in class discussions.
Jaguar	Eliza Ioana	For being an enthusiastic learner and working hard to challenge herself.
	Antonia	For being an enthusiastic learner and working hard to challenge herself.

	Abel	For being an enthusiastic learner and working hard to follow instructions and challenge himself.
	Nicolas	For being a talented artist and a keen learner.
Lemur	Aalia	For demonstrating good focus and concentration throughout all subject areas and for always trying her best. Well done Aalia.
	Hrujay	For displaying wonderful legible handwriting in your books with clear and correct letter formation. It is a pleasure to read your work Hrujay!
	Iudita	For being a 'Tough Tortoise' in all subject areas and responding to the feedback given to improve her work in a positive manner. Well done Iudita.

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 1 st November	All pupils for whom consent submitted.	Flu Vaccination in school	a.m.	Parents need to have submitted the online consent form for their child to receive the flu vaccine in school to be delivered by health professionals.	In school
Wednesday 2 nd November	All	Toilet Learning	9.30 – 11 a.m.		In school
Thursday 3 rd November	All	Parents Coffee Morning with our Educational Lead Mental Health Practitioner- Priscilla. Focused on raising awareness of Mental health.	9 a.m.		In the canteen
Friday 4 th November	Unicorn Class	Phonics parents workshops	9 a.m.		In the hall
Week beginning 7 th November	Reception	Parents meetings	From 3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Parents to book a time for Mon/Wed or Thurs.	Child's Classroom
Monday 7 th November	Lemur Class (yr 2)	Story telling seminar	2.40 p.m.		In the hall.
Tuesday 8 th November	Fairy Class	Literacy workshop – focused on reading	9 a.m.		In the hall.

Tuesday 8 th November	Chameleon Class (yr 2)	Story telling seminar	2.40 p.m.		In the hall.
Thursday 10 th November	Pixie Class	Literacy workshop – focused on reading	9.10 a.m.		In the hall.
Thursday 10 th November	Jaguar Class	Story telling seminar	2.50 p.m.		In the hall.
Friday 11 th November	Unicorn Class	Literacy workshop – focused on reading	9.05 a.m.		In the hall.
Week beginning 14 – 18 Nov	All year groups	In school event		Anti-Bullying week- awareness raising.	In school
Monday 14 th November	All Year groups	Odd Sock day		Anti-Bullying awareness raising – we are all unique!	In school
Wednesday 16 th November	Morning Nursery Caterpillar class	Parents workshop.	9 a.m.- 9.45 a.m.	Focused on Personal, social and emotional development.	In the nursery setting.
Thursday 17 th November	Afternoon Nursery Butterflies class	Parents workshop.	1 .00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.	Focused on Personal, social and emotional development.	In the nursery setting.
Tuesday 22 nd November	Fairy Class	Parents maths workshop focused on number.	9 a.m.		In the hall,
Thursday 24 th November	Pixie Class	Parents maths workshop focused on number.	9.10 a.m.		In the hall,
Friday 25 th November	Unicorn Class	Parents maths workshop focused on number.	9.05 a.m.		In the hall,
Friday 25 th November	Nursery	Parents ICT session		Virtual on line link to be sent.	
Tuesday 29 th November	Reception	Height and Weight checks by NHS		Parents to provide online consent for the checks by health professions.	In school
Monday 5 th December	Reception	Parents ICT session		Virtual on line link to be sent.	
Monday 5 th December	Morning Nursery parents & Parents with young children in buggies.	Christmas performance	Information and times to be confirmed nearer the time.	Tickets need to be purchased in advance on line via Weduc	In the hall

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Thursday 8 th December	Afternoon Nursery	Parents workshop on developing fine motor skills	1 p.m.	Focused on developing fine motor skills	In the nursery
Week beginning 12 th December	All year groups	Christmas dressing up theme week.		Each day this week children will be asked to where something festive, Themes to be confirmed nearer the time	In school
Tuesday 13 th December	Reception	Circus visit			In school
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 1 & 2	Pantomime visit to Harrow Art Centre	p.m.	Parents will be required to make an online payment to cover the cost of the ticket and transport to Harrow Art Centre. (please note subject to traffic the children will return a little later than their usual end of the school day.	Harrow Arts Centre.
Thursday 15 th December	All year groups	Christmas parties	Nursery a.m. & p.m. All other year groups p.m.		In school
Friday 16 th December	All year groups	Christmas Raffle draw			In school

Friday 16 th December	All Year Groups	Non- uniform day -		Donate £1 as part of our end of term non-uniform day fund raiser.	In school.
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Panto the children will be taken to see, but you may also like to book as a family see details below.



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

It's the panto you've BEAN waiting for!

Following the success of last year's *Cinderella*, Immersion Theatre are thrilled to return to Harrow Arts Centre with a **GIANT** amount of Fee-fi-fo-**FUN** as they proudly present *Jack and the Beanstalk*, a magical pantomime of epic proportions!

Packed with comedy, music, audience participation, and all the trademark ingredients audiences have come to love and expect from our annual pantomime, this hilarious and action-packed adventure promises to be our most Joyous and festive experience yet - oh, yes, it does!

DATES AND TIMES

SAT 10 DEC 2022	12.30pm	4.30pm
SUN 11 DEC 2022	12.30pm	4.30pm
THU 15 DEC 2022	1.30pm	
FRI 16 DEC 2022		6.30pm
SAT 17 DEC 2022	12.30pm	4.30pm
SUN 18 DEC 2022	12.30pm	4.30pm
TUE 20 DEC 2022	12.30pm	4.30pm
WED 21 DEC 2022	12.30pm	4.30pm
THU 22 DEC 2022	12.30pm	4.30pm
FRI 23 DEC 2022	12.30pm	4.30pm
SAT 24 DEC 2022	11.00am	3.00pm
MON 26 DEC 2022		3.00pm
TUE 27 DEC 2022	12.30pm	4.30pm

HOW TO BOOK
harrowarts.com
BOX OFFICE 020 3773 7161

TICKETS
£18 / £15 concessions
£60 family/group ticket

HAC
HARROW ARTS CENTRE
171 Uxbridge Road, HA5 4EA

Autumn Term 2022

Last day of term Friday 16 December (finish at 2.00 p.m. Reception pupils and 2.15 p.m. Year 1 & 2)

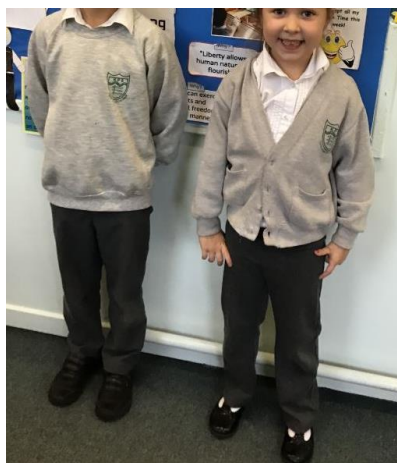
Please note there is no afternoon Nursery class on Friday 16 December 2022.

Spring Term 2023

First day of school	Tuesday 3 January
INSET DAY (Children not in school)	Friday 20 January
Half term	Monday 13 February– Friday 17 February
Back to school	Monday 20 February
INSET DAY (Children not in school)	Friday 24 February
Last day of term	Friday 31 March (finish at 2 p.m. Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

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 walk 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.



Help with food

If you are struggling to manage bills and prioritise them over food, then please email the school office and we help by adding you to our weekly food parcel

collection list. We will aim to support you sensitively and confidentially. Email the school office – subject ‘ Help with food’ office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk

**IMPORTANT REMINDER RE:
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION –
the closing date is fast approaching!!!!**

**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