

September Parent Newsletter



Monday 4th September 2023

Welcome back

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break whether it was here in the UK or family travels abroad.

As we return to commence another school year we welcome some new members of staff teaching and casual support staff. Mrs. Almeida will be joining our teaching staff providing cover for teachers during their planning and preparation time and general supply cover. Mrs M. Vyas will be joining the teaching assistant team in reception and Mrs. V. Shah, Mrs. D. Serban and S. Bungish will be providing SEN support to specific pupils.

During the coming weeks we will be welcoming our new Nursery and Reception intake. Some families will be familiar with the school as they may have or still have children attending other year groups in the school, however we would like to also welcome parents that are new to the school and hope that their child's learning and developmental experiences with us will be positive ones.

At the end of the last school year, the infant staff team held a summer fair to raise money for a reading vending machine as a means of motivating and promoting that love of reading which is a key school priority.

This school year we kick off with Mr. Snowden our Deputy Head/Inclusion lead doing the **Thames Path Challenge on Saturday 9th September.**

As I am sure you are aware the pressure on mental health services is huge with waiting lists for CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) reaching 18-24 months and adult mental health services equally stretched.

The Schools Counselling Partnership work in our school along with 45 other schools across London, predominantly in Ealing and Harrow offering therapeutic support for our whole school community - children, young people, parents, carers and teaching staff.



With rising costs and no increase in school budgets some very difficult decisions are having to be made about what we pay for and this may jeopardise the future of this service provision!

Therefore, this coming weekend a team of 30 parents, teachers and therapists, including Mr Snowden from our school, will be walking/running between 25-100 km to help raise much needed funds to keep this service in our school.

Please donate whatever you can afford – no amount is too small. <https://gofund.me/13738ea7>
Your support is much appreciated!

Nourish our new catering company. A copy of the menu can be found on the school website under the Parents/ Carer tap.

Nourish contract catering		WEEKLY MENU				
SEPT TO OCT 2023		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 4th Sept 2nd Oct	Macaroni Cheese 1.7 Vegetable Hot Pot Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	BBQ Pulled Chicken in a Bun 1.5 Herby Tomato Penne Pasta 1 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 1.8	Chicken Pie 1 Arabiata Pasta Twists 1 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	Roast Turkey & Gravy Cheesy Vegetable Burrito 1.7 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 1.8	Fish Fingers 1.8 Cheese & Spinach Pinwheel 1.7 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	
	Green Beans Carrots Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Rainbow Rice, Sweetcorn, Courgette Chocolate Pudding 1.8 Chocolate Sauce 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables Peach Sponge 1.8 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Yoghurt 7 Fruit Pots	Rustic Roast Potatoes Jollof Rice, Cabbage, Carrots Fruit Jelly, Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Yoghurt 7 Fruit Pots	Chips, Peas Baked Beans, Coleslaw Banana Bar 1.15 Yoghurt 7 Fruit Pots	
WEEK 2 11th Sept 9th Oct	Vegetable Pie 1 Cheese & Bean Wrap Packet 1.7 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	Sweet Chicken Curry Pea & Pesto Pasta 1.7 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 1.8	Shepherds Pie Cheesy Pasta Twists 1.7 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	Roast Chicken & Gravy Caribbean Pasty 1 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	Chicken Goujons 1 Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1.5 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	
	New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Banana in Chocolate Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Rice, Carrots, Cauliflower Apple Crumble 1 Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Carrots, Green Beans Lemon Drizzle Cake 1.5 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Yoghurt 7 Fruit Pots	Rustic Roast Potatoes Jollof Rice, Broccoli, Sweetcorn Crispy Cake 1.15 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Chips, Peas Baked Beans, Cucumber Sticks Caramel Cookie 1.7 Yoghurt 7 Fruit Pots	
WEEK 3 18th Sept 16th Oct	Margherita Pizza 1.17 Loaded Cajun Bean Medges Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	Sweet & Sour Chicken Cheesy Pasta Bows 1.7 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 1.8	Penne Turkey Bolognaise 1 Rice & Bean Burrito 1 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	Roast Beef & Gravy Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese 1.7 1 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	Fish Fingers 1.8 Cheesy Bean Slice 1.7 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	
	New Potatoes, Sweetcorn Peppers Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Rice, Cauliflower, Carrots Jam Tart 1.4 Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Beetroot Cake 1.5 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage, Peas Fruit Jelly Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Chips, Peas Baked Beans, Coleslaw Brownie 1.5 Yoghurt 7 Fruit Pots	
WEEK 4 25th Sept 23rd Oct	Arrabiata Penne Pasta 1.4 Shepherdess Pie 1.6 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	Moussaka 1.7 Cheesy Pasta Twists 1.7 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 1.8	Chicken Fajitas 1.4 Tomato Spaghetti 1 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 1.8	Roast Chicken & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll 1 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	Salmon Fish Cakes 1.15 Margherita Pizza 1.17 Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 2.8	
	Cauliflower, Carrots Peach Crumble 1 & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Strawberry Pot 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Rice, Sweetcorn, Side Salad Troybake Pancake 1.15 Berry Sauce Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Rustic Roast Potatoes Jollof Rice, Green Beans, Carrots Chocolate Cornflake Cake 1.6 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Chips, Peas Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks Oaty Biscuit 1.15 Yoghurt 7 Fruit Pots	

THE TOPPINGS FOR THE JACKET POTATOES ARE BAKED BEANS, CHEESE 7 OR TUNA & VEGAN MAYONNAISE 8

REMEMBER... RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND 2 ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS. THIS EXCLUDES INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

At the end of the last school year we ended our 4 year contract with ABM and following a tendering process Nourish were appointed the new school catering company. Nourish bring with them a new catering manager and assistant. We are hoping that they will provide a better quality of service and menu to support the dietary and cultural needs of our pupils.

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

From September the government have placed higher expectation on pupils attendance and school monitoring to ensure regular school attendance post Covid.

All pupils are expected to attend school regularly and on time. 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 21 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.

Persistent absenteeism is deemed any pupil whose attendance falls below 10%. Where concerns about a child’s attendance starts to fall below the expected national and school threshold of 95% the school will write to parents to keep them updated and provide an opportunity to work to improve the attendance, request support b by booking an appointment to discuss the reason for the absences, share evidence to valid the rates of absence.

Our first action will be to try and offer support but if there is no improvement we will be required to refer the case to the LA and potentially issue fines and notices to the courts under the remit of safeguarding.

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. Provide their details (name, gender and relationship to your 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.

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 12 th September	Year 1	Parents housekeeping meeting and introduction to	4 p.m.	Meeting to adult only (please try and	The school hall Enter via the

		the class teacher and year group team		avoid bringing children if possible as staff will be sharing important information and year group expectations.	car park entrance.
Thursday 14 th September	Year 2	Parents housekeeping meeting and introduction to the class teacher and year group team	4 p.m.	Meeting to adult only (please try and avoid bringing children if possible as staff will be sharing important information and year group expectations.	The school hall Enter via the car park entrance.
Tuesday 19 th September	All year groups	Parent Coffee Morning – introduction and enrolment to the Nurturing course. Face to face to be facilitated at the school.	9 a.m.	Meeting – introducing the programme content and sharing enrolment process. Limited to 8-10 parents places 10 week programme.	In the canteen
Tuesday 26 th September - 5 th December.	All Year groups	10 week Nurturing Programme due to commence subject to recruitment of 8-10 parents enrolled.	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 2 nd October	Year 1 & 2	Maths parents workshop	9 a.m.	Details to be confirmed in the invitation letter.	School hall
	All year groups	World Book week.		Details to follow	
Thursday 5 th October	Reception to Year 2	Flu Vaccination administration in school by school health service		Parents to complete and return consent forms prior to the 5 th October	School.
Monday 9 th October	Dolphin Class	Story telling seminar	2.30 p.m.	Dolphin class parents only	School hall.
Tuesday 10 th October	Starfish Class	Story telling seminar	2.40 p.m.	Starfish class parents only	School hall.
Thursday 12 th October	Sea Turtle Class	Story telling seminar	2.50 p.m.	Sea Turtle class parents only	School hall.
Tuesday 17 th	Year 1 & 2	One to one	3.45 – 5.30	Appointment slots to be booked via the	In the

October		Parents opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher. Evening 1 of 2	p.m.	Weduc App. A short introduction meeting with your child's class teacher.	canteen
Monday 16 th October.	Flamingo Class	Reception – English workshop. Focus on Little Wandle – Phonics teaching.	9 a.m.		In the school hall.
Tuesday 17 th October.	Penguin Class	Reception – English workshop. Focus on Little Wandle – Phonics teaching.	9 a.m.		In the school hall.
Wednesday 18 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 19 th October.	Peacock Class	Reception – English workshop. Focus on Little Wandle – Phonics teaching.	9 a.m.		In the school hall.
Thursday 19 th October	Year 1 & 2	One to one parents opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher. Evening 2 of 2	4 – 7 p.m.	Appointment slots to be booked via the Weduc App. A short introduction meeting with your child's class teacher.	In the canteen
Friday 20 th 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.	



EXCLUSIVELY FOR KENMORE PARK INFANT AND NURSERY
SCHOOL

PARENTING PROGRAMME COFFEE MORNING
DATE: 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023 - TIME: 9AM-9.30AM
HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF FAMILY LIFE



10-Week Nurturing Parenting Programme this term!

Based on the four core principles of self-reflection, positive discipline, empathy and appropriate expectations, the course helps parents to focus on understanding your own child's emotional needs and build good communication and practical strategies to manage behaviour.

The course only offers 10 -14 spaces per session for the term.

Contact the school Office to book your space and find out more about the programme!

**Or Email asha@thefamilylearninghub.com
ikram@thefamilylearninghub.com**

(If contacting us via email, don't forget to include your child's school and a contact number)

Autumn Term 2023

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

First day of school

Half term

Last day of term

Monday 4 September

Tuesday 5 September

Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Thursday 21 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 Thursday 21 December 2023.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery school has two vacancies on its governing body. We are looking to appoint two new parent Governors 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 uploaded on the governor hub 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 are more than two applications we will hold a ballot.

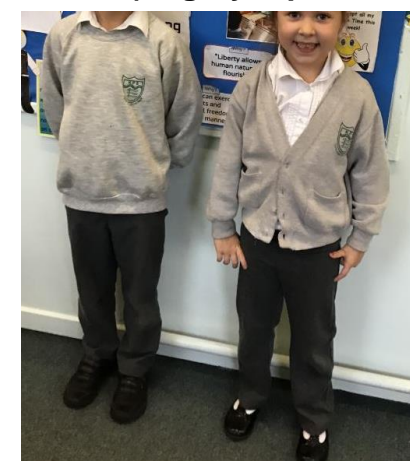
All nominations should be sent in to the school office by **9.00 a.m. on Monday 30th January 2023.**

A REMINDER THAT - 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 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 wearing 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

After School Extra Curricular Clubs – Autumn 2023

This term we have three different after school activities for pupils in Year 1 & 2 to attend subject to spaces. Each club is in blocks of 10 weeks at a charge of £50.50 (including admin charge). All the clubs run from 3.30 -4.30 p.m.

The clubs are:

Day of the week	Club title	Start	End
Tuesday	Football	19.09.23	28.11.23
Wednesday	Gymnastics	13.09.23 08.11.23	11.10.23 06.12.23
Thursday	Soft Archery	21.09.23	30.11.23

A separate letter to express an initial interest needs to be returned to the school no later than Monday 11th September 2023.

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.



School Travel

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery has been awarded the Early Years Healthy School Gold Award and has also been accredited as a Gold Award School for its work on its School Travel Plans. This means that the school's work in this area has been recognised for how passionate we are about actions which support and contribute to the health 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 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 the 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 and we reward the children at the end of each month. We look forward to your support with this initiative.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2019 AND 31 AUGUST 2020

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

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS

FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 2024

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