

## November Parent Newsletter



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



*Romania*  
**UNIFICATION DAY**  
DECEMBER 1

### Happy National Romania Day to all our school community celebrating today.

This day also known as the Great Union Day, is a national holiday in Romania, celebrated on 1 December, marking the unification of Transylvania, Bessarabia, and Bukovina with the Romanian Kingdom in 1918, something that is known as the Great Union. In Romania on this day military parades are organised throughout the country, the armed forces marching in their best uniform, and carrying the country's flag proudly. Military bands join the parade, the country's streets will be echoing from these particular beats and sounds.

### School visit by Ofsted.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November the school received a visit from Ofsted Inspectors as it had been over 5 years since our last inspection. I would like to thank parents who completed the parent survey or took time to speak to the inspectors in the playground during their visit. Although we are not able to share the judgements at present. We look forward to sharing the report when it is available after Christmas.

### Parental engagement sessions this term.

As the end of this term comes to an end, I would like to thank you for attending the various parent seminar lessons and workshops that we have hosted this term. By the end of the term we will have hosted 16 seminars this term.

More sessions will be facilitated in the spring term so look out for the January newsletter.

### This months message from our Harrow Schools Counselling partnership – Therapeutic Lead Christine.

Nurturing Yourself While Nurturing Your Child



Self-care is essential for all parents. Not only to stay patient, but also to keep finding joy and delight that is present every day with your children- even on the difficult ones. Children are happier and will cooperate more when you are joyful, calm and present. When you are feeling stressed, they may believe it is their fault, feel anxious and that they are not good enough. Your big job then, is to make sure you are parenting yourself just as well as you are parenting your child.

### **How can parents help?**

Try to tune into yourself as much as possible throughout the day. Take deep breaths whenever you can, breathing in calm and breathing out stress. When you are feeling irritable, it is important to stop and think about what it is you need right now to stay balanced: can you sit outside for 5mins or put on some music and dance? Have a glass of water? Plan something you can do for yourself later, once they are in bed. You can also find ways to nurture yourself through times in the day that tend to be most difficult. Perhaps you can drink a cup of tea during bedtime stories or start evening routine a little earlier. Finally, being present and slowing down will help you to take in the joy of every moment with your child and will replenish your spirit.

**Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Christine for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, she is available on Wednesday at 9-10am. You can call/text Christine on 07799-030410 or email her at [christine@schoolscounsellingpartnership.co.uk](mailto:christine@schoolscounsellingpartnership.co.uk)**

### **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. In line with safeguarding we will not release your child into the care of a minor (anyone under the age of 18 years), so please do not send older high school siblings to collect your child from school.

If you arrange for another adult to collect your child from school – phone ahead and inform the school or inform the class teacher at drop off in the morning, ensure that you provide them with 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.

### **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.

### **Reminder of the importance of attendance.**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> November all parent/carers were sent details from the LA about the importance of regular school attendance and the processes which can result in an EPN being issued. The reason for this is that the LA have been made aware of the school attendance of numerous pupils. We felt it important to share this information with you all but particularly as we approach the school holiday period and as a reminder to those parents where there are growing concerns about the attendance and lateness of specific pupils. We wanted to make them aware of the next steps if there is no improvement in their child's attendance and lateness as the school will be issuing educational penalty notices in line with LA policy & guidance.

Please remember as we approach the end of term any absences during the last week will not be approved without evidence.

## Attendance highlights from the month of November

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

| Week beginning   | Class         | % attendance |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 06 – 10 November | Jaguar        | 95.9%        |
| 13 – 17 November | Dolphin       | 94.7%        |
| 20 – 24 November | Chameleon     | 99.3%        |
| 27 – 30 November | Jaguar        | 98.2%        |
| November         | <b>Jaguar</b> |              |

## 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             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December  | Nursery – Caterpillar Class | Focus on Fine motor skills development   | 9 a.m.                | Details to be confirmed in the invitation letter.   | Nursery           |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December   | Nursery – Butterfly Class   | Focus on Fine motor skills development   | 1 p.m.                | Details to be confirmed in the invitation letter.   | Nursery           |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December     | Year 1                      | Church visit as part of their Statutory RE curriculum                                | Afternoon             |   |                   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    | All Year groups             | Christmas production performances <b>for parents with young children in buggies.</b> | a.m.<br>p.m.          | Details to be confirmed in the invitation letter.   | School Hall.      |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | All Year groups             | Christmas production performances for <b>ADULTS ONLY NO CHILDREN</b>                 | a.m.<br>ONLY          | Details to be confirmed in the invitation letter.   | School Hall.      |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 1 & 2                  | Children attending Christmas Pantomime at Harrow Arts Centre                         | p.m.                  | Weduc payment and booking – Deadline for payments   | Harrow Art Centre |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | All Year groups             | <b>Community Event – Christmas Market.</b>   | 3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. | Stalls and refreshments.<br><br>Fun for the family! | In the canteen.   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | Nursery & Reception         | Circus visit workshops   |                       | In school event for the children only.              |                   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | All year groups             | Christmas Parties  |                       |   |                   |

## 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 one new 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 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 is more than one application we will hold a ballot.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by **9.00 a.m. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

## **Autumn Term 2023**

Last day of term

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.

## **Spring Term 2024**

First day of school

Monday 8 January

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 19 January

Half term

Monday 12 February– Friday 16 February

Back to school

Monday 19 February

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 23 February

## **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 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](mailto:office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk)

## **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 class with the most children walking on a Wednesday at the end of the month. We look forward to your support with this initiative. Congratulation to **Jaguar Class** AGAIN !!! for getting the most WOW’s this month – they retain the trophy and will have another movie and pop-corn afternoon.

## FINAL REMINDER

### IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024

| PRIMARY SCHOOL<br>CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN<br>1 SEPTEMBER 2019 AND 31 AUGUST 2020  | SECONDARY SCHOOL<br>CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN<br>1 SEPTEMBER 2012 AND 31 AUGUST 2013  |
|---|---|
| <p>You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Online at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS<br/>15 JANUARY 2024</b></p>   | <p>You need to apply to transfer to secondary school. Please apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Online at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS<br/>31 OCTOBER 2023</b></p> <p>We strongly recommend that you submit your secondary application by <b>Friday 20 October 2023</b>, as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.</p> |
| <p><b>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.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For details go to <a href="http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For help and advice on how to complete your application please email <a href="mailto:schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk">schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk</a></b></p> |   |

## JOB VACANCIES

**We are still in need of 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 website (complete the non-teaching application) or school office and request a paper version of the application form.

