

January Parent Newsletter



Monday 8th January 2024

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and on behalf of myself and all the staff I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy 2024! Let us hope it is a good one for us all.

FINAL reminder School Applications for Sept 2024!

The clock is ticking and this is our final and urgent reminder to parent/carers to ensure they have applied for their child's school places for Nursery, Reception and Year 3 if your child is in our Year 2 for September 2024. Applications need to be submitted by the 15th January at the latest!

If you are a parent of a child in Year 2 you will have been sent an email reminder from the London Borough of Harrow Admissions to follow a link to submit your transfer to the Junior School. Please do not ignore and check you Junk/Spam mail.

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

Highlights of the autumn term 2023!

We had a long and busy start to the school year from September to December 2023.

Parental engagement - Since the autumn term commenced and the new academic year, we have hosted 5 opportunities for parents to attend meetings with teachers and focused workshops in line with our school development priorities of supporting progress in the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics.

We have also hosted 20 seminar lessons/workshops providing opportunities for parents to watch a lesson being delivered to their pupils to support parents with understanding how children are being taught and learn, including the strategies we use to support their learning. The feedback from the



evaluations at the end of each session have been resoundingly positive and being used to plan future sessions planned for the spring term 2024.

Our parental engagement sessions were also identified as a strength of the school when we were visited by **Ofsted** inspectors on the 22nd and 23rd November 2023. We look forward to sharing the outcome of the inspection when the report is released in the coming weeks.

Annual Christmas production – We hosted our annual Christmas production which involves every child in the school. Thank you for your support with the costumes and attendance. The children really showed great confidence and enjoyed performing in front of a large audience. We hope you took away a precious memory of your child’s time at KPINS.



Children singing at Boothman House – Every year as part of our work to support the personal development of our pupils, our children make a special visit to the local assisted housing in the local community at Christmas time. The elderly residents enjoyed the visit and the wonderful carol concert that they performed. Our thanks to Mrs. Silvestro and Mrs. Amey who gave up their time to prepare the children as part of our after school Carol Singing Club.

Christmas Market and money raised – Following a busy autumn term, due to the commitment of the staff, their efforts and your continued support we were able to host a Christmas Market. This was a great way to bring our school community together at the end of the year and to bring some joy and fun for all. In addition, we raised £1404.27.



Parental engagement sessions spring term 2024.

I would like to thank you for attending the various parent seminar lessons and workshops that we have hosted during the autumn term. This term we continue our parental engagement sessions based on the feedback you have provided us. Please see below the 24 parental engagement sessions we will be hosting this term which start next week.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Thursday 11 th January	All year groups	Parents Coffee Morning	9 a.m.	Facilitated by our Romanian Parent Ambassador	School hall.
Monday 15 th	Year 1	English	9 a.m.	Dolphin Class	School hall

January		Seminar lesson			
Tuesday 16 th January	Year 1	English Seminar lesson	9 a.m.	Starfish Class	School hall
Thursday 18 th January	Year 1	English Seminar lesson	9 a.m.	Dolphin Class	School hall
Tuesday 23 rd January	Reception	English workshop – focus on writing.	9 a.m.	Flamingo class	School hall
Thursday 25 th January	Reception	English workshop – focus on writing.	9 a.m.	Penguin class	School hall
Friday 26 th January	Reception	English workshop – focus on writing.	9 a.m.	Peacock class	School hall
Monday 29 th January	Year 2	English Seminar lesson	9 a.m.	Lemur Class	School hall
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 2	English Seminar lesson	9 a.m.	Chameleon Class	School hall
Thursday 1 st February	Year 2	English Seminar lesson	9 a.m.	Jaguar Class	School hall
Thursday 8 th February	Nursery	Parents workshop focused on communication and language.	9 a.m.	Caterpillar Class	Nursery setting
Thursday 8 th February	Nursery	Parents workshop focused on communication and language.	1 p.m.	Butterfly class	Nursery setting.
		Half	term		
Monday 19 th February	Year 1	Maths seminar lesson.	9 a.m.	Dolphin class	School hall
Tuesday 20 th February	Year 1	Maths seminar lesson.	9 a.m.	Starfish class	School hall
Thursday 22 nd February	Year 1	Maths seminar lesson.	9 a.m.	Sea Turtle class	School hall
Friday 23 rd February	All year groups	Parents meetings	INSET DAY 12 noon to 7 p.m.	Book appointments via Weduc App	Reception and Year 1 classrooms. Year 2 in the school hall.
Monday 26 th February	Reception	Maths workshop – focused on Numerical patterns	9 a.m.	Flamingo class	School hall
Thursday 29 th February	Reception	Maths workshop – focused on	9 a.m.	Penguin class	School hall

		Numerical patterns			
Friday 1 st March	Reception	Maths workshop – focused on Numerical patterns	9 a.m.	Peacock class	School hall
Monday 4 th March	Year 2	Maths seminar lesson.	9 a.m.	Lemur class	School hall
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 2	Maths seminar lesson.	9 a.m.	Chameleon class	School hall
Wednesday 6 th March	Nursery	Parents workshop focused on Maths	9 a.m.	Caterpillar class	Nursery setting
Wednesday 6 th March	Nursery	Parents workshop focused on Maths	1 p.m.	Butterfly class	Nursery setting
Thursday 7 th March	Year 2	Maths seminar lesson.	9 a.m.	Jaguar class	School hall

Our Harrow Schools Counselling partnership – Therapeutic Lead Christine.

We hope you are enjoying and finding our Therapeutic lead’s newsletters useful.



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@schoolsounsellingpartnership.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 20th 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 particularly as we were approaching 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 also reminded you that any absences at the end of the autumn particularly during the last week will not be approved without evidence.

We respect those families who have been open and honest with us about their plans to take their child out of school before the end of the term to travel abroad well aware of the potential consequences of their actions. All absences at the end of the term will be unauthorised until evidence has been provided and reviewed against the aim policy and exceptional leave criteria. Please be respectful our Attendance Officer is compelled to work in line with the AIM Attendance Policy and guidance provided by the Court Attendance Officer during updated training events.

Attendance highlights from the month of December

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

Week beginning	Class	% attendance
01 December	Lemur	100%
04 – 08 December	Starfish	98%
11 – 15 December	Dolphin	99.3%
18 – 21 December	Dolphin	93.75%
December	Dolphin	95.7%

Dates for your diary.

What is coming up?

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Thursday 11 th January	All year groups	Coffee Morning	9 a.m.	An informal opportunity for parents to come together and informal discussion about school topics.	School hall
Thursday 11 th January	All parents	Kenton East – Local Community Safer Neighbourhood Team –	Drop in session 10 -11 a.m.	Come along and speak to members of your local safer Neighbourhood Team	Kenmore Park Children's Centre – Warneford Road.
Friday 19 th January	All year groups	School closed for staff training	All day	No pupils in school	
Thursday 25 th January	All year groups	E-safety	Afternoon	Children will engage in activities to teach them about being safe on line.	
5 th – 9 th February	All year groups	Children's Mental Health Week		Details to follow	

Thursday 8 th February	All parents	Kenton East – Local Community Safer Neighbourhood Team –	Drop in session 10 -11 a.m.	Come along and speak to members of your local safer Neighbourhood Team	Kenmore Park Children’s Centre – Warneford Road.
Tuesday 20 th February	All year groups	Listening event for parents	9 a.m.	Details to follow	School hall.
Friday 23 rd February	All year groups	INSET DAY – Parents meetings	Appointments to be booked via Weduc. 12 noon to 7 p.m.	Parent meetings with class teachers and mid year report for pupils in Years 1 & 2.	All meetings in the classrooms except Year 2 – teachers will be in the school hall.
Thursday 28 th February	All year groups	Cake sale	3 p.m.	Parents donate cakes for our termly cake sale	Reception and KS 1 playground.
Tuesday 5 th March	All year groups	Maths afternoon	p.m.	Children spend an afternoon devoted to maths activities – promoting maths as fun!	
Thursday 7 th March	All year groups	World Book Day	All day	Children dress up as their favourite book characters and get involved in reading activities.	
Monday 11 th March	Specific year groups	Science workshops	All day	Company visiting the school to promote science activities with the children.	
Tuesday 12 th March		Ramadam begins	12 th March to 12 th April.	Our Muslim community.	
Thursday 14 th March	All year groups	Career Day	2.30 p.m.	Parents invited to volunteer to visit their child’s classroom and talk about their occupation and the children to ask questions – Hot seating.	Classrooms.

 Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School



All parents are welcome to come for morning coffee in the school hall

**THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY
BETWEEN 9 - 10 AM**

Why come in for a coffee morning?

- Meet other parents
- Chat to your friends
- Enjoy coffee and tea
- Learn something new

Feel involved in school life and stay up to date with what's going on
Have some time just for you and feel great!

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and friends of the family are ALL welcome

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School,
Moorhouse Rd, Harrow, HA3 9JA

KENTON EAST

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

DROP-IN SESSIONS


Come along and speak to members of your local Safer Neighbourhood Team at the Kenmore Park Children's Centre, Warneford Rd, Harrow HA3 9HZ.

- Crime Prevention Information
- Voice any concerns in the local area
- Informative Leaflet to give away

Dates & Times

Thursday 11th January - 10 am to 11 am
Thursday 8th February - 10 pm to 11 am

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) is a group of Met police officers dedicated to serving your Community. The team is made up of officers based in your area (or ward), supported by additional officers from the wider area. We work closely with local authorities, community leaders, and residents to decide our policing priorities for the area. This helps us to find useful, long-term solutions to local problems while maintaining our wider focus on reducing crime across London.

 **MORE TRUST | LESS CRIME | HIGH STANDARDS**

Parent Governors.

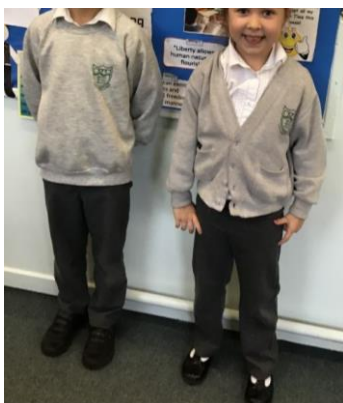
This term we welcome our new parent governors who have put themselves forward to represent the parent community on our Governing Body. We welcome Mr. N. Shah (parent of child in Year 1) and Mr. A Butani (Parent of a child in Year 2). Thank you for agreeing to give of your time to join the Infant School Governing Body.

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 OF OUR COMPULSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE UNIFORM

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

School Travel

At Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery as a Gold Award Healthy School, we feel very strongly about how children travel to school and encourage all pupils to walk or scoot to school rather than travelling by 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 during the month of December, they retain the trophy and have earned themselves another movie and popcorn afternoon.

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.

