

March Parent Newsletter



Friday 1st March 2024

Celebrating our first winner of a book from our vending machine.

Congratulations to two of our youngest pupils who were the first to complete their vending machine improved reading record card which won them the golden coin to select a book from our book vending machine.

We look forward to sharing with you images of our winners as children show improvements in their reading and earn their stars.



Parental engagement sessions spring term 2024.

This half term the focus of the parental engagement sessions has been on maths. We look forward to seeing you there and receiving your valuable feedback which helps us to plan future sessions.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Friday 1 st March	Reception	Maths workshop – focused on Numerical patterns	9 a.m.	Peacock class	School hall
Friday 1 st March	Year 1 and some Yr 2	Phonics screening check meeting	9 a.m.	Mr. Snowden delivering session.	Year 1 classroom
Monday 4 th March	Year 2	Maths seminar lesson.	9 a.m.	Lemur class	School hall
Tuesday 5 th	Year 2	Maths seminar	9 a.m.	Chameleon class	School hall

March		lesson.			
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@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 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.

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.

Attendance

Please be reminded that every time your child is absent from school they are missing an average of 5 lessons per day. Over a school week that amounts to over 25 lessons missed!

Attendance highlights from the month of February

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

Week beginning	Class	% attendance
01– 02 February	Jaguar	100%
05 – 09 February	Sea Turtle	98.35%

19 – 23 February	Sea Turtle	99.2%
26 – 29 February	Starfish	99.2%
February	Sea Turtle	96.2%

Dates for your diary.

What is coming up in school for the children?

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Tuesday 5 th March	All year groups	Maths afternoon	p.m.	Children spend an afternoon devoted to maths activities – promoting maths as fun!	
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 2	Road Safety Talks		Visitors in school delivering sessions to classes.	
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.	
Week beginning 11 th March Each day over the week	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.
Tuesday 12 th March		Ramadam begins	12 th March to 12 th April.	Our Muslim community.	

Spring Term 2024

Last day of term

Thursday 28 March (finish at 2 p.m. Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

Summer Term 2024

First day of school

Monday 15 April

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 26 April

Half term

Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Back to school

Monday 3 June

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 21 June (**Infant School ONLY**)

Last day of term

Wednesday 24 July (finish at 2 p.m. Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

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.

As the summer term approaches

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. Congratulations to **Chameleon Class** for getting the most WOW's during the month of **February**, they receive the trophy and have earned themselves a movie and popcorn afternoon.



JOB VACANCIES

We are still in need of As and when staff for the following posts:



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.

As and When SEN Teaching Assistants: Hours are based on the needs of the child.



Please visit the school website (complete the non-teaching application) or school office and request a paper version of the application form. Clearly indicate the post you are applying for and demonstrate in your supporting statement how you are able to meet the person specification.

Parking

We ask parent/carer to respect our local residence and not park in or block their drive ways.

A number of residents of Warneford and Moorhouse Road have contacted the school to complain.

Residents report they have not given permission to any parents to park in front of their drive ways. A number of the residents have shared they have life threatening medical conditions which require them to have immediate, emergency access to their drive ways – so please respect their wishes and if no spaces near the school are available – park and walk, the exercise is good for everyone.



The local neighbourhood police have advised residents to report any such parking violations to Harrow Council and Traffic Enforcement and also to email a picture of the obstructing vehicle, showing the registration, so they can issue penalty notices.

The rise in the number of complaints is resulting in more surveillance by traffic enforcement during drop off and collection time and potentially more fines to you!