

May Parent Newsletter



Wednesday 1st May 2024



Happy Orthodox Easter on the 5th May for our families celebrating this weekend.

National Thank a Teacher Day is coming on the 19th June.



Use this link to find out more and support your child to send their teacher an e-card of appreciation: <https://thankateacher.co.uk/nationalthankateacherday/>

Health update:

The number of confirmed cases of Measles across London and parts of Europe are increasing. Last month we sent out a letter and fact sheet explaining more about the virus and also informed you that we had 6 confirmed cases in the infant school with further cases in the Junior School. Following communication with other local schools the situation at KPINS is the worst in the area and we would like you help to reduce the spread of the infection across the school. We have a number of pregnant parents and staff members and also individuals with a low immunity who would become very unwell if they were to become infected. The best deterrent against the infection is vaccination. Two doses of the MMR vaccine provides good protection against the infection. We are planning to hold a vaccination clinic at the school to make it easier for our school community to get vaccinated. (details will follow separately).

Celebrating Reading at KPINS as we share with you the children who have made improvements in reading and won a token to collect a free book from our vending machine.

Congratulations to:



From Reception: (left to right)

David, Siya, Lucas, Eyas, Eliza-Maria, Emmanuel, Sofia, Richard, Khadija, Iulian & Karina.



From Year 1: (left to right)

Nihit, Akshayan, Aya, Antonio, Matthew, Muntdher, Tiffany, Damaris, Miriam, Emanuela, Jonathan & Gabriel.



From Year 2: (left to right)

Vihann, Raissa, Jason, Anais, Amelia, Joseph, Riad, Mozdah, Emima, Jesha, Rashid & Mukund.



From Year 2: (left to right)

Zahra, Misti, Agnes, Razvan, Vimash, Dwija, Maheemrajsinh, Reign, Agnes, Emily & Daria.

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.

Fund raising update;

Thank you for your support with the recycling toy sale. Together we raised £270 for Great Ormond Street childrens' Hospital. Where they do fantastic work and are supporting some of our families through difficult times.



REMINDER of - Attendance expectations – no tolerance approach! **New regulations for schools in the next stage of attendance drive by the Government!**

From September every state school in England will be expected to share their daily attendance registers across the education sector - including with the department for education, councils, and trusts in the next stage of the government's drive to reduce pupil absence in school.

The sharing of daily school registers will form a new world-leading attendance data set that will help schools spot and support children displaying worrying trends of persistent absence or those in danger of becoming missing in education. The expectation is that the data will be used by Councils and Schools to drive improvements in attendance.

These reforms are the next phase in the government's plan to improve attendance following the pandemic which has seen a worldwide rise in absence and persistent absence driven by broken habits of attendance.

Parent fines for unauthorised absences will also be brought under a national framework to help tackle inconsistencies in their use. A fine to parents must be considered if a child misses 5 days of school for unauthorised absence. Alongside this, costs for **finest will go up from £60 to £80** (per parent) **if paid within 21 days** and **from £120 to £160 if paid in 28 days** which will ensure all parents are aware of when they might face a fine to ensure all councils are issuing fines appropriately.

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 April

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

Week beginning	Class	% attendance
15 - 19 April	Lemur	99.65%
22 – 26 April	Starfish	98.7%
29 – 30 April	Dolphin /Lemur & Jaguar	100%
Month of April	Lemur	98.85%

Summer Term 2024

Half term

Back to school

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Last day of term

Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Monday 3 June

Friday 21 June (Infant School ONLY)

Wednesday 24 July (finish at 2 p.m.

Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

The 2024/2024 term dates can be found on

the school website.



A REMINDER OF OUR COMPULSORY 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



Class assembly diary dates

Date for your diaries: The following classes will be hosting assemblies. Parents of pupils in those classes are invited to attend.

Class	Date	Time
Year 1 & 2 Achievement assembly for children nominated.	Monday 13 th May	1.05 p.m.
Reception Achievement assembly for children nominated.	Friday 17 th May	2.30 p.m.
Sea Turtle Class	Monday 20 th May	1.05 p.m.
Penguin Class	Friday 24 th May	2.30 p.m.
Peacock Class	Friday 7 th June	2.30 p.m.
Flamingo Class	Friday 14 th June	2.30 p.m.
Starfish Class	Monday 17 th June	1.05 p.m.

Parental engagement sessions summer term 2024.

I would like to thank you for attending the various parent seminar lessons and workshops that we have hosted during the spring term. This term we continue our parental engagement sessions based on the feedback you have provided us. This term the focus is on supporting you to understand the expectations on your children as they prepare to transition to the next year group. Please see below the **9** parental engagement sessions we will be hosting this term which start next week.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Tuesday 11 th June Or Thursday 13 th June	Reception (Reception parents can attend one of the two sessions available this week).	Parents workshops focused on mathematics	9 a.m.	This is an opportunity to watch a Year 1 class maths lesson.	School hall.
Monday 17 th	Year 1	Parents	9 a.m.	This is an opportunity	School hall.

June Or Tuesday 18 th June	(Parents of pupils in Year 1 may attend one of the two sessions available this week).	workshops focused on mathematics		to watch a Year 2 class maths lesson.	
Monday 24 th June Or Tuesday 25 th June	Reception (Reception parents can attend one of the two sessions available this week).	Parents workshops focused on English	9 a.m.	This is an opportunity to watch a Year 1 class English lesson.	School hall.
Thursday 27 th June Or Friday 28 th June	Year 1 (Parents of pupils in Year 1 may attend one of the two sessions available this week).	Parents workshops focused on English.	9 a.m.	This is an opportunity to watch a Year 2 class English lesson.	School hall.
Thursday 11 th July	Nursery (Parents of pupils in Nursery).	Parents workshops – preparing for school readiness - expectations	2.30 p.m.	This is an opportunity to gain an understanding of /support to help prepare your child for starting reception/compulsory schooling.	School hall.

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 **Dolphin Class** for getting the most WOW's during the month of **April**, (second consecutive month for this class) 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

Complaints from local residents continue - 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.



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

The local neighbourhood police have advised residents to report any such parking violations by 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!

Dog Fouling on the increase!

We have noticed an increase in the amount of dog fouling on the pavements along the main routes to the school particularly Moorhouse Road and Warneford road. We have complained to the council but the louder we all shout the more likely we are to be heard. We would urge you to report dog fouling to the council as well and hopefully shouting together will lead to more action being taken.

<https://www.gov.uk/report-dog-fouling>

