

July Parent Newsletter



Monday 1st July 2024

Another school year draws to a close!

As we approach the final few weeks of the school year, it goes without saying 2023 – 2024 has been an eventful year. It has been wonderful watching the children mature and develop a love for reading with over 200 free books received by children from our reading vending machine due to improvements in reading. During the summer holidays it is important to keep that motivation and love for reading which will go on to support learning and progress across all areas of the curriculum.

To support with this the Library service is running an annual reading challenge. There are no excuses for not enrolling and engaging your child in the challenge which begins in early July so that if you are planning to travel abroad for the summer you can still ensure that your child reads at least 6 books borrowed from the library before the close of the challenge in September 2024. Also whilst on holiday reading daily should still be encouraged!

Design a Recycling Hero Competition.

We were extremely proud to have three of our pupils win the design a recycling hero competition. On Monday 3rd June, representatives from the Harrow recycling team, Harrow Library Service and the Portfolio holder for recycling Counsellor Greek visited the school and during an assembly the 3 winners were announced. We were proud to share this special moment with the parents of the children who attended the assembly and were sworn to secrecy until the winners were finally announced during the assembly. Not only did Inaya, David C from Starfish class and Mahreem from Lemur class win prizes themselves but they also won a special prize visit for their class to Greenford library where the children will meet and work with the creators of Wallace and Gromit and make their own models out of plastercine to bring back to the school.



Health update:

We are pleased to invite all parents to an opportunity to meet a Romanian speaking doctor (Dr Aekta Davda) who will support you in improving our child's health. **The doctor will be at the Kenmore Park Children's centre on Warneford Road (next to the school entrance gate) on Tuesday 9th July from 1pm to 4pm.**

We encourage you to attend as it sounds like a great opportunity to get advice and support from a professional who is well aware of the challenges families are facing.

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) Ayah, Karina, Siya, Anelisse, Rut Matei, Nishkamishh, and Salome.



From Reception: (left to right) David, Zaim, Eliyas and Agness.



From Year 1: (left to right): Sara, Vansh, Melissa, Elvin, Emily,



From Year 2: (left to right) Aiden, Nicolas and Kalp.

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 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.

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

With the end of term looming it is important to remind you that 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 process is already underway and with this in mind we have been arranging meetings to support parents as the LA alert us to concerns about pupil's absence. We are trying to make parents aware of the harsh consequences if they do not work with the school now to address their child's attendance concerns.**

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 **finer 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.

Bearing this in mind any parent who takes their child out of school at the end of the term to start their summer break early could potentially be hit with the increased fine if an EPN is issued at the start of the school year from September. Therefore, I would like to remind you that the school term ends on Wednesday 24th July for all pupils attending the infant school and no sooner.

Please note 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 June

During the month of **June**, 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
03 – 07 June	Sea Turtle	99.3%
10 – 14 June	Starfish	100 %
17 – 21 June	Caterpillar	98.55%
24 – 28 June	Caterpillar	99.25%
Month of June	Lemur	97%

The whole school attendance is expected to be 96% by the DfE our current attendance is 94.9%. There is still work to be done to ensure the school is doing all it can with parents to improve attendance rates. From September 2024 the DfE and Local Authority will be monitoring attendance even more with data submitted on individual attendance to the DfE in addition to current practice of just the local authority.

Summer Term 2024

Last day of term

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

School Term dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET DAY 1 (Children not in school)

Monday 2 September

First day of school

Tuesday 3 September

Half term

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Back to school

Monday 4 November

Last day of term

Friday 20 December (finish at 2 p.m.
Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

Spring Term 2025

First day of school

Monday 6 January

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 17 January

Half term

Monday 17 February– Friday 21 February

Back to school

Monday 24 February

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 28 February

Last day of term

Friday 4 April (finish at 2 p.m. Reception &
2.15 p.m. KS 1)

Summer Term 2025

First day of school

Tuesday 22 April

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 2nd May

Half term

Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Back to school

Monday 2 June

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 20 June (Infant School ONLY)

Last day of term

Tuesday 22 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



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 over the year and your honest feedback. The final session for this term is focused on preparing our early years' children for school readiness.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Thursday 11 th July	Nursery (Parents of pupils in Nursery).	Parents workshops – preparing for school readiness - expectations	9 a.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 worth checking as the government continue to give food vouchers during the holidays!

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 **Penguin Class** for getting the most WOW’s during the month of **June**, (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 required from September 2024:

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.



Dog Fouling on the increase!

Our School Council members have written to the Local MP and portfolio holder for safer and clean streets and have also been proactive in displaying posters around the school to ask residents to respect their right to a safe and clean route to school. We would urge parents 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>

Email response from Cllr Pritesh Patel

Dear Ms Mahil-Pooni,

Thank you for your email and bringing this issue to my attention.

Thank you also for including the letters highlighting the extent of the problems and concerns from pupils of Kenmore Park Infants and Nursery School.

I have requested our Officers to investigate the matter with a view to addressing the issue. I will update you as and when I receive their feedback.

Kind regards

Pritesh

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