

September Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Welcome back to another School Year.

We hope you all had a good summer break and the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. Year 1 and 2 pupils return to school this week and are adjusting to their new learning environment, teacher and curriculum. Our new early years' pupils will commence induction from Monday 9th September. We look forward to continuing to work with family's familiar with the school and welcome new children and families to KPINS.

At the end of the school year we said goodbye to staff moving on but this term we welcome new staff to the school. Ms. Lydon joins us as the new class teacher in reception- Owl class. We also welcome a number of teaching assistants who will be supporting some of our pupils joining with additional needs.

In the coming week parents of pupils in Year 1 and 2 will be invited to our annual meet the teacher/housekeeping meetings. It is a good opportunity to see your child's new class teacher and put a name to a face whilst also learning about the expectations in years 1 and 2. Homework schedules will also be shared along with some information about the curriculum.

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.

Each month we will continue to share images of the children who have made improvements in their reading and receive a free book from our reading vending machine.

If you do not wish for your child's photograph to be shared in the monthly newsletter please send an email to the school office: office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk subject: reading vending machine pictures. Saying: I wish for my child to opt out of having their image shared in the monthly newsletter if they receive a free reading book from the reading vending machine.

If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are happy to allow your child's picture to be shared and uploaded onto the school website too!

Our Harrow Schools Counselling partnership – Therapeutic Lead Christine.

We will resume sharing with you our weekly newsletter from our Therapeutic Lead with useful topics which I know a number of you found useful last year.

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

At the start of a new school year it is vital that you check that all your contact and emergency contact details are up to date and accurate. Please ensure any changes to contact numbers are updated, 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 from September

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 have been 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 has increased from September 2024 from £60 to £80 (per parent) if paid within 21 days and from £120 to £160 if paid in 28 days.** If a second fine is issued within a 12 month period it will start at £160 per parent.

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!

Please note below the school term dates and holidays.

These are shared in the monthly newsletter and can be found on the school website. Therefore, there is no excuse for any parent to claim they are not aware when making requests for leave which need to be avoided during term time.

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.

During the summer term pupils permitted to wear the following:

Girls may wear Black or Grey Trousers too.

White socks or grey tights

Boys' black or grey socks.

Summer dress from April – July only



The following information will help you plan for forthcoming events and plan your diaries. (please note there may be times when dates have to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances)

Parent meetings autumn term 2024.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Tuesday 10 th September	Year 1	Parents housekeeping meeting	4 – 5 p.m.	Year 1 team	School hall.
Thursday 12 th September	Year 2	Parents housekeeping meeting	4 – 5 p.m.	Year 2 team	School hall.
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 1 & 2	Parents meetings – update on how your child has settled and meet the teacher.	3.45 – 5.30 p.m.	Book appointment slots via Weduc	School Canteen Access via Moorhouse Road entrance.
Thursday 17 th October	Year 1 & 2	Parents meetings – update on how your child has settled and meet the teacher.	4 – 7 p.m.	Book appointment slots via Weduc	School Canteen Access via Moorhouse Road entrance.
Monday 4 th – Thursday 7 th November	Reception	Reception parents meetings - meet the teacher for an update on how your child has settled.	3.45 – 5.15 p.m.	Parents sign up for a time slot on the boards outside the classroom door.	Reception classrooms. Access via gate from the main entrance-car park.

Parental Engagement Session Autumn 2024.

Our parental engagement sessions will commence after half term when the children have settled into their new classes/year groups. Please note the provisional dates so that you can plan to attend.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Monday 30 th September	Year 1 & 2	Maths parents curriculum workshop	9 a.m.	Facilitated by the school maths lead- Mr. Christopher	School hall.
Tuesday 1 st October	All Year groups	Parents Coffee morning	9 a.m.	Facilitated by School and LA colleagues.	School Hall.
Monday 7 th October	Year 1	Story telling seminars	2.30 p.m.	Dolphin Class	School hall.
Tuesday 8 th October	Year 1	Story telling seminars	2.50 p.m.	Sea Turtle Class	School hall.
Thursday 10 th October	Year 1	Story telling seminars	2.40 p.m.	Starfish Class	School hall.
Monday 14 th October	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Phonics – Little Wandle.	9 a.m.	Flamingo class	School hall
Tuesday 15 th October	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Phonics – Little Wandle.	9 a.m.	Robin class	School hall
Thursday 17 th October	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Phonics – Little Wandle.	9 a.m.	Owl class	School hall
Tuesday 22 nd October	All Year groups	Zones of Regulation	9 a.m.	Facilitated by Cara.	School Hall
		Half	term		
Monday 4 th November	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Reading.	9 a.m.	Flamingo class	School hall
Monday 4 th November	Year 2	Story telling seminars	2.40 p.m.	Lemur Class	School hall
Tuesday 5 th November	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Reading	9 a.m.	Robin Class	School hall
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 2	Story telling seminars	2.40 p.m.	Chameleon Class	School hall
Thursday 7 th November	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Reading	9 a.m.	Owl Class	School hall

Thursday 7 th November	Nursery	Learning through play – workshop for parents	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	Nursery
Thursday 7 th November	Year 2	Story telling seminars	2.40 p.m.	Jaguar Class	School hall
Tuesday 12 th November	Years 1 & 2	Literacy parents meeting focused on phonics and early reading – Little Wandle	9 a.m.	Facilitated by the school English lead – Miss. Bennett.	School hall.
Wednesday 13 th November	Nursery	Nursery parents workshop focused on PSE	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	Nursery
Monday 18 th November	Reception	Parents Maths workshop – focused on Number	9 a.m.	Flamingo Class	School hall
Tuesday 19 th November	Reception	Parents Maths workshop – focused on Number	9 a.m.	Robin Class	School hall
Thursday 21 st November	Reception	Parents Maths workshop – focused on Number	9 a.m.	Owl Class	School hall
Monday 2 nd December	Reception	Parents workshop focused on ICT		On line link will be sent to parents via Class Dojo.	Virtual
Wednesday 4 th December	Nursery	Parents workshop focused on – fine motor skills.	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	Nursery

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.



Coming up this term the school will be promoting the following event:



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 in our area.

Last year our School Council members wrote 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>



During the summer break I have received communication from Place Directorate Environmental Health in Harrow who assure me that she has spoken to the Team Leader for the Councils PET Team – officers who go out into the Borough, patrolling and they can also issue on the spot fines, for a whole range of issues including **Dog Fouling**, and they are also going to patrol the area around the school on both roads.

Hopefully, if we can identify the owners or if they receive on the spot fines, it will help in bringing this **Dog Fouling** issue to a close.