

October Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 1st October 2024

The school is now in full flow!

Last month we welcomed our new early year pupils into Nursery and Reception and some new children joining in other year groups too. **WELCOME!**

This week will be the first full week for our reception pupils as they commence their compulsory education. It has been lovely walking around the early years and seeing how the children have started to adapt to the routines and expectation in their classes. We look forward to working in partnership with parents/carers to ensure that during their time with us they achieve their full potential.

Zero Tolerance to Abusive Behaviour – We are a Rights Respecting School !

We have a zero tolerance approach to rude and threatening behaviour from parents towards each other or our staff. Where such behaviour is reported to the school leadership, we will look to meet with the parents and make it clear that this is unacceptable. Such action will not be tolerated, we have the powers to ban parent/carers from the school site, furthermore we will not hesitate to report their threatening behaviour to the police.

Please remember that more can be resolved without aggression and by discussion in a reasoned manner we are here to help and support!

We pride ourselves on being a rights respecting school and therefore, expect all our school community – staff, pupils and parents to adhere to our expectations.

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@schoolscounsellingpartnership.co.uk**

Safeguarding

This is a reminder that 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 are finding that a number of parent are forgetting the password themselves! 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

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

At Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School we are committed to every child reaching their full potential and therefore, we follow all guidance from the Department for Education (DFE) with regard to school attendance. We also work closely with the Local Authority and Harrow's School Attendance Support Service (HASS) to ensure we are doing all we can to help all children to benefit from their education as fully as possible. We also recognise that attendance is a key part of our commitment to safeguarding and child protection.

BENEFITS OF GOOD ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Regular attendance and punctuality are important if children are to take part fully in the life of the school and take advantage of the learning opportunities on offer. We recognise that attending school regularly and punctually is vital to the educational process and encourages a good pattern of work.

Good attendance is important because:

- Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance
- Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically
- Regular attenders find school routines and work easier to adapt to and manage
- Regular attenders find learning more satisfying
- Regular attenders have an easier transfer to each new key stage

WE ASK PARENTS AND CARERS TO:

Ensure their child/children attends school regularly and on time.

Phone or send a message via Weduc to the school on the first day of non-attendance by 9:00am. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail. It is important that you provide details of your child's illness.

Contact school on each subsequent day of non-attendance.

Avoid making medical and dental appointments during school hours where possible. Not book holidays, trips or events during term time. Work with the school to meet any attendance targets that are set to help improve attendance.

PUNCTUALITY

Being late for school causes disruption to your child's learning and the other children in the class. It is of extreme importance therefore, that all children arrive at school on time.

ADDRESSING PUNCTUALITY CONCERNS

If a child starts to develop a regular pattern of lateness, the school attendance officer Maria Mulcahy will contact with the parent to see if there are any issues which school can support with.

TERM TIME LEAVE

We would ask you to seriously consider before taking your child out of school during term time. Term time leave may only be authorised at the discretion of the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances in line with the AIM policy. Evidence will be required to substantiate any requests for leave. However holidays will not be authorised under any circumstances!

Parent Governor Vacancy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery school has one vacancy on its governing body. We are looking to appoint one new parent Governor to join our Governing Body. The individual needs to have an interest in representing the parents' community and acting as a voice of the school and parents. Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body. We rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking and to help us to decide what is best for all our pupils. They also keep parents informed about the strategic work of the school leadership.

What are you required to do?

- Attend Full Governing Body meetings which are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and there is one meeting every half term (max 6 per year). All paperwork is uploaded on the governor hub a week in advance of the meeting.
- Join at least one of the subcommittees who meet once each term as a minimum at 7 p.m. on a Wednesday evening at the school.
- You must have skills and areas of expertise and knowledge to support with the strategic planning and vision for the school
- The term of office is 4 years

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please collect an application form from the school office. Complete and return by the end of the month ensuring you have details of nominees completed. Where there is more than one application we will hold a ballot.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by **9.00 a.m. Monday 14th October 2024**.

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 needs to be avoided during term time.

School Term dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

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 2 nd 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)

Assemblies this term

This term year 1 & 2 will be hosting year group assemblies in the hall which parents will be invited to.

Date	Time	Year group
Tuesday 8 th October	9 a.m.	Year 1
Monday 14 th October	1.05 p.m.	Year 2

Parent meetings autumn term 2024.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
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
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	9 a.m.	Morning Nursery	Nursery

		focused on PSE	1 p.m.	Afternoon 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.



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>



IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 AND 31 AUGUST 2021

You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
FRIDAY 11 JANUARY 2025**

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