

January 2025 Parent Newsletter



Monday 6th January 2024

Happy New Year !!!!

Welcome back we hope you all had a good break and took advantage of the holidays to spend time with loved ones.

We are now into another year and I hope that the coming months are good to us all.



Promoting a love of reading at KPINS

Our drive to promote a love of reading continues this year and I am really proud to announce the names of the children who have received books last month:

			
Krish, Stefan and Luca from Flamingo class	Denis from Flamingo class	David, Ayan & Bogdon from Starfish class	Delia, Iulian and Anisa from Dolphin class.
			
Zaim & Kabir from Sea Turtle class.	Emily & Alessia from Starfish class.	Rut, Iosua, Fatima and David from Sea Turtle	Viaan, Avni and Levy from Dolphin class.



Harshiv, Eliza and David from Dolphin class.



David A & Rianna from Jaguar class



Kriyaan & David C from Jaguar Class.

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**

Why not support the provision in our school by joining in a family day out into London and a walk to raise money for the service. See details opposite.

Recycling school uniforms.

Please continue to support us by recycling good condition school uniforms as your child grows out of them or if you are leaving us. 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.

Celebrating school attendance in December

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

Week beginning	Class	% attendance
02 - 06 December	Lemur	99.3%
09 – 13 December	Chameleon	98.95%

16 – 20 December	Dolphin	95.55
December	Starfish	97.25%

Attendance reminder as we return to school following the Christmas/New Year break.

Last term we wrote to most parents clarifying the expectations relating to school attendance. More detailed letters were sent to some of you to inform you that we would be monitoring the attendance of your child due to concerns highlighted by the Harrow Attendance Liaison Officer.

This term where there have been no improvements and also any historical patterns of irregular attendance or lateness, meetings will be scheduled with the Attendance Liaison Officer and school and more formally logged with clear expectation of the potential for fines or legal processes to be initiated. Some of these meetings will be with parents who have removed their child from school without authorisation to travel or take extended time out of school.

When children are admitted into the school parents signed an attendance contract and the persistent lateness or absence of your child is in breach of that contract!

Did you know?

The law in this country states that:

Parents have a legal duty to secure an education for their child of compulsory school age whether at school or otherwise (section 7 of The Education Act 1996)

If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school, a parent is guilty of an offence (section 444 of the Education Act 1996).

TERM TIME LEAVE not permitted!

Parental Prosecution

Education Act 1996

- Section 444 (*non attendance*) Parents are liable for prosecution for "failing to secure the regular attendance at school of a registered pupil"
- Under the *absolute offence* (level 3) the parent can be found guilty even if they state that they are unaware the child is not attending
- Under the *aggravated offence* (level 4) the prosecution needs to show that the parent was aware of the poor attendance and did nothing about it. This offence carries the possibility of a custodial sentence.
- Section 443 SAO (*failure to comply with a School Attendance Order stating where they should enrol their child at school*)

Fixed Penalty Notices

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003+ The Education Act 1996

Local Authorities have the power to issue penalty notices in cases where parents or carers are considered capable of but unwilling to ensure their child's attendance at school.



Penalty notices – New National Threshold

The new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.
For example: 2 siblings with unauthorised absence during term time may result in each parent being issued with one penalty notice per child.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence

**(within 3 years from the date of
issue of first penalty notice)**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence

**(within 3 years from the date of
issue of first penalty notice)**

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.
This is a criminal offence and a parent may end up with a criminal record.

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 20th January 2025**.

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

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)

Parental Engagement Session planned for the Spring term 2025.

Our parental engagement sessions resume again the term

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
		Spring	Term		
Monday 13 th January	Year 1	English & writing seminar lesson	9 a.m.	Dolphin Class	School Hall
Tuesday 14 th January	Year 1	English & writing seminar lesson	9 a.m.	Sea Turtle Class	School Hall
Thursday 16 th January	Year 1	English & writing seminar lesson	9 a.m.	Starfish Class	School Hall
Monday 20 th January	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on writing	9 a.m.	Flamingo class	School hall
Tuesday 21 st January	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on writing	9 a.m.	Robin class	School hall
Thursday 23 rd January	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on writing	9 a.m.	Owl class	School hall
Monday 27 th January	Year 2	English – writing and grammar seminar lesson	9.05 a.m.	Lemur Class	School hall
Tuesday 28 th January	Year 2	English – writing and grammar seminar lesson	9.05 a.m.	Chameleon Class	School hall
Thursday 30 th January	Year 2	English – writing and grammar seminar lesson	9.05 a.m.	Jaguar Class	School hall
Tuesday 3 rd February	Reception & Year 1	Parents meeting focused on phonics and early reading – Little Wandle	9 a.m.	Facilitated by the school English lead – Miss. Bennett & EYFS lead Mrs.Vyas	School hall.
Wednesday 5 th February	Nursery	Parents workshop focused on – communication & language.	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	Nursery
		Half	term		
Monday 24 th February	Year 1	Maths seminar lesson focused on Number & Calculation	9 a.m.	Dolphin Class	School hall
Tuesday 25 th	Year 1	Maths seminar	9 a.m.	Sea Turtle Class	School hall

February		lesson focused on Number & Calculation			
Thursday 27 th February	Year 1	Maths seminar lesson focused on Number & Calculation	9 a.m.	Starfish Class	School hall
Monday 3 rd March	Reception	Maths workshop focused on Numerical Patterns.	9 a.m.	Flamingo Class	School hall
Tuesday 4 th March	Reception	Maths workshop focused on Numerical Patterns.	9 a.m.	Robin Class	School hall
Thursday 6 th March	Reception	Maths workshop focused on Numerical Patterns.	9 a.m.	Owl Class	School hall
Monday 10 th March	Year 2	Maths seminar lesson – focused on number and Calculation.	9 a.m.	Lemur Class	School hall
Tuesday 11 th March	Year 2	Maths seminar lesson – focused on number and Calculation.	9 a.m.	Chameleon Class	School hall
Wednesday 12 th March	Nursery	Parents workshop focused on – Maths.	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	Nursery
Thursday 13 th March	Year 2	Maths seminar lesson – focused on number and Calculation.	9 a.m.	Jaguar Class	School hall

Parent, teacher meetings this term

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
	SPRING	TERM	2025		
Friday 28 th February	All Year groups	Parents open day/ meetings & KS 1 Mid-Year reports	12.30 – 7 p.m.	Book appointment slots via Weduc	Classrooms/ Year 2 in the 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. For the most WOW in the month of December the award goes to **Dolphin class**.



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 January 2025:

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.

FINAL REMINDER **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