

February 2025 Parent Newsletter



Monday 3rd February 2025

Approaching the half way mark!

We are fast approaching the end of the first half of the school year! It has been a busy and eventful year 2025 and we have already hosted ten parents' workshops, including a coffee afternoon, with another 3 planned for the first week of February. Thank you to all the parents who attend the live sessions which are designed to support your understanding how the curriculum is delivered, the strategies we use and how you can support your child at home.

Early years have had a circus workshop which support the development of their fine and gross motor skills in addition to their perseverance & resilience – they did not give up!

Later this month (Friday 28th February) you will have the opportunity to meet the class teacher to discuss the progress your child has made at this half way point where they will share their targets and let you know their attainment in line with age related expectations. These meetings will be via appointment only and details on how to book will be sent out via Weduc. So look out for the messages and booking information during the week commencing the 10th February.

Friday 7th February – School Photographer in school

This week the children will be having their individual photographs taken and we will also be organising family group photographs of pupils attending the infant and junior school only. If you haven't sent in the form, please make sure you do so indicating the names and classes of the sibling across the infant and junior school.

Please ensure that your child attends school in school uniform ready for the school photographs – **they must wear a clean GREY school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo!**



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2025

Monday 3rd – 9th February.

Did you know that 50% of mental health problems are established by age 14 and 75% by age 24.10% of children and young people (aged 5 to 16 years) have a clinically diagnosable mental problem³, yet 70% of children and adolescents who experience mental health problems have not had appropriate interventions at a sufficiently early age.



This year the Place2Be is teaming up with the characters from Inside Out 2 to raise awareness, using the theme Know Yourself, Grow Yourself!

In school we will be raising children's awareness of how they can learn to identify their emotions and build resilience and self-awareness.

We will also be fund raising and selling book marks with the images of characters from Inside Out 2 from Monday 3rd February.





















The school council will be visiting classes selling these bookmarks to the children in packs of 5 for 50p. Please support this worthy cause by sending your child into school with 50p so that they can purchase the bookmarks.

£54 could pay for a child struggling with trauma to have a 50-minute one-to-one session with a counsellor.	£252 could pay for 4 specialised parent coaching sessions for a parent and child to have together.	£500 could allow 31 children to speak to a counsellor about their worries in a lunchtime session.	£1080 could help fund a full round of one-to-one counselling sessions for 2 vulnerable children.
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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:

			
<p>Anastasia and Sarah from Robin Class</p>	<p>Adam, Salome, Emma and Omar from Robin Class</p>	<p>Mia from Robin Class</p>	<p>Rhea, Darius and Miriam from Robin Class.</p>
			
<p>Levi, Ana and Nitya from Flamingo class.</p>	<p>Hitansh and Sumaiya from Owl Class</p>	<p>Khalid from Robin Class</p>	
			
<p>Eyas, Pranavi, Amarah and Elias from Sea Turtle Class</p>	<p>Ruth from Dolphin Class</p>	<p>Richard and Meher from Sea Turtle Class</p>	
			
<p>Matei, Inaya, David & Yunus from Jaguar Class.</p>	<p>Timotei from Jaguar Class</p>	<p>Eric, Abrar and Reyansh from Jaguar Class</p>	<p>Georgiana from Chameleon Class.</p>

			
<p>Melissa, Nicholas and Lia from Chameleon Class.</p>	<p>Asaf, Sara, Petru and Levys from Jaguar Class.</p>	<p>Mohammed, Ruth and Samara from Jaguar Class.</p>	<p>Tarek, Keyan and Beatrice from Jaguar Class.</p>
			
<p>Emmanuel and Patrick from Jaguar Class</p>			

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

At the end of the spring term Mr. Snowden will be running a Marathon to raise money for the Counselling partnership which so many of the pupils at KPINS benefit from. We will be sending out details of the just giving page where you can make donations but will also hold some events involving the children where you can make donations in the playground. More details to follow.

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 January

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

Week beginning	Class	% attendance
06-10 January 2025	Sea Turtle	94.8%
13 – 17 January 2025	Chameleon	99.1%
20 – 24 January 2025	Caterpillar	98.5%
27 – 31 January 2025	Chameleon	99.3%
January	Chameleon	96.9%

Attendance

Last term we wrote to most parents clarifying the expectations relating to school attendance. Thank you to the parents who have worked hard to improve their child's attendance. You will have received letters updating you on the improvements made, so keep up the good work. Regular school attendance only serves to improve your child's progress and attainment.

Where there have been no improvements we have shared details with the local authority Attendance Liaison Officer who will be monitoring attendance remotely and then writing to you or arranging meeting in school.

Remember when you admit your child into the school parent/carers are required to sign an attendance contract and any incidences of persistent lateness or absence of your child is in breach of that contract and a potentially an offence!

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 17th February 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.

Spring Term 2025

Half term NEXT

Back to school
INSET DAY (Children not in school)
Last day of term

Monday 17 February– Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February

Friday 28 February

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

Summer Term 2025

First day of school

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Half term

Back to school

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Last day of term

Tuesday 22 April

Friday 2nd May

Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June

Friday 20 June (**Infant School ONLY**)

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		
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.P 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
Thursday 13 th February	Nursery	Toilet training workshop	TBC	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	TBC Separate flyer due out with details to follow.
		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 February	Year 1	Maths seminar lesson focused on Number & Calculation	9 a.m.	Sea Turtle Class	School hall
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
Friday 7 th March	Reception	Maths workshop	9 a.m.	Owl Class	School hall

Changed from the 6 th !		focused on Numerical Patterns.			
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 January the award goes to **Chameleon class**.



DANGER ON THE ROUTE TO SCHOOL!!!!

It has been distressing to learn that a child from the infant school was hit by a car on Charlton Road a week ago. Fortunately, the child did not sustain major injuries but the fact that the child was hit by a car is disturbing. Daily, when standing outside the school in the morning and end of the day, I witness drivers speeding up the road, defying the one ways system, making three, four and sometime six point turns immediately outside the school. Parallel parked vehicles on the single yellow line and zig zag line with parents with buggies and young children cutting through the middle to cross the road oblivious to the on-coming traffic.

Once again last week a parent reported almost getting knocked down by the driver of a Blue BMW who thought it was funny and simply laughed when the parent indicated their distress!

The office staff receive calls from local residents complaining about the behaviour of Kenmore Parents who block their driveways, making them late for work or appointments and are verbally abusive towards them. Then there are those parents who think it is acceptable to stop all the traffic behind them while they park in the middle of the road to let their children out of a slow moving vehicle.

All this behaviour is unacceptable and you all have a responsibility and duty to do something about it. Our children have a right to be safe!

It worries me to think based on the actions of parent/carers that my words will fall on deaf ears until a serious incident occurs!

I would like to believe that you do not want to be reading of any tragic news so please if we could all do our little bit to protect our school community and children. That extra 10 minutes it may take to drop off your child safely may just mean another child gets to continue to attend school and be safe from harm! HELP SAVE LIVES!!!!



This 6 year old was a hit and run near his school!



This child was hit by a truck near his school



Sadly, this child's school days are no more!!

TAKE ACTION NOW AND DO YOUR BIT TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

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 as soon as possible:

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.