

March 2025 Parent Newsletter

Monday 3rd March 2025



This half term is another busy one in school with the end of the financial year looming. The offers for next years' Nursery admissions are due out in the next couple of weeks and those children transferring to key stage 2 will be informed of their junior school place in April.

Our staff are busy not only preparing for the range of activities and events taking place this half term but also starting to plan for the final term of the school year.

Our parental engagement sessions continue this half term the focus is on mathematics (see schedule on page 6. Thank you for your attendance and feedback which we value and supports future planning.





Also thank you for supporting our on-going fund raising events which are supporting us in replenishing the reading book vending machine. The children are all motivated towards improving their reading and receiving a free book.

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>Emily Clara, Ali & Eveline from Flamingo Class</p>	<p>Prisha, Enoch, Esha & Abel from Robin Class</p>	<p>Prince from Owl Class</p>	<p>Salome, Jacob, Luiza, Luca & Adam from Robin Class</p>

			
Omar and Dhyan from Robin Class	Hiba, Amelia, Durva & Jiya from Owl Class		
			
Timotei, Shenaya and Matei from Dolphin Class	Avni, Mohammed and Eliza from Dolphin Class	Delia, Jonathan and Panthi from Dolphin Class	Anastasia, Viaan and Purva from Dolphin Class
			
Anelisse & Lucas from Dolphin Class.	Ruth, Ezra & Harshiv from Dolphin Class	Pal, Agnes and Omar from Sea Turtle Class	
			
Agnes, Rares & Shahd from Chameleon Class	Sarah Megan, Arthur & Maria from Chameleon Class	Aurelia, Jainil and Massa from Jaguar Class	Rhianna from Jaguar Class

			
Raissa, Albert and Divit from Lemur Class.	Tilak and Estera from Lemur Class	Elias, Tiffany and Akshayan from Lemur Class	Krisha, Sonny, Nihit and Daria from Lemur 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

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.

ECO projects at KPINS as part of our sustainability Action Plan 2025 .

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 hand them in to staff in the office or at the school gates at the start and end of the school day.

Saturday 22nd March we will be encouraging you to get involved in Earth Hour. This is when electrical items are switched off and for an hour we encourage you to talk and play games as a family.

Other recycling projects this term include the preloved toy Sale when children bring in their unwanted toys as part of A project called **“Give Your Toys a New Life”**. All toys Brought in will be resold for £1. This takes place on the 1st April.



Another project is the annual end of term Easter Bonnet Making competition when families come together to design and make a bonnet out of 100% recycled materials – Friday 4th April.

Celebrating school attendance in February

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

Week beginning	Class	% attendance
03 – 07 February	Chameleon	97.9%
10 – 14 February	Lemur	99.3%
24 – 27 February	Flamingo	100%
February	Flamingo	98.5%

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 have arranged a meeting in school informing you of the next steps if attendance does not improve.

Please note where attendance does not improve referrals will be made to the pre-court panel. The consequences could be either a £2500 fine or a 3 month custodial sentence.

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

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.

Governor Consultation on Federating the Governing bodies of both schools.

The Governors are consulting on a proposal to federate the two Governing bodies of the Infant and the Junior School. The consultation runs from the 12th February and closes at midnight on the 25th March.

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

Last day of term (Coming up next)

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)

The term dates for the academic year 2025/2026 can be found on the school website.

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		
		Half	term		
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 Changed from the 6th!	Reception	Maths workshop focused on Numerical Patterns.	9 a.m.	Owl Class	School hall
Friday 7 th March	Year 1	Phonics Screening check parents information meeting	2.30 p.m.	All Year 1 parents	School hall.
Monday 10 th March	Year 2	Maths seminar lesson –	9 a.m.	Jaguar Class Changed from	School hall

		focused on number and Calculation.		the 13th!	
Tuesday 11 th March	Year 2	Maths seminar lesson – focused on number and Calculation.	9 a.m.	Chameleon Class	School hall
Tuesday 11 th March	Year 1 and some Year 2	Phonics learning parent and child sessions 9 week programme of support commences.	2.15 p.m. & repeated 3.25 p.m.	Year 1 and 2	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.	Lemur Class Changed from the 10th!	School hall
Friday 14 th March	All year groups	Coffee morning and one of the topics will be an Introduction to Zones of Regulation	9 a.m.	All year groups	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 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 for the second month in a row!**

Thank you to all the parents that support safer school travel and walk to school or park and walk in the morning and at the end of the day.

As the weather starts to warm up we would like to see more families enjoying the walk to school and the opportunity it provides to talk to your child, making a positive start to the day. It is also a good time to get the scooters and bikes out to motivate walking and fitness.

With the increasing number of bikes and scooters in school – please label them clearly so that children do not take the wrong bikes or scooters at the end of the day.

I would also like to remind parents that if your child has not brought a scooter or bike to school they should not be borrowing and riding around on the property of other children at the end of the day, a number of children have gone home upset because someone has taken their scooter on a joy ride and then dumped it at another part of the school or taken it home returning it the following day!

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 way 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.

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:

Hours are based on the needs of the child and cover arrangements.

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.