

Parent Newsletter



10th January 2017.

Happy New Year

Welcome back to 2017 and the start of the spring term. We hope that you managed to spend quality time during the festive period with loved ones as we now look forward to continuing your child's learning journey in partnership with you over the remainder of the academic year.



The spring term is a short one and this newsletter will signpost you to a number of events that you will be invited to attend and thus help to arrange your personal schedules around them.

At the end of the autumn term we said 'Goodbye' to two established members of staff Miss. Bernard and Mrs. Surridge who had been at the school working as a teaching assistant for 22 years. This term we have extended the working hours of some of our current teaching support staff in order to cover some of the work that Mrs. Surridge did.

Mrs. Kabra has moved from teaching Clownfish class to class sharing with Mrs. Yianni in Starfish class whilst Mrs. Fung who was with us for a substantial amount of time before the Christmas break is now the substantive class teacher for Clownfish class. The fact that Mrs. Fung was with us getting to know the children and routines of the class before the Christmas break has supported a smooth transition for her and the children in the class. Mrs. Suffield has also returned to teach the morning Nursery after recovering from a minor medical procedure. I would like to thank Mrs. Shah who took over responsibility for Rainbow Class for the second half of the autumn term and provided the children with stability and worked hard to establish some routines with them. Mrs. Shah will be with us until February half term covering staff planning, preparation and assessment time before she leave to put her feet up! She is due to give birth to her second child, due in March.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Vithalani who runs interventions supporting our Year 1 learners, for her commitment to the children and approaching me so that a risk assessment could be done so as to enable her to continue attending work flexibly until Christmas following a fracture to her foot which impacted on her mobility. She could quite easily have made the decision to be signed off by her GP but chose to discuss how she could return to work and support the children in Year 1 whom she works with. Likewise Mrs. Mulchay the attendance and assessment officer, following a medical procedure made the decision to return to work full time rather than a phased return as recommended by medical professionals. We discussed some flexibility to adjust her tasks so that she could resume work full time. She too is to be thanked for her loyalty to the school. It is the true act of selflessness which cannot go unacknowledged and help to make Kenmore Park Infant the special place it is. Thank you Mrs. Vithalani & Mrs. Mulchay on behalf of the staff, children & families you support!



Cold weather

It is starting to get cold not so please make sure that your child comes appropriately dressed with a warm coat, hat and gloves. All items need to have names in them please.

Also please keep an eye on the weather forecast as snow is forecast later this week and all efforts will be made to operate the school as usual. The school will work hard to avoid any unnecessary school closure, we ask that you plan in advance so that you can ensure your child attends school. If for any reason the school needs to close a risk assessment would be carried out and parents would be informed by text message so please do not try phoning the school. Unless we make contact with you via text message you should assume the school is open and bring your child to school as usual.

Hot School Meals

The new spring term hot meal menu is now on the school website for you to view. During the term there are also a number of theme days planned the first of those is on Thursday 19th January and the options are as follows:

Menu Chicken Hot dog (Halal) or Veggie Sausage in a finger roll Jacket Potato Cowboy baked beans Potato wedges Chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce Chocolate cookie (without egg)

We will aim to keep you updated on forthcoming theme days as the menu's are confirmed.

Attendance

Please note the timings of the school day:

It is important to ensure that children attend school regularly and equally importantly on time – NOT LATE!!!!



Nursery a.m. session: 8.45 – 11.45 a.m.

Nursery p.m. session: 12.45 – 3.45 p.m.

Please remember that from Monday 21st November the Reception classes have been opening their from 8.45 a.m. (5 minutes earlier) thus allowing parents to drop their children off from earlier and where they have older children giving them time to walk around to drop off at the other side of the school. Unfortunately there continue to be a large number of children being dropped off at 9 a.m. when the gates are being locked. Please take advantage of this opportunity and help us to ensure the safety and well-being of your children!

Reception: 8.45 a.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Years 1 & 2 (KS1): 8.50 a.m. – 3.20 p.m.

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

Week	Class	% attendance
05 - 09 December	Seahorse	99.3
12 – 16 December	Turtle	99.3
19 – 21 December	Turtle	96.4
December	Turtle	96.6

School term dates.



SPRING TERM 2017

First Day of Term for pupils
Half Term
Last day Of Term

- Thursday 5th January
- Monday 13th – Friday 17th Feb
- Friday 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2017

First Day of Term for pupils
May Day bank holiday
Half Term
Last day Of Term

- Tuesday 18th April
- Monday 1st May
- Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June
- Friday 21st July

INSET (staff training days)

Friday 24th February 2017

*Friday 21st April 2017

***Please note if you have a child/children in the Junior School that this INSET days is different. Any children attending the Junior School should still attend school as normal on this day.**

Remember each school term ends at 2.15 p.m.
(Friday 31st March 2017 and Friday 21st July 2017).

Diary dates for the Spring term 2017:

Parental engagement sessions this term.

Date	Time	Activity	Target group
Thursday 12 th January	9 - 11.30 a.m.	Wider family learning programme commences for 11 weeks.	Registered reception parents.
Monday 16 th January Tuesday 17 th January Thursday 19 th January	9 - 10 a.m.	Literacy seminar lessons in Year 1 & 2	5 parents can sign up per class to observe each of the days. (Adults only!)
Tuesday 17 th January	9 - 9.30 a.m.	Literacy workshop focused on Letters & sounds.	All parents of reception children.
Tuesday 17 th January	10-11 a.m.	Free Baby Massage sessions for parents with children from 6-8 weeks to crawling stage. Facilitated by Home start.	All eligible parents – just bring along your baby and a towel. This is one of four sessions the school will be hosting on Tuesday morning from 17 th January to 7 th February.
Wednesday 18 th January	6 - 7 p.m.	SAT's parent meeting	Year 2 parents. (Adults only)
Thursday 19 th January	9 – 10 a.m.	Parents Coffee morning on Oral Hygiene facilitated by Bobbie Bhogal – Oral Health Promoter on behalf of London North West Healthcare NHS Trust	All parents.
Monday 30 th January	9 - 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on shape.	Ladybird class parents.
Tuesday 31 st January	9 - 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on shape.	Caterpillar class parents.

Wednesday 1 st February	9 - 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on shape.	Dragonfly class parents.
Thursday 2 nd February	9 - 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on shape.	Bumblebee class parents.
Monday 30 th January Tuesday 31 st January Thursday 2 nd February	9 - 10 a.m.	Maths seminar lessons in Year 1 & 2 focus on Number & calculations.	5 parents can sign up per class to observe each of the days. (Adults only!)
Thursday 2 nd February	3.10- 3.30 p.m.	Cake sale. Please send in your donations of home made or shop bought cakes in the morning. Thank you.	
Monday 20 th February	9-10 a.m.	PE workshops	Dragonfly Class
Tuesday 21 st February	9-10 a.m.	PE workshops	Bumblebee Class
Friday 24 th February - School closed to the children all day	12.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Parent meetings (one to one sessions parent and child to discuss progress and share targets)	Reception, Year 1 & 2 parents by appointment only. (except Starfish Class) (parents will also receive a mid-year report on attendance)
Wednesday 22 nd February	9-12 noon	Parents meetings (one to one sessions parent and child to discuss progress and share targets)	Starfish class only.
Wednesday 1 st March	5 – 7.20 p.m.		
“	9-12 noon		Rainbow class parents
“	12. 45 – 4 p.m.		Snowflake class parents
Monday 27 th February	9 – 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on calculations.	Ladybird class parents.
Monday 27 th February	9-10 a.m.	PE workshops	Caterpillar Class
Tuesday 28 th February	9-10 a.m.	PE workshops	Ladybird Class
Tuesday 28 th February	9 – 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on calculations	Caterpillar class parents.
Wednesday 1 st March	9 – 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on calculations	Dragonfly class parents.
Thursday 2 nd March	9 – 10 a.m.	Reception Ocean maths focus on calculations	Bumblebee class parents.

Other events taking place in school supporting and enhancing your child’s learning for your information include:

Date	Activity	Year groups
Wednesday 11 th January	Maths Day	All year groups involved in maths related activities – Maths is Fun. Children learning how maths is everywhere and making cross curricular links.
Friday 13 th January	Road Safety Talks facilitated by Nevil Tilman, commissioned through Harrow School Travel Officers.	Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils
Friday 20 th January	Teeth brushing sessions for children. Did you know that Harrow has some of the highest levels of tooth decay amongst young children in London!	Nursery children will receive a talk. Year 1 children will have a practical teeth brushing session, all equipment will be provided. Unless parents specifically notify the class teacher that they do not want their child to take part.
Tuesday 24 th January	Fun Food workshops	Year 1
Tuesday 31 st January	E-safety day.	All children.
Thursday 23 rd February	Puppet Theatre show	All year groups
Tuesday 2 nd March	World Book day	All children dress up in their favourite book character.
Thursday 9 th March	Photographers – taking individual photos of children.	All children to be in smart school uniform.

Spring term 2017 Class Assemblies.

This term each class will present an assembly. Parents/guardians will be invited to attend their child's class assembly. The spring term dates are as follows:

Class	Date
Clownfish class	Friday 27 th January 2017
Seahorse	Friday 3 rd February 2017
Mexico	Friday 10 th February 2017
Ghana	Thursday 4 th March 2017
Brazil	Friday 3 rd March 2017
Madagascar	Friday 10 th March 2017
Turtle	Friday 17 th March 2017
Reception	Friday 24 th March 2017
Starfish	Friday 31 st March 2017

School Travel Plan

As an accredited GOLD travel plan school we continue to promote WOW – Walk on Wednesday encouraging every child/family to walk or park away from the school and walk to school at least every Wednesday.

Each month we will celebrate by announcing the class with the most pupils walking to school on Wednesdays. During the month of December congratulations go to Turtle Class.

Later in the year we will host events to support walking, scooter or cycling and we will invite parents/careers to join us for those events too.

Please remember not to obstruct residents drive ways or park of the zigzag lines when dropping and collecting your children from school. Within the first two days of the term we have already had complaints from residents about vehicles obstructing their drive ways. The details of one of the vehicles was provided to the school – **A white BMW registration number: LR65 NKC.** Please respect the rights of our local residents!

New Workshop for parents starting this New Year 2017. From January we will be running the following workshops for parents in collaboration with the Junior School.

Home-Start MoneySmart

Based on the Made of Money programme

making your money go further

Relaxed group workshops, or one-on-one support

✚ ... using taste tests, games and activities

Gain confidence

✚ ... with credit, debt, bills and budgets

Save, the fun way!

✚ ... share top tips to beat the big brands

Improve communication

✚ ... with your family and others, around finances

Give your kids a head start





Parent who attended the course: *"The impact this is having on me and my life, and how I am looking and learning about personal finances and planning for our future, feels so good . . . I appreciate the money we have much more now and what we do with it . . . Life feels so much more balanced and the negative feelings of being ashamed, fearful, stressed, of never having enough and being out of control have now gone. I really appreciate having been on this life changing course and feel everyone would benefit from this fresh, new look at managing their money whatever their stage in life."*

To book your place, please contact
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LAST CALL - School Admissions for September 2017

Closing and offer dates for all three applications phases are in the table below with the relevant Admission Officer's contact details:

Transfer Phase	Closing Date	Offer Date
Secondary	31 October 2016*	March 2017
Infant to Junior	15 January 2017	April 2017
Reception	15 January 2017	April 2017

* We strongly recommend that applications are submitted to the Civic Centre, online by **FRIDAY 15th January 2016** and all forms received by this date will be accepted as on time.