

Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 2nd May 2017.

Assessment focus.

The end of the academic year is fast approaching and during May and June staff will be administering a range of assessments so that we can complete the end of year reports and track pupil progress from the start of the year to the end.

During the whole of May Year 2 pupils will be doing their SATs assessments. It is even more important that the children arrive to school on time and every day so that they do not miss out on key tests that the Headteacher will be administering over the coming four weeks.

Children will also be involved in additional provision to prepare them for the Year 1 phonics screening while in Reception and Nursery the staff will be gathering evidence to assess progress against the Early Years Profile.

A reminder that the schools is taking a hard line in promoting the health and well-being of our pupils and stakeholders.

The implications of this are as stated in the April newsletter:

- there is now a **complete ban on any nut products** in school to protect those pupils at the school who suffer from nut allergies.
- The school no longer allows parents to send in sweets and confectionary when it is their child's birthday instead we ask that you buy a book and write an inscription which can be donated to your child's class and have a more lasting memory and impact on the children.
- We will **not allow parents to send in party bags or gifts to be distributed to the children** to commemorate their child's birthday- this can be done outside of the school grounds at private parties and events.
- The **fruit stall will be reinstated at the school** in due course and will resume selling fruit and vegetables and prices in line with and often lower than those sold at the local shops and supermarkets.
- The **nursery pupils have now started tooth brushing sessions in school** as part of their education about looking after their teeth so that we can help to reduce the number of children in Harrow with tooth decay which is one of the highest rates across London.

Please note: Any sweets, confectionary etc sent into school without permission will be return to you at the end of the day and not distributed so please do not send it in.

We are still seeing parents **bring crisp and confectionary onto the school site at the end of the day** as a snack for your child. **So please do not bring crisp, sweets and other unhealthy snacks on to the school site at the end of the day.** We want to ensure that the children learn that crisp and chocolate should be eaten in moderation and as a treat not as a daily snack prior to going home for

tea or evening dinner. This will be demonstrated when we hold our cake sales once a term and Christmas parties and events when the children will be able to bring such items into school as special times in the year and as a treat.

Attendance

Last week a number of children received either a bronze or a silver certificate and pencil to acknowledge their good and excellent attendance since the school year started.

Dates showing 100% attendance	Attendance award	Number of children From Nursery to Year 2.
05/09/16-21/12/16	Bronze	49 children
05/09/16 – 31/03/17	Silver	22 children
05/01/17-31/03/17	Bronze	61 children

22 children are now on track to achieve a gold attendance award by the end of the academic year if they maintain their 100% attendance rate. Well done to them so far, they stem from children in Nursery to Year 2.

A number of parents will have received letters informing them if their child's attendance has fallen below the threshold of 95%. It is our duty to make you aware where the attendance has fallen and where the school has concerns because attendance has fallen below 90% which can be trigger for involving the court attendance officer and issuing penalty notices.

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 the Reception classes are now operating a soft start so the children are able to be dropped off from 8.45 a.m. (5 minutes earlier) thus allowing parents to drop their reception child off before the children in Years 1 & 2 so there should be no excuses or reason for a late drop off!

Unfortunately, there still continues 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 **April** the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: **Dragonfly Class.**

Week	Class	% attendance
18 – 21 April	Dragonfly	99.4%
24 – 28 April	Seahorse	99.7%
April	Dragonfly	96.4%

School term dates.

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



***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 21st July 2017).**



Summer 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 summer term dates are as follows:

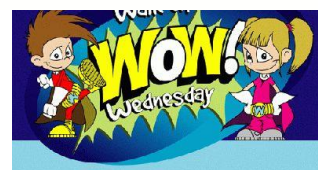
Class	Date
Bumblebee Please note change in the date	Thursday 11 th May 2017
Ladybird	Friday 19 th May 2017
Starfish	Friday 26 th May 2017
Dragonfly	Friday 9 th June 2017
Seahorse	Friday 16 th June 2017
Turtle	Friday 23 rd June 2017
Caterpillar	Friday 30 th June 2017
Year 2 leavers	TBC

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 April congratulations go to **Clownfish Class**.

On the morning of Tuesday 23rd May we will host our annual walk to school event encouraging walking, scooter or cycling and we will invite parents/careers to join us for this event too.



Please remember not to obstruct residents drive ways or park on the zigzag lines when dropping and collecting your children from school we continue to received complaints from residents and we welcome you support in building positive relations with our local residents. We could also remind parents to park before letting their children out of vehicles. On numerous occasions parents have been observed stopping in the middle of the road outside the school gates and letting their child/ren out of the vehicle, thus placing the child/ren at risk.

All Infant school children should be dropped off in the school ground and to their class teacher every morning.

Health & Safety

Please remember that Infant school children should not be left unaccompanied in the playground in the mornings. The doors open at 8.50 a.m. and therefore they should remain in the supervision of the adult who is dropping them off at school until they are safely handed over to the class teacher.

The school gates are locked promptly at 9 a.m. so all children should arrive on time for the start of the school day at 8.50 a.m.

Similarly, at the end of the school day, the children are handed over to the adult collecting them and it is their responsibility to supervise the child safely whilst on site and then home.

There continues to be the issue of children playing on the school equipment which should not be used unsupervised at the end of the school day. We do not take responsibility for any injuries that take place to children on school equipment which is being used without authorisation at the start and end of the school day.

After School Club.

This is a reminder that the After School Club provides parents with child care from 3.30 – 5.45 p.m. Monday to Friday it is now run by Kenmore Park Schools and offers parents/careers greater flexibility. It is run from the school canteen the provision offers parents casual child care provided your child is registered as a casual user. This means that you can phone on the day and ask for your child to attend the after school club and pay when you collect. There are a number of options too. You can select from the full session at £7 (3.30 – 5.45 p.m.) or a short stay at £4 (3.30 – 4.15 p.m.).

We will also be sending children to the After school club if you are late collecting your child at the end of the school day and you will be charge at the short stay or full day rate depending upon the time you collect your child.

Therefore, it is in your best interest to collect your child on time at the end of the school day or register to be a casual user.

Details can be obtained from the Junior School office.

School based parental engagement – during the summer term.

Date	Workshop	Year groups/classes
9 th May 9 a.m.	Reception – literacy workshop 3 –focus on writing.	All 4 classes.
10 th May	Nursery – stay and play sessions.	Rainbow class – 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. Snowflake class – 2.15 – 3.15 p.m.
12 th June 9 a.m.	Reception – Ocean Maths – focus on Sequencing & time	Ladybird
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15 th June 9 a.m.	Reception – Ocean Maths – focus on Sequencing & time	Bumblebee

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16 th June 9 a.m.	Reception – Ocean Maths – focus on Sequencing & time	Caterpillar
26 th June 9a.m.	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons. Five parents per class.	Reception parents to observe Year 1 lessons. Yr 1 parents to observe Yr 2 lessons. All Year 1 & 2 classes.
27 th June 9a.m.	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons. Five parents per class.	Reception parents to observe Year 1 lessons. Yr 1 parents to observe Yr 2 lessons. All Year 1 & 2 classes.
29 th June 9a.m.	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons. Five parents per class.	Reception parents to observe Year 1 lessons. Yr 1 parents to observe Yr 2 lessons. All Year 1 & 2 classes.