

Parent Newsletter



Monday 18th September 2017.

Welcome to the new school year 2017-18.

On behalf of the Staff and Governors, I would like to express a huge welcome to all our pupils and families old and new to the start of the academic year 2017/18. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer in spite of the unpredictable British weather.

Year 1 & 2 pupils appear to have settled well in their new classes and with their respective teachers. This school year we are joined by a couple of new class teachers: Miss. O'Grady (reception), Miss. Rong (Yr 1) and Mrs. Pandya (Yr 2).

In this month's newsletter the aim is to inform parents/carers of some forthcoming events, dates for your diaries, reiterate school practice and expectations and share some of the achievements of the previous year.

School achievements during 2016/17.

We continue to be an aspirational school and each year strive to demonstrate and ensure high quality provision and experience for our pupils. The academic year 2016/17 was no exception.



Since achieving the Inclusion Quality Mark in June 2015 we have been annually assessed as a **Centre of Excellence** due to the work we do to ensure inclusive education and provision for our learners. We had our annual assessment on the 23rd June 2017. We would like to thank the parents who were interviewed as part of the process and their honest feedback to the external assessor.

Some key quotes from the report read as follows:

"At Kenmore Park, the partnership with parents is exceptional: it works very closely with parents and genuinely listens to them. They are very happy with communication between them and the school and with the support for their children's needs".

"The school goes out of its way to include parents in all aspects of its work with a major focus on helping them to help their children with their learning at home".

Comments made by parents included:

"The extra support provided for children is excellent. They do everything they can". "My child had a lot of support for his speech and language needs, it was very robust. They understood his needs and managed him very well. He never felt different. Now he doesn't need any additional support".

“My daughter is a very capable reader and the staff are very encouraging of her. You can always talk to staff and any questions will be answered”.

“They enjoy coming to school and they want to come back after the holidays. They feel safe, they hug the teachers and parents’ assemblies are very good for children to showcase their work”.

Next summer we plan to progress to ‘Flag ship status’ following recommendation from the assessor.

Last academic year we also achieved the Physical Education & Sports Quality Mark for demonstrating a commitment to improvement in this area.



Events and activities during the autumn term 2017.

Seminar lessons and parent workshops Autumn 2017.

Date	Workshop	Classes
09/10/17	Maths parents workshop KS 1	KS 1 parents in the hall 2.40 p.m.
06/11/17	Reception – Literacy parents’ workshops 9-10 a.m. Focus on reading.	Ladybird Class
07/11/17	“	Caterpillar Class
08/11/17	“	Glow Worm Class
09/11/17	“	Butterfly Class
13/11/17	Ocean Maths sessions: Parent Workshops: 9 – 10 am:	Ladybird Class
14/11/17	“	Caterpillar Class
15/11/17	“	Glow Worm Class
16/11/17	“	Butterfly Class
14/11/17	KS 1 Literacy workshops	Yr 1 – 9 a.m. Yr 2 – 2.45 p.m.

Staffing 2016/17.

This academic year there have been some changes to staff deployment as part of good practice and also to support staff professional development.

The staff and class names for this academic year are as follows:

Year group	Class name	Teacher
Morning Nursery (8.45 – 11.45 a.m.)	Panda Class	Miss. Pennant & Mrs. Rassol
Afternoon Nursery (12.45 – 3.45 p.m.)	Penguin Class	Miss. Pennant & Mrs. Rassol
Reception	Ladybird	Mrs. J. Shah
Reception	Glow Worm	Miss. White
Reception	Butterfly	Miss. O’Grady
Reception	Caterpillar	Mr. Christopher
Year 1	Sea Turtle	Miss. Rong
Year 1	Dolphin	Miss. Bennett
Year 1	Jellyfish	Mrs. Silvestro
Year 1	Starfish	Mrs. Yianni & Mrs.Kabra
Year 2	Madagascar	Mrs. Amey
Year 2	Brazil	Mrs. Gohil
Year 2	Canada	Mrs. Fung
Year 2	New Zealand	Mrs. Pandya

Reminders.

Please be reminded that as part of the schools' healthy schools drive and safeguarding the right for all children to be safe, the school operates a **NO nuts, sweets, confectionary, fizzy drinks policy**.

Only healthy snack may be brought into school and we expect similar treats at the end of the school day once the children have been collected from school. We do not want to see parents **bring crisps and confectionary onto the school site at the end of school** as a snack for your child. **So please do not bring crisps, 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 crisps 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. We are seeing too many children missing school because of tooth ache. It is frightening to learn that children are having 8-9 teeth removed at one time due to tooth decay!

Birthday's

If it is your child's birthday and you wish to distribute treats', please send either donate a book with a special inscription to commemorate the occasion or some form of stationary. Party bags containing edible treats should not be sent in, nor will staff be made responsible for distributing any party bags.

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.



Reception 8.50 a.m. – 3.15 p.m. once the children are full time.

Year 1 & 2: 8.50 – 3.20 p.m.

The school does not approve any leave during term time for holidays. Any application for leave under the exceptional circumstances will need to be supported with appropriate evidence and then assessed to see that it fits the criteria. Any leave that is taken without authorisation could lead to a penalty notice. Parents are reminded not to make any flight arrangements before discussing any requests for leave with the school first. The school adheres to the local authority AIM procedures.

School term dates.

AUTUMN TERM 2017

First Day of Term	- Monday 4 th September (INSET)
Half Term	- Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th Oct
Last day Of Term	- Wednesday 20 th December

SPRING TERM 2018

First Day of Term	- Thursday 4 th January
Half Term	- Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th Feb
Last day Of Term	- Thursday 29 th March

SUMMER TERM 2018

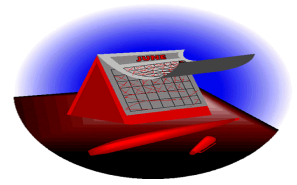
First Day of Term	- Monday 16 th April (INSET)
May Day Bank Holiday	- Monday 1 st May
Half Term	- Monday 28 th - Friday 1 st June
Last day Of Term	- Tuesday 24 th July



INSET dates below.

Monday 4th September 2017
Friday 20th October 2017
Monday 16th April 2017

Thursday 19th October 2017
Friday 23rd February 2018



***Please note if you have a child/children in the Junior School that they have an INSET day on Tuesday 24th July the Infant school DOES NOT. So children will be required to attend school as usual on Tuesday 24th July (the Junior School will end on Monday 23rd July)**

Remember each school term ends at 2.15 p.m.
(Friday 21st July 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.

Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership



This year the school have received three years of funding from the John Lyons Trust which has allowed us to employ the services of Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership to help us look after your child's emotional health and wellbeing.

The aim of the service is to provide therapeutic support and advice to children, parents and staff across the school.

The Space.

Part of the provision is to offer a lunchtime drop-in service, called The Space, to all of the children in the school. They can come along and talk about anything that might be troubling them either on their own or with a friend. Today's children have many concerns about friendship, peer pressure, social media, body image, SATs and transition to high school. The Space offers them a place to talk about their concerns and gets support. Please let the school know if, for some reason, you do not want your child to attend The Space.

Parent's Drop-In

In addition, there will also be a confidential drop-in service for Parents. If you have any concerns about your child, need some strategies to help them at home or you need a space for yourself. The drop-in will be available on **Wednesday mornings between 9.00-10.00 am.**

If you would like to know more about the service come along to a coffee morning on **Wednesday 27th of September** to meet our Counselling Services Manager **Maryam Rashid** who is here to help you.

If you are unable to make the coffee morning but would like to know more or arrange an appointment feel free to contact **Maryam** by email at maryam@hscp.info or by phone on **07901 000606.**

After School Club.

The School shares the After School Club with the juniors which provides parents with child care from 3.30 – 5.45 p.m. Monday to Friday it is 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.

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

At the end of the summer term we urged all parents to enrol their children on this summer reading challenge to promote and support their child's interest and enjoyment of reading during the summer holidays.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities in the library during the summer holidays.

We said that in September we would like to know how many of our children took part and would like to see a record breaking number of children from Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School taking part and supporting their own reading confidence and enjoyment which will only support them with their learning.

If your child took part, please allow them to bring in the rewards they received for taking part so that we can also celebrate their achievements.