



# Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School



## Parent Newsletter



**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

### **Settling in.**

Four weeks into the new school year and the children seem to be settling well into their learning environment. The Reception learners are now attending full time and enjoying the experience of being in the setting including hot school meals.

This month parents in Years 1 & 2 (KS1) will have the opportunity to book a one to one meeting with their child's new class teacher, the aim of this meeting is to start to build relationships and exchange information about your child. The class teacher will let you know how your child has adapted to the change of year group and provide a brief progress update (17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October). A more detailed consultation meeting will be organised in February. Information about how to book an appointment will be coming out to you via parent mail and you will be invited to book a slot on line. If you haven't received the email by the 12<sup>th</sup> October, please visit the staff in the school office who will be more than happy to assist you.

Similarly, after the half term break reception parents will also have the opportunity to meet their son/daughter's classteacher and discuss how their child has settled into the setting. Parents will be invited to sit in on lessons and attend our programme of seminar lesson for parents which will commence for our Reception and Nursery parents first and in Year 1 & 2 after Christmas. These dates will be communicated to you via the Reception and Nursery Parents fortnightly newsletters and the teachers will also display a sheet outside their classroom for parents to sign up if they wish to attend. Most of these sessions commence at 9 a.m. and last a maximum of 1 hour. We ask parents if they have other children below school age to arrange childcare so that they can attend alone and focus on the contents of the session.

In this months' newsletter the aim is to inform parents/carers of some forthcoming events, dates for your diaries, reiterate and provide information about any changes to school practice under the directive of the Local authority, DfE etc.

### **Congratulation to Meetra (now Yr 3).**

Last year the school participated in the Royal Mail Christmas stamp design completion. Royal Mail received over 400.000 design which were judge and reduced to 120 of the most popular designs. They formed a pool of regional winners. The school encouraged children to participate and submit a design.

We are proud to announce that an ex pupil of the school (now in the Juniors) was a finalist and one of the 120 pupils shortlisted. Although she did not win the main prize she did win the school £100 and a similar monetary reward for herself. Thank you to all the children who participated.

This sends out a clear and important message that we all need to take part if we want to be considered in any competition.

## Events and activities during the autumn term 2017.

### Seminar lessons and parent workshops Autumn 2017.

Date	Workshop	Classes
10/10/17	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.

### Health and well- being.

We pride ourselves on being a school that is focused on developing the whole child and not just academic outcomes. This is evident from all the extra provision the school tries to ensure is provided to the learners and their families such as the extra-curricular club, visitors into school, participation in a number of events, competitions and the counselling support – **The Space** (a reminder & details below).

We are also an inclusive school and nationally recognised as a Centre of Excellence following rigorous assessments and annual quality assurance visits from assessors.

In light of this we are also fortunate that the current Government continues to support all Infant school children receiving a free school meal provided in school. We expect all children to take up their entitlement and no child should bring in a packed lunch unless it has been discussed with the Head Teacher or Deputy Head. The number of children in school with allergies is increasing and we want to ensure the health and safety of all of our learners. Some children's allergies are so severe that the breath of a child after consuming certain food items could lead them to become seriously unwell and potentially present a threat to their life.

The key message here is **NO PACKED LUNCHES** unless authorised by the Head or Deputy and your child has a medical condition diagnosed with evidence to support the case.

### Reminders.

Please also 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.**

The Local Authority has reviewed its Attendance Intervention Model and Education Penalty Notice (EPN)

Code of Conduct. The key changes proposed for introduction from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 are as follows:

Where a child meets the criteria and has 10 sessions (a typical school day counts as 2 sessions – a.m. and p.m.) unauthorised absence they will be issuing **one EPN per parent per child** as opposed to one per child to both parents; (potentially £60 x 2 = £120).

- Permitting **the issuing of multiple EPNs per child per academic year** (up to 3 per year) rather than limited to one per child per year;

- Change of criteria in relation to "lateness" for the issuing of an EPN from 12 lates in 20 weeks to **12 lates in 8 weeks**;

- Change of criteria for issuing EPN "Where the Harrow Council's Education Services believes that a Penalty Notice is the most appropriate way to deal with irregular school attendance as the child has attendance below 90% and at least 5% absences are unauthorised".

- Change in court process in that on receipt of referral, parents are written to and contacted to set expectations in relation in attendance with Pre Court Panel scheduled in 6 weeks to consider attendance and compliance with expectations set;

- Setting "excellent attendance" level at 95%

Last school year the school issued a number of Educational Penalty Notices due to parents taking their children out of school to travel abroad during term time. Factors like this have led to even shorter timescales for when penalty notices can be issued which if behaviours similar to that experienced last year continue we are likely to see an increase in the number of EPN issued. Therefore, we are making parents aware as early on in the term that of the proposed changes and the implications these will have not only on your child's learning and progress but you're your pockets!

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.

## Gold Attendance.

Congratulations to the 11 children across the whole school who manage to achieve 100% attendance in the school year 2016/17.

They were: Malia, Timeea, Thipusaan, Nikola, Dharini and Mahi who have all now transferred to the Junior school and Ali, Bansi, Flavian, Luca and Aaron. All the children received a Gold attendance certificate, a pencil and a gift voucher to spend at WHS.

## School term dates.

### AUTUMN TERM 2017

First Day of Term  
Half Term  
Last day Of Term

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September (INSET)
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December



### SPRING TERM 2018

First Day of Term  
Half Term  
Last day Of Term

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### SUMMER TERM 2018

First Day of Term  
May Day Bank Holiday  
Half Term  
Last day Of Term

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April (INSET)
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

### **INSET dates below.**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018



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

**Remember each school term ends at 2.15 p.m.  
(Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018)**

### 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 - REMINDER**



This year the school has 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**. Remember our Counselling Services Manager **Maryam Rashid** is here to help you.

If you would like to know more or arrange an appointment feel free to contact **Maryam** by email at [\*\*maryam@hscp.info\*\*](mailto:maryam@hscp.info) or by phone on **07901 000606**.

### **After School Club.**

You should all have received a parent mail message informing you that from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October any child collected late from school (after 3.30 p.m.) will be taken to the after school club and parents will be charged a minimum of £4 when they arrive to collect their child.

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 now also escort children to the After school club if parents are late collecting their child at the end of the school day and they will be charged 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 in the after school club.

**Details can be obtained from the Junior School office.**

## **Christmas Fair 2017**

The annual Christmas Fair is upon us and if it anything like last years it should be a un and engaging even with Santa's grotto, donkey rides and so much more.

The date of this event for your diaries is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

This is built on the success of the last PTA (parents, teachers association) community event- the summer fair which raised £1335 for both schools on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

These events are supported by other local businesses.

We would like to say a hugh thanks to Angela at Sainsbury's Kenton who donated £10 worth of burger and hotdog buns for our summer fair barbecue. We will indeed be hoping they and any other companies etc will support us with a small donation at future school events.