

Parent Newsletter



Friday 1st December 2017.



Advent begins.

The countdown to Christmas begins with the start of Advent. The school is a buzz with preparation for the festive season and the whole school Christmas production. Staff are working hard to cram in rehearsals whilst also ensuring curriculum coverage for the autumn term. It is important for parents to realise that teaching and learning does not stop until the end of the term as there is a lot of content to be covered and staff have a duty to ensure that it is carried out so that there are not gaps in learning.

Information will now have come out to you detailing the arrangements for the Christmas Production. Tickets will be available to purchase at **£2.75 each from the 4th December**. If you would like to attend, please purchase the ticket **via Parentmail**. **We will not be able to accept any payment at the School Office.**

There will be 100 tickets available for each performance and there will be **a limit of 2 tickets per family**. Tickets will be available on a first come first served basis.

Parents with Children under the age of 5 are welcome to purchase tickets for either of the performances on Tuesday, 12th December ONLY.

If you will be bringing a child in a buggy on 12th December, please indicate this on the ticket request. A seat with a space for a buggy will then be provided. **However, no children under the age of 5 years old will be allowed to either of the performances on Thursday, 14th December.** **Once you have purchased a ticket(s), we will not be able to exchange them for a different day or time and the tickets are non-refundable.**

Please also be reminded that the production is approximately **1 hour and 30 minutes** long so **you must stay for the whole production**. Each year we remind parents/carers of the disrespect they show the staff and pupils when adults leave during the performance after watching their child's class.

The doors will be closed from the entrance to the hall and the expectation is that you stay for the whole production. Any parent who leaves during the performance will need to sign out and risk not being invited to any future events.

Radish our school caterers will be serving the **Christmas lunch** to the children on **Friday 15th December**.

The children will have **Christmas parties** on **Tuesday 19th December**. Staff will be writing out to you explaining the arrangements for this day as year group teams. On the day the children may come dressed in their party clothes. Please ensure that the clothes they wear are suitable for playing outside and most importantly sensible footwear.

The staff may ask the children to bring in food items which we do not allow the children to bring into school generally such as Crisp, (not nuts) but the key message we are promoting is that these food items are treats and should be consumed in **moderation**, at special occasions like this.

Wednesday 20th December will be a non-uniform day when the children donate £1 and **wear a Christmas jumper**. The money collected will go towards money we are trying to raise to improve the Year 2 playground.

Christmas Fair 2017 – get the date in your diaries!

The annual Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 16th December 1 – 5 p.m. it should be a fun and engaging event with Santa's grotto, stalls, rides and so much more.

Please come along and support.



This will build up on the success of the last PTA (parents, teachers association) community event—the summer fair which raised £1335. Let's see if we can top this!

Health and well-being.

Please ensure that once your child reaches the age of 5 years that you register them with an optician so that the health of their eyes can be routinely checked.

Also if you have not already done so, register with a dentist. All children, once they cut their first milk (at under 1 years of age) tooth should start to visit a dentist routinely so that any problem and tooth decay can be addressed quickly.

Fruit stall

On Friday 24th November Steve who leads on the School Fruit Scheme invited parents to a meeting to discuss the future plans for the fruit stall and also to try and recruit new volunteers.

Sadly, the turnout was low. Some key messages were communicated and opportunities provided to parents/careers. Volunteers are required on a Wednesday to run the stall, it is only 1 ½ hours of your time per week term time only and in the way of a thank you for your time you will receive up to the value of £3 worth of fruit or vegetables. You are also offered free Food Hygiene training too which is a requirement if you plan to work in any form of catering organisation. Furthermore, opportunities to participate in cookery classes too.

The fruit stall is also expanding to offer the opportunity to pre-ordered a £5 fruit and vegetable box which will be stocked with seasonal items and if you live locally delivered to your home or collection from the school on the day of the stall. Prices of all Fruit and Vegetables sold on the stall are guaranteed to be lower than local shops or at least at the same price.

If you are interested in volunteering or the fruit box, please email your details to the school office on office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk and mark it as Fruit Scheme. We will then pass on your details to Steve and his team.

Attendance.

Attendance Intervention Model **and** **Code of Conduct on Education Penalty Notices**

It is official Harrow Council has updated its policy on School Attendance and Education Penalty Notices. If your child is absent from school without satisfactory reason, you may be issued with a Penalty Notice. Harrow Council will be issuing **one EPN per parent per child** where a child is absent from school without authorisation from the Head teacher and where the child has:

- At least 20 sessions (10 school days) of unauthorised absences within a period of no more than 12 weeks (term time).

- A leave of absence of at least 10 consecutive sessions (5 school days) not approved by head teacher as exceptional.
- In cases where a child persistently arrives at school after the register has closed and has received at least eight (8) unauthorised late marks within a period of ten (10) weeks (term time).
- Where the child has attendance below 90% and at least 5% absences are unauthorised.

Please note that it is the Head teacher who must determine whether an absence can be authorised in line with the statutory regulations and guidance. **Head teachers are not permitted to authorise leave of absence for holidays during term time.**

In light of the above information please be reminded with Christmas approaching any request for leave prior to the break will not be authorised. Cheaper travel arrangements will not be considered as an exceptional reason for your child to be taken out of school prior to the Christmas break.

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!!!! You could receive an EPN!**

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.

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

A huge congratulation to the number of classes achieving 100% weekly attendance a really positive start to the school year. Let's keep it up!

Week	Class	% attendance
06 - 10 Nov	Caterpillar	100%
03 – 17 Nov	Dolphin Sea Turtles	100%
20- 24 Nov	Sea Turtles Brazil	100%
27 Nov – 1 Dec	Jelly Fish Brazil	100%
November	Sea Turtles	99.2%

School term dates.

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Last day Of Term

- Wednesday 20th December
(NO afternoon Nursery session)

SPRING TERM 2018

First Day of Term

Half Term

Last day Of Term

- Thursday 4th January
- Monday 12th – Friday 16th Feb
- Thursday 29th March

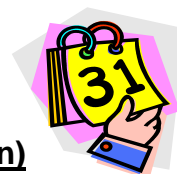
SUMMER TERM 2018

First Day of Term

May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term

- Monday 16th April (INSET)
- Monday 7th May
- Monday 28th - Friday 1st June



Last day Of Term

- Tuesday 24th July

INSET dates below.

Friday 23rd February 2018

Monday 16th April 2017



***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.
(Wednesday 20th December 2017. Thursday 29th March & Tuesday 24th 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.

Congratulations to **Canada Class** with the most children walking to school on a Wednesday during the month of November.

From this half term we will also be monitoring the journey to school for all our reception pupils and hope that parents will encourage walking, scootering or biking to school and in particular every Wednesday so that the children can start collecting their WOW badges.

We are in the process of completing works to create a scooter and bike parking area for your reception and Nursery pupils.

In the meantime, **Health & Safety** The reception/nursery entrance and walk way is a very busy area and we would politely ask that parents do not stand and chat in the area when the gates are opening and parents/children are trying to get to the various classes also that parents take their children's bikes and scooters home and not obstruct the walk way to the classes by leaving them at school during the day. Thank you for your support with this.



Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership - REMINDER



This is a reminder that 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 to get support. Please let the school know if, for any 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** or by phone on **07901 000606**.