



# Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School



## Parent Newsletter



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018



### Welcome Back. Happy New Year!

We hope that you all manage to have a good break during the Christmas period and enjoy spending quality time with family and friends.

The spring term is the shortest term of the academic year but will be no less busy than the other two terms. There is just more to do in less time.

This term we will be inviting parents to attend a number of seminar lessons in all year groups and there will also be an opportunity to find out how your child is performing academically a little after the half term break when parents will also receive a short progress report for their child.

### Christmas Fair 2017

Thank you for supporting this event. Our thanks to the parents, teachers' friends of Kenmore Park Schools for working hard to organise this event for our school community. The Christmas fair raised £900 which will be used to support school projects.

### Parents workshops and seminar lessons this half term.

Date	Workshop	Classes
15/01/18 16/01/18 17/01/18	<b>KS 1 Literacy seminar lessons for parents</b>	All Year 1 & 2  All Yr 1 & Madagascar /New Zealand
18/01/18		<b>Canada &amp; Brazil classes only.</b>
16/01/18	<b>Reception – Literacy parents' workshops 2 9-10 a.m. Focus on Letters &amp; sounds</b>	All 4 classes.
29/01/18	<b>Ocean Maths sessions: Parent Workshops: 9 – 10 am:</b>	Butterfly Class
30/01/18	“	Caterpillar Class
01/02/18	“	Glow Worm Class
02/02/18	“	Ladybird Class
29/01/18	<b>KS 1 Maths Seminar lessons for parents – focus on Number &amp;</b>	All Year 1 & 2

	<b>Calculations.</b>	
29/01/18	<b>KS 1 Maths Seminar lessons for parents – focus on Number &amp; Calculations.</b>	All Year 1 & 2
01/02/18	<b>KS 1 Maths Seminar lessons for parents – focus on Number &amp; Calculations.</b>	All Year 1 & Madagascar / New Zealand Class
02/02/18	<b>KS 1 Maths Seminar lessons for parents – focus on Number &amp; Calculations.</b>	Canada & Brazil Classes only
07/02/18	<b>Nursery parents maths workshops</b>	Nursery
08/02/18	<b>Nursery parents maths workshops</b>	Nursery

### **Gold Healthy School Award.**

We are proud to announce that the school's hard work in promoting the good health and well-being of your children has been externally assessed & acknowledged and the school was officially awarded the Gold Healthy School Award just before the Christmas break.

This term we continue to push forward with a number of key areas of work.

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.

### **Attendance.**

**Remember** you may be issued with a Penalty Notice for any of the following reasons 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 that any absence prior to and following the Christmas break will not be authorised unless there is evidence to substantiate the absence. 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 or returning late once the term has started.

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

Week	Class	% attendance
04-08 Dec	Caterpillar	99%
11-15 Dec	Jelly Fish	99.1%
18-21 Dec	Brazil	96.6%
<b>December</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>97.6%</b>

### School term dates.

#### 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

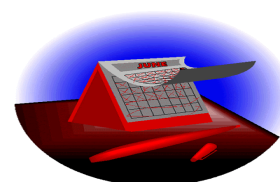
Last day Of Term

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April (INSET)
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

#### INSET dates below.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017



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

#### Health & Safety Reminder

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\*\*](mailto:maryam@hscp.info) or by phone on **07901 000606**.