



# Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School



## Parent Newsletter



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

### Cold spell

The end of the spring term is fast approaching but you wouldn't think it looking at the freak weather we have been experiencing this week. During this cold spell we would advise that the children wear layers in order to keep warm when moving around the school. We tend to keep the children indoors for most of the long break times such as the lunch breaks.

Due to the worsening weather conditions resulting in the school closure on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Jelly Fish Class assembly will be rescheduled for next week. We will confirm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March once we are confident we can resume normal service.

### Lockdown Drills

This term we are introducing the children and staff to our Lockdown procedure. Similar to a fire drill the aim is to teach the children and staff to follow safe practice and have knowledge of what to do when the sounder is activated. A lockdown is when there is an immediate threat inside the school e.g. a dog loose inside the building, or an angry person who should not be in the school. At such a time a sound which is different from the fire alarm will be activated, we need to stay inside the building and in a classroom. The children and staff should not be fearful of the lockdown procedure and only by regular drills like this are we able to minimise anxiety and support safe practice.

### FREE Reading App.

Kenmore Park Infants along with other schools find the 'Teach Your Monster to Read' app a great tool for practising reading. Right now until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of March it is free to download and then there is nothing to pay after the free period ends. It is available on Android and Apple products. It has been downloaded more than 40 million times! **Go ahead and download it before Sunday!**

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

Date	Workshop	Classes
14/03/18	Nursery parents – Communication & Language workshops.	Nursery
15/03/18	Nursery parents – Communication & Language workshops.	Nursery

### Attendance

Bronze 100% attendance certificates and pencils were awarded to 105 pupils for their regular school attendance during the autumn term from September to December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017.

Congratulations to all the children who managed to achieve this award and I hope the large majority are not on their way towards achieving a Silver award by the end of the spring term.



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

Week	Class	% attendance
05-08 February	Brazil	100%
19-22 February	Caterpillar Sea Turtles	100%
26 February – 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Jelly Fish	100%
<b>February</b>	Caterpillar	97.4%

### School term dates.

#### SPRING TERM 2018

Last day Of Term

- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March (2.15 p.m.)



#### SUMMER TERM 2018

First Day of Term for the children

May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term

Last day Of Term

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

- 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 **Brazil & Canada Class** with the most children walking to school on a Wednesday during the month of **February**.

## 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**.

### **Lost and found.**

Below are just a sample of the pairs of pupil's glasses that we have found that have not been claimed. If your child has misplaced their glasses and you cannot find them at home pop into the welfare room as they may be one of the many pairs we have found lying around the school.



### **Easter Raffle**

We welcome donations for our annual children's Easter raffle. Please donate a new – cuddly toy, game. Books or Easter Egg for our raffle draw which is due to take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Your generosity and support is much appreciated.

### **Nursery Application.**

**Have you applied for your child's nursery place from September 2018?** If your child turns 4 years old between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 to the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 then your child is eligible for a free 15 hours nursery place at Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School.

Application forms can be obtained from the school office. Although the closing date has passed we still have a few places that we may be able to offer your child if they meet the admission criteria.

Don't leave this on your to do list get over to the school and apply for your child's Nursery place at KPINS, which will set your child up for a positive start to their school life and a love for learning.