



Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School



Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 5th June 2018

The final half term

The end of the academic year 2017/18 is fast approaching and the staff continue to work hard to ensure that the end of the year is an enjoyable and memorable one for all the pupils. There are various focus weeks' planned and educational visits to enhance all aspects of learning over the year. There are numerous opportunities for you to get involved and celebrate your child's progress and achievements over the year.

Parental engagement sessions.

Date	Activity	Class/Year group
11/06/18	Reception ocean maths – focus on Time	Butterfly Class
12/06/18	Reception ocean maths – focus on Time	Caterpillar Class
13/06/18	Reception ocean maths – focus on Time	Glow Worm Class
14/06/18	Reception ocean maths – focus on Time	Ladybird Class
18/06/18	KS1 Maths transition seminar lessons Yr R to Yr 1 and Yr 1 to Yr 2.	Link classes.
19/06/18	KS1 Maths transition seminar lessons Yr R to Yr 1 and Yr 1 to Yr 2.	Link classes.
21/06/18	KS1 Maths transition seminar lessons Yr R to Yr 1 and Yr 1 to Yr 2.	Link classes.
25/06/18	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons Yr R to Yr 1.	Link classes.
26/06/18	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons Yr R to Yr 1 and Yr 1 to Yr 2.	Link classes.
28/06/18	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons Yr R to Yr 1 and Yr 1 to Yr 2.	Link classes.
29/06/18	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons Yr 1 to Yr 2.	Link classes.

Educational Visits

Date	Year group	Venue
12 th June 2018	Year 1	Local Church visit
19 th June 2018	Reception	Willow Farm
25 th June 2018	Year 2	Visit to a Synagogue.
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13 th July 2018	Year 1	Paradise Wild Life Park
16 th July 2018	Reception x 2 classes	Aldenham Country Park
17 th July 2018	Reception x 2 classes	Aldenham Country Park
20 th July 2018	Year 2	Knebworth

Remember all payments need to be made via parent mail –no cash payments will be accepted. The visits to places of worship are covered under our local trips as the children will be walking to these local venues.

Summer term 2018 Class Assemblies.

This term each class will present an assembly. Parents/guardians will be invited to attend their child's class assembly. The summer term dates are as follows, please note that due to unforeseen circumstances during the term, some dates may be changed but we will aim to provide at least a weeks' notice where possible:

Class	Date
Star Fish Class	Friday 8 th June 2018
Dolphin Class	Friday 15 th June 2018
Ladybird Class	Friday 22 nd June 2018
Glow Worm Class	Friday 29 th June 2018 (a.m.)
Caterpillar Class	Friday 29 th June 2018 (2.40 p.m.)
Year 2 Leavers Production	Tuesday 17 th July 2018 (morning & afternoon performances.
Year 2 leavers assembly	Monday 23 rd July 2018 (p.m.)

Attendance

This term we are hosting a number of meetings with parents with the schools LA attendance officer where children's attendance has continued to fall despite writing to parents informing them of low school attendance. We rigorously monitor school attendance and time keeping, Ofsted, at our recent inspection were also very concerned about the schools attendance rates, but felt the hard line the school is taking is a positive step in challenging poor attendance and time keeping, so that it does not impact on pupil progress and achievement.



I am pleased to say that we have also sent out a number of letters to parents where their child's attendance had improved since our previous correspondence. So our thanks to those families who have worked in partnership with us.

I would like to remind parents that the school year ends on Tuesday 24th July at 2.15 p.m. and all children are expected to complete the school term on that day and **NO EARLIER**. Any absences during that week will not be authorised and parents could face severe penalties!

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

Week	Class	% attendance
01 - 04 May	Brazil	100%
07 - 11 May	Panda Caterpillar	100%

	Sea Turtles New Zealand	
14 - 18 May	Jellyfish Sea Turtles	100%
21 – 25 May	Jellyfish	100%
May	Sea Turtle	99.3%

School term dates.

SUMMER TERM 2018

May Day Bank Holiday
Half Term
Last day Of Term

- **Monday 7th May**
- **Monday 28th - Friday 1st June**
- **Tuesday 24th July**



***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. (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 **May**.

A Huge thanks to the parents who joined us on our annual WOW walk during Walk to School Week (21-25th May 2018). We hope this has encouraged more our families to walk to school rather than to come by car or even park away from the school and walk along Moorhouse or Warneford Roads, thus reducing the amount of traffic and supporting the safety and well-being of our children.

Balance Bike training.

This half term we will be providing balance bike training for our reception children prioritising those children who cannot yet ride a two-wheeled bike.

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 junior 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**.

RAISING FUNDS

"Over the weekend of 26th and 27th May Toni Medcalfe walked 100 km from London to Brighton to raise money for the Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership who provide much needed support for children, parents and staff in our school. Toni would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported the cause and she is delighted to say she surpassed her target of £2,000.

"I have feet full of blisters and lost a couple of toenails along the way but it was worth it" says Toni.

It is not too late to make a donation if you have not done so already –please note the email address below:

[**https://www.gofundme.com/schoolscounsellingpartnership**](https://www.gofundme.com/schoolscounsellingpartnership)

The school and Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership is extremely grateful for your support.