

Parent Newsletter



Monday 3rd December 2018.

The run up to the end of the term.

The end of the first term is fast approaching and the school and staff are now busy preparing for the Christmas production which is a whole school annual event.

Information about ticket sales was sent via Parent mail last week. If you haven't checked your emails then do so as tickets are limited.

Please remember that parents with young children will only be able to attend the Tuesday afternoon performance as the Thursday performances are for adults and children over the age of 5 years.

Date	Time of day	Audience
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	1.15 p.m.	For parents with children under the age of 5 years. Parents will be permitted to bring in buggies to make it more comfortable for our younger audience.
Thursday 13 th December 2018	9.30 a.m.	Adults only performance
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Please be reminded that the performance lasts about 90 - 120 minutes and audience members attending will not be permitted to leave during the performance. So please ensure that you do not make other appointments or work commitments that will prevent you from staying for the whole performance. Last year a number of parents **rudely left** during the performance after seeing their own child perform leaving a smaller audience for the other children performing later which is **very disrespectful** towards the pupil's and staff who work hard to put on such events for family members. The production tells a story and therefore the point is to watch the whole production to understand the story line and message being communicated!

Christmas school raffle

We have a number of great raffle prizes this year as part of our annual Christmas family raffle. The first prize is a family ticket to Woburn Safari Park, other prizes include festive hampers, children's toys and much, much more! So please make sure you buy a ticket. The tickets are on sale from Monday 3rd December. The draw will take place on Friday 21st December.

Christmas Fair 2018 – is fast approaching!

The annual Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 8th 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, members of the PTA have been working extremely hard to put on this family festive event.



UNICEF fund raiser autumn term 2018.

As a rights respecting school we are proud to champion the right of the child.

This term as part of UNICEF's Day for Change the year 1 pupils have been involved in an enterprise. They have been making bracelets and sparking slime to sell to cover the cost of their materials, with proceeds raised from the sale of their items going to UNICEF.

The money will be used by UNICEF to provide emergency response to children around the world both immediately and in the long term, nutrition and life-saving food, good water and sanitation/ hygiene for all and also keeping children safe from toxic air.

Please support this worthy cause by visiting the stall which will be open on Monday 10th December in the year 2 playground and in the Reception Playground.

They will make ideal stocking fillers as Christmas fast approaches. Look out for the posters advertising this event.

Are you on Twitter? Well we are!

Why don't you follow us on our Twitter Account @KenmoreParkInfN.

The school is very keen to celebrate what we are doing at the school so we have set up a school Twitter account, please note the following guidelines for parents below:



Responsible Use of Social Media by Parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to introduce our School Twitter Account @KenmoreParkInfN

As you will know, social networking sites such as Twitter, YouTube and Facebook have grown in popularity over the last few years. Millions of people now use them to communicate with their friends and family.

Most people who use social media are polite and show respect for one another in their postings and comments. As a school we want to ensure that parents are good role models for their children when they use the internet. We are particularly keen to ensure that no-one connected with the school uses media to bully, intimidate or cause distress to other people (cyber-bullying).

We want to encourage parents to assist with the well-being of their children. As a school family, I believe **we should all discourage the use of Twitter and Facebook to criticise parents, pupils and school staff and make comments about the school.** There are other forums for raising any such concerns in order to achieve resolution.

However, in case of any legal issues the school and our staff are protected by current legislation – including the 2003 Communication Act 1988, the Malicious Communication Act, and the 1997 Protection from Harassment Act.

The school would like to use our twitter account to provide an update on events taking place at the school, show case snap shots of some of the wonderful experiences you and your children receive at



the school. Celebrate our collective achievements and pride in our school. Please support by following us in a positive manner.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. R. K. Mahil-Pooni
Headteacher

Seminar lessons and parent workshops Autumn 2018.

Date	Workshop	Classes
05/12/18	Nursery workshops	Morning Nursery parents
06/12/18	Nursery workshops	Afternoon Nursery parents

Attendance.

Please be reminded that the Christmas break is fast approaching and 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 holidays. **The school term will end at 2.15 p.m. on Friday 21st December 2018. NOT BEFORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

So if you are planning travel arrangements please do so after this date and time. The school will re-open on Monday 7th January 2019 so please make sure that your child is back in time for the start of the new school term.

In line with the schools ongoing monitoring of attendance and lateness, during November we wrote out to a number of parents, informing them where their child's attendance had fallen below the threshold of **95%**. **If you did not receive a letter well done and keep up the good work!** If you did then please work with us to improve your child's attendance as the school year progresses.

When we review attendance again after Christmas, where there has been no improvement in the attendance a meeting will be arranged with the school and the Local Authority Attendance Liaison Officer who is a representative of the Court Attendance Officer.

Some parents will also have received letters where their child has been regularly late to school. It is a reminder that time keeping is equally important and penalty notices will also be issued for persistent lateness as they will be recorded as an unauthorised absence once registration closes.

Any unauthorised absence could potentially result in Educational Penalty notices being issued during the school year. This would be a fine of £60 per child per parent!

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 now open the door at 8.45 a.m. so parents can drop children off before walking around to the playground to drop of Year 1, 2 and Junior School pupils for 8.50 a.m.

Reception pupils' day ends at 3.15 p.m. now the children are full time.

Year 1 & 2: 8.50 – 3.20 p.m.

To reinforce the message - This 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 taken without authorisation could lead to a penalty notice. Parents are reminded not to make any travel arrangements before discussing any requests for leave with the school first. The school adheres to the local authority AIM procedures.

School term dates.

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Last day Of Term

- Friday 21st December

SPRING TERM 2019

First Day of Term

- Monday 7th January

Half Term

- Monday 18th – Friday 22nd Feb

Last day Of Term

- Friday 5th April

SUMMER TERM 2019

First Day of Term

- Wednesday 24th April

May Day Bank Holiday

- Monday 6th May

Half Term

- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

Last day Of Term

- Tuesday 23rd July



INSET dates below.

Friday 11th January 2019

Friday 1st March 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019



*Please note if you have a child/children in the Junior School that they have an INSET day on Tuesday 23rd July the Infant school **DOES NOT**, so children will be required to attend school as usual on Tuesday 23rd July (the Junior School will end on Monday 22nd July)

Remember each school term ends at 2.15 p.m.

Friday 21st December 2018. Friday 5th April & Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

These are also a Non-uniform days. On Friday 21st December with the theme is Sparkle, money raised will be donated to the National Society for the Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). The children will be asked to donate £1 each for the charity.

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. The children receive WOW badges. In November, **Brazil** Class had the most children WOW every Wednesday of the month. Well done!



Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership



The school is in year two of a three year funded provision 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.

In 2017/18 Eighteen parents took advantage of the support offered by this provision.

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 receive 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 or by phone on **07901 000606**.

We are still looking to fill the Parent Governor Vacancy.

Dear Parents,

The governing body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. The governing body carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The governing body of our school is made up of parent governors, staff governors, Local Authority and co-opted members.

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body. The governing body is asking you to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If it receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the governing body. If you are someone with the required experience, would you consider applying? Governors also need what is known as 'soft skills'

– the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our governing body expects governors to

- attend 6 termly meetings of the full governing body
- sit on sub- committees for either Finance & Premises or Pupils Achievement and Staffing and
- attend the meetings which are usually 2 of each a term
- visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least two times a term/year
- visit the school informally at least three times a year
- commit to attend training courses, perform additional research as required and take part in monitoring at least [one] area within the school

In return, our governing body commits to

- provide you with a structured induction
- provide access to quality training via Harrow Standards and Effectiveness Team Governors service
- provide you with an experienced governor as mentor
- provide informal feedback on your contribution to the governing body on a bi-annual basis

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email the school office on office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk with your contact details and these will be passed on to the chair who will then arrange a time for a conversation.

REMINDER - School Admissions for September 2019

Closing and offer dates for all three applications phases are in the table below with the relevant Admission Officer's contact details. Applications should be made on-line at www.eadmissions.org.uk. The Helpdesk No: 02082555555 or contact the admissions team at Harrow Local Authority on 02089012620. :

Transfer Phase	Closing Date	Offer Date
Secondary	31.10.18	01.03.19
Infant to Junior	15.01.19	16.04.19
Reception	15.01.19	16.04.19

* We strongly recommend that applications are submitted to the Civic Centre, online by **FRIDAY 15th January 2019** and all forms received by this date will be accepted as on time.