

## Parent Newsletter



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Happy New Year!

Welcome back. On behalf of all the staff we would like to wish you a very happy and healthy 2019.

We hope that you all managed to have quality time with loved ones during the holidays celebrating or just taking time to enjoy one another's company and rest. It is hard to believe that the first of the three school terms has already passed as we enter the spring term. However, before we do that we would just like to share with you some of the highlights of the autumn term.



All the children have now settled well into their classes and are engaging in learning activities, particularly our youngest pupils as for some this is their first experience of being away from parents and attending school. The year 1 pupils have adapted to a more formal approach to learning, whilst the year 2's are being challenged to be able to cope with the demands of a Year 2 curriculum and expectations, prior to transition to the Junior School.

Our thanks to all parents, family members and friends who joined us for the Christmas production this year: 'The Christmas Recipe 2018'. It was lovely for the children who always look out to see their family members supporting them in the audience.

Congratulations to all the adults and children who won one of our great **Christmas raffle** prizes this year. We were able to get some generous donations this year with the top three prizes comprising of a cut and blow dry at a popular hair salon, a festive Christmas hamper of goodies and the **first prize a family ticket for admission to Woburn Safari Park**.

Thank you to all the parent, staff & friends of Kenmore Park Schools for supporting our annual Christmas fair. In particular we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Ms. Poultney the PTFA secretary and Ms. Hassan the Chair for all their hard work in organising the event. Just over £1,400 was raised which will be used to provide equipment for the children in the school linked to the schools priorities.

## **Staff News**

Congratulations to Miss. Hollingsworth (Fairy Class teacher) who got married during the Christmas holidays. Her new married name is Mrs. Panasar. This term we welcome back Mrs. Kirk who has been on maternity leave since March 2018.

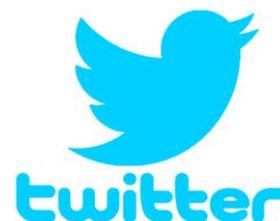
## **UNICEF fund raiser autumn term 2018.**

Finally, Year 1 ran a successful enterprise under the leadership of Mrs. Fung. The children made sparkling slime and bracelets to sell. All the proceeds once expenses had been deducted were donated to UNICEF to commemorate the 'Day of Change'. **£600 was raised due to your support.** 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. As a rights respecting school we are proud to champion the right of the child.

### **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

## Healthy School

The school is working hard to promote good health and well-being of the children. A large number of our children are entering school with very poor oral hygiene and some as young as 4 years old are having to have multiple tooth extractions at such a young age. With this in mind the Infant school has banned any sweets, confectionary and fizzy drinks being brought onto the school site for the children, either as part of their daily snack or as a treat at the end of the school day.

We have been asked to provide ideas for alternatives to fruit and vegetables in snack boxes and in a couple of weeks we will be giving the children a free sample of Soreen malt lunchbox or snack loaf. Which are individually wrapped loaves. They come in two flavours, Malt and Banana.



## Seminar lessons and parent workshops Spring 2019.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school to look at how we are engaging your children in learning at school so that we can continue to strengthen our home-school partnerships and work together to ensure the best possible outcomes in terms of learning for our pupils.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Classes</b>
14/01/19	Literacy seminar lessons KS 1 9 a.m.	Years 1 & 2
15/01/19	Literacy seminar lessons KS 1 9 a.m.	Years 1 & 2
16/01/19	<b>SATs parents meeting 6 – 7 p.m.</b>	Year 2
17/01/19	Literacy seminar lessons KS 1 9 a.m.	Years 1 & 2
22/01/19	Reception – Literacy parents' workshops 2 9-10 a.m. Focus on letters & sounds	Dragon Class
23/01/19	Reception – Literacy parents' workshops 2 9-10 a.m. Focus on letters & sounds	Unicorn Class
24/01/19	Reception – Literacy parents' workshops 2 9-10 a.m. Focus on letters & sounds	Fairy Class
28/01/19	Maths seminar lessons KS 1 Focus on number & calculations. 9 a.m.	Years 1 & 2
29/01/19	Maths seminar lessons KS 1 Focus on number & calculations. 9 a.m.	Years 1 & 2
29/01/19	Reception maths workshops – focus on shape. 9 -10 a.m.	Dragon Class
30/01/19	Reception maths workshops – focus on shape. 9 -10 a.m.	Unicorn Class
31/01/19	Maths seminar lessons KS 1	Years 1 & 2

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31/01/19	Reception maths workshops – focus on shape. 9 -10 a.m.	Fairy Class
05/02/19	Nursery parents maths workshops	Morning Nursery session
06/02/19	Nursery parents maths workshops	Afternoon Nursery session.
05/03/19	Reception maths workshops – focus on calculations. 9 -10 a.m.	Dragon Class
06/03/19	Reception maths workshops – focus on calculations. 9 -10 a.m.	Unicorn Class
07/03/19	Reception maths workshops – focus on calculations. 9 -10 a.m.	Fairy Class
12/03/19	Nursery parents C & L workshops	Morning Nursery session
13/03/19	Nursery parents C & L workshops	Afternoon Nursery session.

### **Attendance.**

We are pleased to see that a large number of families heeded our warning of issuing penalty notices and did not take their children out of school before the end of the term. As much as we appreciate that some of our school community have family abroad and may wish to celebrate Christmas with them, they also have a legal obligation when they admit their child into the British education system, to comply with the school term dates and not remove children from school until the school holidays officially commence!

In line with our on-going monitoring of attendance and lateness, last term we wrote out to a number of families informing them that if their child fits into the category of persistent absence or the threshold of below 95% attendance. Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing attendance data and where an improvement has not been made since notification last term, parents will be sent an appointment to meet with the Local Authority Attendance Liaison Officer who is a representative of the Court Attendance Officer and the school.

Please be reminded that 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.

### SPRING TERM 2019

First Day of Term  
Half Term  
Last day Of Term

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April



### SUMMER TERM 2019

First Day of Term  
May Day Bank Holiday  
Half Term  
Last day Of Term

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### INSET dates below.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019



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

Remember each school term ends at 2.15 p.m. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

### 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 December, **Jelly Fish** Class had the most children WOW each 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **FINAL 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](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). The Helpdesk No: 02082555555 or contact the admissions team at Harrow Local Authority on 02089012620. :

<b>Transfer Phase</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Offer Date</b>
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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019** and all applications received by this date will be accepted as on time.