



# PPINS NEWS

September 2017



A very warm welcome to our new school year to all our parents and children. The staff have worked very hard to ensure a smooth start to the term and everyone is now getting used to their new classes and new routines. Reception and Nursery children are now in full time and are settling very quickly.

The Topics have been planned carefully to introduce new learning but allow children to show what skills and knowledge they already have.

Please remember that if you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to catch me in the playground or make an appointment to see me.

Karen Disspain  
Headteacher

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3rd – 9th Oct — Book Fair in the hall after school
- 10th Oct — 2pm Year 1 Parents' Meeting (*more information to follow*)
- 11th Oct — Individual photographs
- 18th Oct — Harvest Festival
- 18th Oct — 2pm Year 2 Parents Meeting (*more information to follow*)
- 23rd - 27th Oct — Half term, school closed

*On occasions, dates have to be altered—if for any reason this happens, we will give as much advance warning as possible.*

*Check dates on our website*

**[www.pinnerparkinfant.harrow.sch.uk](http://www.pinnerparkinfant.harrow.sch.uk)**



### Birthdays — a Birthday Book to share!

**Children's Birthdays are always noted and celebrated in class so please do not feel that you have to do anything extra or send in anything at all.**



**If you want to send something in please send in a book. This could have your child's name and birth date written inside so everyone knows it's been a Birthday gift. It can be shared at story time and would then be in class for the rest of the year for everyone to share.**

**Please do not send in sweets/cakes/party bags as we will not give these out.**

## School Website



We try hard to keep our website up-to date so please make use of it.

The Home Page will give you information about news and upcoming events linked to the Calendar (dates for Parents' Evenings and Christmas performances are already in place).

It always lets you know which week's school meal menu we are on and you can go to General Information to find the Lunch Menu.

Newsletters and other letters are published in the Letters and Forms section.

Under Curriculum you will find the Year Group Topic Plans which will give you an outline of the work your child will be doing over the term — these will be up by the end of the week.

## School admissions

You should apply now, online at: [www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) for both **Infant School** (current Nursery pupils) and **Junior School** (current Year 2 pupils) places for September 2018.

Closing date is **15th January 2018**.

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, you can apply now for a Nursery place for September 2018. Forms will be available from the school office next month.

## Music and PE / Dance in Years 1 and 2

Class teachers are responsible for delivering each curriculum subject but we also use specialists for some areas.

Children in Years 1 and 2 have a specialist PE coach for one of their sessions each week — this term the focus is on gymnastics.

During the year all children in Year 2 will take part in an 'African Drumming and Song' programme provided by Harrow's Music Service. They will also participate in a Dance and Fitness programme provided by 'Little Acorns' as part of their work in PE. Each class will do the programme for a term and a half and at the end of this time you will be invited to see them perform.

Year 1 classes will also do a Dance, Fitness and Physical Activity programme provided by 'Little Acorns'.



### Start of the School Day

**8.50am**

**It's too exciting in school to be late!**

**Please be in the playground in time for your child to line up and go in with their class.**

**Now everyone knows the new routines we will be closing the doors as the lines go in.**



**In bad weather the doors will be opened at 8.40 and the children will come in through their designated entrance—staff will be there to support them.**

### Attendance

School attendance is reported to the Department for Education, please help us to improve our attendance rate this year.

Try to make appointments out of school time, tell family members term dates so 'get togethers' can be planned for school holiday time, book holidays in school holiday time. Remember — holiday absence will not be authorised.

Permission has to be requested for your child to be out of school (other than for illness) and absence has to be authorised. Please fill in a 'Request for Leave' form or drop a letter into the school office giving enough notice for it to be considered or there may not be time to authorise an absence.



### Getting to and from school



- Drive carefully and slowly in Melbourne Avenue — be polite and courteous, we all know how busy it is
- Park sensibly and don't block residents' driveways or use the disabled parking bay unless you are entitled to
- Supervise children closely as they get out of the car and as they approach the zebra crossing
- Give yourself enough time to drive/park or walk to school—particularly on wet days.

### Climbing Frames/Field

**Please ensure that your child does not go on the climbing equipment or the field before or after school. This includes younger children that you may have with you at the beginning and end of the day.**

### REMINDER — JEWELLERY

Many children are wearing bracelets (in some cases multiple strands), bangles and necklets so please ensure that these are removed — if there is any issue about this please come and see me. Children should not be wearing jewellery other than small studs for pierced ears, and these should not be worn on PE days.