



# PPINS NEWS

October 2017



It has been a very busy half term—you will have the opportunity to see some of your child's work and get a progress report during the Parent meetings after half term. I will be in my office or around school on these evenings and would be happy to see anyone who wants to pop in. Please remember, if you want to see me for any reason I am often out on the playground at the beginning or end of the day or you can come in and make an appointment.

Karen Disspain  
Headteacher

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct** — Half term, school closed  
**1<sup>st</sup> Nov**—PPPTA AGM at 7:00pm in the hall  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Nov** — Parents' evenings  
**29<sup>th</sup> Nov**—Flu immunisation (*more information to follow*)  
**30<sup>th</sup> Nov**—Pinner Pantomime Evening-Year 2 Choir will be singing at 5:30pm (*more information to follow*)  
**12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Dec**—Christmas performances (*more information to follow*)  
**20<sup>th</sup> Dec**—End of term, school closes at 2:00pm

*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)**

### Staff News

**Mrs Larkin (Teaching Assistant in 1C) is leaving at half term. She is a long standing member of staff and has worked throughout the school. We send our thanks for all she has done and wish her well for the future.**

### Known absence for appointment or Religious days

Please give us as much notice as possible for known absences so authorisation can be considered. School meals are ordered in advance by the kitchen and without notification, we get a lot of wasted food.



## Start of the School Day 8.50am

Everyone knows when school starts and most people stick to this—thank you. Please let's see if we can all be on time as it's disruptive and unfair to everyone else (particularly your child) if you are late. It also takes up a lot of office time letting your children through and registering them.



### Parking



**Park sensibly and safely.  
Do not park over driveways.  
Do not leave your engine running if you are early.**

### 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. Closing date is 26th February 2018; forms are available from the school office.

# Curriculum Presentations

There have recently been meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents to explain the curriculum, give details of the children's learning in school and offer advice on how to support children's learning at home. These were well attended and we hope they were informative — we certainly had some positive feedback.

The presentations from these meetings can be found on the school website under 'Curriculum — Support for Parents'.

## Assemblies and Celebrations

We do a number of different assemblies that the children attend.

**Achievements Assembly:** children can bring certificates and awards for something they have done outside of school. Teachers also give out Achievement Certificates in relation to something that has occurred during the week.

**Class Assembly:** the class will do a short presentation/performance on work they have been doing or an event that has happened.

**Other Assemblies** involve stories to make children think — stories with a moral about friendship, understanding differences and similarities between us all, what to do about a problem.

Assemblies will also reflect on events that have happened in school or in the news. They will also pick up on any cultural/religious events or celebrations — acknowledging that in school we are all part of a diverse community but all come together as members of the Pinner Park community.

## Diwali



This week Mrs Barron led a Diwali assembly and children have been telling us about their celebrations.

## Harvest Celebration

All the children attended a special Harvest Celebration Assembly — we were able to use some of our own 'home grown' produce from the Reception garden area and each class had bread to share.

A big thank you for all the donations of food. We were able to make up a number of harvest boxes which have been distributed to elderly relatives or neighbours of the school or passed on to 'Harrow Care' who distribute to the elderly, vulnerable or refugees in our community.

