



PPINS NEWS

October 2018



Our half term has gone by so quickly. The children have been working hard on their basic skills and extending these into using and applying them in a range of lessons and in their topic work.

Teachers are continually making assessments and pupil progress meetings have been held with members of the Leadership Team so we can all see the next steps that will be implemented.

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

22nd - 26th Oct — Half term, school closed
29th Oct—Children return to school
1st & 7th Nov—Parents' Evenings
14th & 15th Nov—Drama workshops
16th Nov—PPPTA Cinema afternoon
29th Nov—Pinner Pantomime Evening, Year 2 Choir will be singing at 5:30pm (*more information to follow*)
3rd Dec—Flu immunisations (*more information to follow*)
10th-13th Dec—Christmas performances—Class times are on the website (*more details to follow*)
14th Dec—PPPTA Christmas Fair
17th Dec—Nursery Christmas Performances
18th Dec—Class Christmas parties
21st Dec—End of term **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

Driving and Parking

There has been lots of dangerous and thoughtless driving in Melbourne Avenue and the adjacent roads—reversing on the zebra crossing, cars turning in dangerous positions, turning on the school drive when children are trying to cross, mounting the pavement when parents and children are walking past, going too fast.

There are still some parents/carers who put children in danger by parking on the zebra crossing, zig-zags or the yellow school zig-zags.

All of this puts lives in danger—so don't be responsible for possibly causing injury or worse.



Drive safely and park sensibly.



Instead of turning in the road you can follow the voluntary one-way system which can be quicker and safer than turning and causing a traffic jam—details are on the website.

School admissions

- Year 2 pupils **do not** have to apply for a place in Year 3 as we will be amalgamating into one school.
- You should apply now, online at: www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk for an Infant School place (current Nursery pupils) for September 2019. Closing date is 15th January 2019.
- If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you can apply now for a Nursery place for September 2019. Forms are available from the school office, closing date is 25th February 2019.

Curriculum Presentations

We have just held 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 learning at home. These were well attended and we hope they were informative. They are now on the website and would be useful to look at before Parents' Evening as they give lots of information about what your child is learning and how it is presented in class.

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

We will be running further meetings during the school year.

Assemblies and Celebrations

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

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

Class Assembly: the class 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, keeping safe, e-safety.

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 that reflect our diverse community.

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.

**Next Celebration:
Our Diwali Assembly**

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. Children settle better when they are in the line and walk in as part of their class. It also takes up a lot of office time letting your children through and registering them when you are late.