



# PPINS NEWS

September 2018



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. Our Nursery and Reception children look very smart in their new uniforms.

The Topics the children are working on have been planned to introduce new learning but allow children to show what skills and knowledge they already have—the Topic Webs will be on the website by the end of the week.

On a personal note I would like to thank many of you for your kind comments. I will be writing out to you all after half term.

Karen Disspain  
Headteacher

### DATES TO REMEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct—Book Fair in school hall after school  
5<sup>th</sup> Oct—PPPTA coffee morning for all parents  
9<sup>th</sup> Oct—Year 2 Curriculum Presentation  
10<sup>th</sup> Oct—School photographs  
12<sup>th</sup> Oct—PPPTA AGM & Quiz night  
16<sup>th</sup> Oct—Reception Curriculum Presentation  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct—Year 1 Curriculum Presentation  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Oct—Year 2 visit to Headstone Manor  
22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Oct — Half term, school closed  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct—Children return to school  
1<sup>st</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Nov—Parents evenings (more information to follow)

*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)**

## 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* or *Letters*. 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.

Topic Plans are in *Curriculum—Year Group Topic Plans*, please let us know if you would like a paper copy.

Dates for Curriculum Meetings, Parents' Evenings, Christmas Performances and more are all on the Calendar now.

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

- 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](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://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.

This year our classes have a number rather than using initials—a reminder is below

Year	Class	Teachers
R	1	Mrs. Brophy
	2	Mrs. Hotham / Miss Broderick
	3	Miss Brazell
	4	Mrs. Bouhar
1	5	Mrs. Cole
	6	Mrs. Lissner
	7	Mrs. Siddiqi / Mrs. Mukhtar
	8	Mrs. Ali
2	9	Miss Westbrook
	10	Miss McLeod
	11	Mrs. Acquaye
	12	Mrs. Allan / Mrs. Palit



**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.**

**Parent Helpers**—If you would like to join our team of helpers please come in and have a chat with Mrs Fox. We are particularly looking for help with hearing readers—so if you have an hour or so to spare during an afternoon come and let us know.

**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'.



**Climbing Frames / Field** Please ensure that your child does not go on the climbing equipment, tyres or the field before or after school.

**REMINDER—JEWELLERY**

Children should not be wearing jewellery other than small studs for pierced ears, and these should not be worn on PE days. Many children are wearing bracelets (in some cases multiple strands), bangles and necklets so please ensure that these are removed.

## Amalgamation - News from the Governing Body

Responses from the consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School and Pinner Park Junior School from 1 April 2019 show that 35 out of 44 respondents were in favour of combining the two schools. 5 respondents were not in favour and 4 were unsure. After discussing the responses at our recent governing body meeting, we have made a recommendation in favour of amalgamation. This decision will be communicated to the appropriate Harrow Council leaders whereby it will be considered alongside the consultation responses and the recommendation from the Junior School before a final decision is made. We will keep you aware of key information.