



PPINS NEWS

February 2019



Welcome back to the new half term, our last as Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School. We have a very busy few weeks coming up. For the children there are Skipping Workshops, World Book Day activities, Comic Relief events, and that's all on top of the exciting curriculum activities the teachers have planned.

We also have Parents' Evening this week and next so please ensure you have made an appointment to see your child's class teacher to discuss their learning and next steps. We work hard to run on time on these evenings so please be considerate of the next parents waiting and, if you feel you haven't completed your discussion within the 10 minute slot, make arrangements to meet the teacher at another time. Your child's workbooks will be outside the classroom for you to look at either before or after your allotted time.

We are getting closer to our amalgamation date (not to mention Brexit!) and are busy making plans to ensure a smooth and harmonious change over whilst also marking the occasion with key events. Look out for further information and updates on progress. Please rest assured that we WILL NOT be expecting the children to be wearing uniform with the new Primary School logo on it on the 24th April, you will only need to purchase it as and when your child outgrows, or wears out, their current uniform.

Margaret Tait
Acting Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 28th Feb & 6th Mar**—Parents' Evenings
- 1st & 6th Mar**—Skipping workshops
- 7th Mar**—World Book Day
- 15th Mar**—Red Nose Day, Charity event
- 18th-22nd Mar**—Book Fair after school
- 22nd Mar**—BHF Jump Rope, Charity event
(more information to follow)
- 27th Mar**—PPPTA Mother's Day gift service
- 1st Apr**—Classes 2 & 3 Spring Assembly
- 2nd Apr**—Classes 1 & 4 Spring Assembly
- 5th Apr**—End of term, close at **2 o'clock**
- 23rd Apr**—Staff training day, no children in school
- 24th Apr**—Children return to school

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

Parent Drop-In Sessions

Don't forget to sign up to meet Liz (Early Intervention Services) to discuss any worries/struggles you have with your child, in a relaxed 1:1 confidential meeting on **Monday 11th March**. 20 minute slots are available, please sign up at the Infant School office as soon as possible.

Dogs on the playground

There have been occasions when parents have brought their pet dogs into the school playground at either drop-off or pick-up times. Please be considerate; not all children like dogs and can feel threatened and upset by them therefore we ask that you do not walk your dog onto the school grounds.

World Book Day-Thursday, 7th March

At Pinner Park Infant School, we will be doing our own activities but after school, from 3:45pm—6:00pm, everyone is invited to North Harrow Library. There you can continue to celebrate the day with other children and parents, sharing books and stories and enjoy some refreshments.

Safeguarding

We spend a lot of time in class, in assemblies and at playtimes ensuring the children understand how to keep themselves and others safe, and know what to do if anything is making them feel uncomfortable. Every child has the **right** to feel safe and secure but also has the **responsibility** to speak up about things that happen to them, or that they see, which they think is wrong or they don't like.

The NSPCC PANTS programme teaches children about their own bodies and their right not to be touched by anybody in anyway which they don't like or that makes them feel uncomfortable or hurts them. We are giving the children the voice to say 'Stop it, I don't like' and then tell an adult.

Topics and facts related to the human body are always taught in a sensitive, age-appropriate, manner using clear and correct vocabulary to prevent misunderstandings or confusion.



Playtimes

We have started teaching the children a range of playground games, some using equipment and others not. We are providing equipment like balls and skipping ropes, but have found in the past that these items 'disappear' very quickly! We therefore explain to the children that it is their responsibility to look after things properly, play with items appropriately and ensure they get put away when the child has finished playing, rather than just dropping it on the ground.

Children may bring SMALL, NAMED, NON-PRECIOUS toys for playtime, but please remember these get lost as children often leave them lying around.

If you remember any games or rhymes from your playground days, it would be lovely to add them to our collection.

Your child will take part in a Skipping Workshop, on either Friday 1st March or Wednesday 6th March, where they will be taught to skip and improve their skills. They will also learn some skipping games and rhymes so please ask them for demonstrations after the workshop.

On those two dates, the company providing the workshops will be out on the playground at home time selling skipping ropes. If you buy a rope for your child, PLEASE put their name on it as many children will be bringing their ropes in for playtimes over the following weeks.

So far this term..

..we have been helping our friends in the Nursery fill up the car with petrol, just like the adults!



..Reception have celebrated the Chinese New Year by creating a dragon

..Year 1 have all been shopping for, made and then eaten fresh fruit salad



..we have enjoyed the Year 2's very colourful dancing and African drumming performances