



PPINS NEWS

January 2019



Here we are at the beginning of the fourth week of term already! There has been a lot going on around school to enthuse and engage the children in their everyday learning, as well as in the background to ensure a smooth transition during the upcoming changes to the school.

There have been several staff changes this term. We welcome teachers Miss Sethia and Mrs Lucas to our EYFS Team, they are covering the maternity leave of Mrs Brophy and Miss Broderick who we send our best to on the imminent births of their babies. We also welcome two new 'dinner ladies' to support the children during lunch time, and a new teaching assistant to assist children in Reception.

Following the departure of Miss Disspain, who is missing us but is enjoying a very well earned rest, I have now stepped into my new role as Acting Headteacher, supported by Mrs Coxon in her new role as Acting Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Coxon will still oversee Inclusion/SEND so will continue her invaluable support for both children and parents across the school. We also have a very strong team of adults working in their many different roles throughout the school and I thank them for their support during these times of change.

You will soon be receiving an update on the amalgamation of the two Pinner Park schools but, in the meantime, I would like to assure you that we are all working to ensure a smooth transition for children, staff and parents, and are looking for methods of maintaining and improving good communication during and following the change over.

Margaret Tait
Acting Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11th-13th Feb—Year 1 classes walk to North Harrow
- 13th Feb—Classes 9 & 10 Aerobic Dance performance
- 14th Feb—Classes 11 & 12 African Drums performance
- 18th-22nd Feb—Half term, school closed
- 25th Feb—Back to school
- 28th Feb & 6th Mar—Parents' Evenings
- 1st & 6th Mar—Skipping workshops
- 27th Mar—PPPTA Mother's Day gifts
- 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*

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YEAR 2

The children really enjoyed meeting and holding some unusual creatures when Safari Pete came in during the first week of term, I think the meerkats were a firm favourite. His visit has inspired the children to carry out further research about the animals and produce some amazing, detailed writing of a very high standard.



RECEPTION

The Reception children have been very excited this week about going out of school to the post box. They were very eager and enthused to write letters to their friends which they could then drop into the post box. They are now waiting with anticipation for the arrival of the postman with their letters.



Weather

We endeavour to keep the school open whenever possible. During adverse weather conditions, we assess the safety of travelling to and from school, as well as ensuring enough staff can get to school to ensure a safe ratio of staff to pupils within school. During snowy / icy conditions, the Site Supervisor will ensure there is at least one clear, well gritted path to lead safely into the school building so please ensure you and your children keep to the cleared paths to prevent any falls.



Timings

Your child **MUST** be in their class line by 8.50am to walk into school with all their friends. There are still quite a few families consistently arriving a few minutes late which makes the child stand out from their friends by walking in alone to a settled class, takes the teacher away from supporting the rest of her class to settle and start their learning, and is not setting a good example for the child.



Moving house?

If you move house, please notify the school office and bring along your council tax bill or tenancy agreement as proof of new address. This is to keep our records up to date and not for any other reason, you will **not** lose your school place.
Thank you.



Nursery admissions

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.

Year 2 pupils do not have to apply for a place in Year 3 as we will be amalgamating into one school.