



Newsletter

15th September 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to all our families and a particularly warm welcome to our new parents. It has been a delight to see the Year 3's settling in so well. Their confidence and enthusiasm in their transition to the Junior School has been fabulous to see. Our Year 6 buddies have done an excellent job helping them to settle in.

A thank you to parents and to our colleagues in the Infant school for their hard work throughout the transition which has supported the children in being ready and excited about coming to their new school.

Meet the Teacher on Tuesday and Wednesday this week was very well attended. We do hope you have all the information you need to begin the school year successfully. Link books have been sent home. We ask that you look through them and sign the home school agreement with your child. This is one of the ways we ask that you communicate with your child's class teacher. Please catch your child's teacher at the end of the day or speak with one of the senior leaders if you have any queries or concerns. You will find us in the playground almost every day and we are happy to help, whatever your question or concern.

We welcome our new members of staff Miss Dewey, Miss Akhund, Mr Stoddard, Miss Manion and Miss Gatusso to our school. During the summer holidays, Mrs Jenkins gave birth to a girl. Both mum and baby are doing very well.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and welcoming you into the school throughout the year!

Miss Mildner, Headteacher



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Visit our school website for comprehensive information about the school—policies, dates, clubs, links, safeguarding, attendance

Diary Dates

2017-2018



Thu 5th Oct—Individual Pupil Photographs
 Wed 18th Oct—Y5 Viking Day (2 classes)
 Thu 19th Oct—Y5 Viking Day (2 classes)
Half Term—23rd—27th October
 Wed 1st Nov—Y6 Natural History Museum
 Fri 17th Nov—Y3 visit to RAF Museum
 Wed 29th —Y4 Egyptian Day
 Fri 1st Dec—Y6 Cluster Carol Concert
 Wed 13th Dec—Y3&4 Christmas Performance
 Thu 14th Dec—Y3&4 Christmas Performance
Wed 20th Dec—TERM ENDS—2pm finish
Thurs 4th Jan—INSET Day no pupils in school
Fri 5th Jan—TERM Starts
Half Term—12th—16th February
 Mon 19th Feb—Y3 Science Dome in school
Thu 29th Mar—TERM ENDS—2pm finish
Mon 16th Apr—TERM Starts

School start and Finish Times



Before School

Children may come into school from **8:45am** ready for the start of the school day at 8:55am. Only children taking part in a supervised activity are allowed into school before this time. **Any children in the playground before this time will be unsupervised and must be accompanied by an adult.**

After School

School finishes at 3:25pm. Please pick your child up on time. If you are running late, as a courtesy, please phone the school office to let us know where you are. Children can get very upset when they are picked up late.

Thank you.

TRAFFIC ALERT: Please do not let your child get out of the car in the middle of the road; always only on the kerbside. We welcome Mrs Ahmed as our new School Crossing Patrol officer. Please say hello and welcome her to our community.



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IMPORTANT! ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

Please ensure your contact details are current and up-to-date—particularly mobile telephone numbers so that the school is able to contact you in case of an **emergency** or if there are changed circumstances eg. delay in returning from a school trip.

We also use our text service on occasions to contact you.

Let us know if you change your mobile number as soon as possible.



Year 3 and new to the school Parents

Include your email address on the admission form. We will email you letters and newsletters that are sent home.

Medical condition—let the school know if your child has a medical condition that needs support including Asthma. Contact Mrs Lewis in Welfare as soon as possible to make an appointment to see her.

Nb. This information is not passed on from the Infant School .

Uniform

Please ensure that the correct uniform is worn and that everything is named. Black shoes with no marking or other colours should be worn. Girls should have straps across the top of their slip on shoes in the playground for safety reasons.

Jewellery (other than **stud** earrings) should not be worn. **All** jewellery must be taken off for PE or not worn to school.

Mobile Phones

Only children walking to school independently should have any need to bring a mobile phone to school.



- Permission must be given by parents to the school
- All mobile phones are to be handed into the school office each morning.
- Children are not permitted to use mobile phones on the playground or anywhere on school grounds.

Celebration Sweets/ Cakes

We are asking for your support in reminding children we are a healthy school educating our children about reducing sugar in their diets. As such we are unable to distribute sweets or cakes for birthday celebrations. Thank you!

Absence from School

Illness

Please contact the school by 9.30am if your child is unwell and not coming to school so that we can mark the absence correctly in the register. Email office@ppjs.harrow.sch.uk, text or leave a message on the school telephone service.

Absence for Entrance Exams needs to be requested with a copy of a letter from the school/ local authority. Unfortunately, leave for study will **not** be approved.

Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governors' policy is to follow Government Guidelines in not authorising term time absence (including holidays).

Please do not book holidays in term time as it disrupts your child's education.

Fruit

Children are encouraged to bring fruit to school, as part of their '5 a day' and helping to live a healthy lifestyle. They are given time to eat their fruit in class and at the beginning of morning break. Popular ways of children enjoying fruit are:

- Fruit cut into pieces in a container
- Berries/ grapes
- Apples cut into quarters
- Packets of raisins

