



Newsletter

14th September 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

Welcome back to all our families and an especially warm welcome to all our new children and families. It has been fantastic to see the Year 3 children settle in so well to the Junior School. The adults have been really impressed with how confidently the children have made the transition from the Infant School and the Year 6 buddies have done a great job in helping them to feel at ease in their new school.

A successful transition is the result of lots of hard work between both schools by teachers, teaching assistants and parents. Huge thanks to everyone who was involved in helping to make this year's transition so smooth.

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attending the "Meet the Teacher" sessions this week and the class teachers have really enjoyed starting to get to know all the children and families they will be working so closely with during this year.

All children should now have their Link Books for the term ahead. Please look through this with your child and make sure that you sign the "Home School Agreement" that is in there. The Link Book is the most effective way to share messages and information with your child's class teacher. There are also opportunities for you to speak to class teachers or one of the Senior Leaders in the playground at the end of each day.

We are really pleased to welcome Miss Paul, Miss Kalsi, Miss Lewis, Miss Fiddler and Mrs Holland to our school. Welcome back also to Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Rogers and Mrs Quilfeldt who have returned from maternity leave. We are really excited about a fantastic year of learning and welcoming you into the school throughout the year!

Acting Headteacher

Absence From School

Illness

Please contact the school office team by 9:30am if your child is unwell and not coming to school so that we can mark the absence correctly in the register. You can email office@ppjs.harrow.sch.uk or leave a message on the school answering service – 028 8863 1239.

Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governing Body's policy is to follow Department for Education guidelines in not authorising term time absences (including holidays).

You are asked **not to** book holidays in term time as it disrupts your child's education.

EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

The School Day

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 supervised activity are allowed into the 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 team to let us know where you are. Children can get very upset when they are picked up late.



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

www.pinnerparkjuniorschool.co.uk

Year 3 and 'new to the school' Parents

Include your email address on the admission form. We will email you letters and newsletters that get circulated regularly.

Medical conditions – let the school welfare team 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.

N.B. Children's medical details **do not** get passed on when the children transfer from the Infant School.

Snack Time



Children are encouraged to bring a **healthy** snack to school for morning break time. This should form at least one of their "5 a day" – helping them to live a healthy lifestyle. Some of the favourite ways to enjoy a healthy snack include:

- Fruit cut into pieces in a container
- Berries / grapes
- Apple cut into quarters
- Packets of raisins
- Carrot / cucumber sticks

We are a NUT FREE school.

School Uniform

The children all look very smart in their school uniform and we appreciate your support with this. **Please ensure that the correct uniform is worn each day and that everything is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.**

- Plain black shoes (with **no** markings) should be worn.
- Girls should wear shoes that have straps across the top of their slip on shoes so they can run safely in the playground.
- **No** jewellery (other than **stud** earrings) should be worn. **All** jewellery must be taken off for PE lessons or not worn to school.



Diary Dates

2018 – 2019

- Thur 4th Oct - Individual pupil photos
- Thur 11th Oct – Learning Consultation Evening
- Tue 16th Oct – Learning Consultation Evening
- Wed 17th Oct – Y5 Viking Day (2 classes)
- Thur 18th Oct – Y5 Viking Day (2 classes)
- HALF TERM – 22nd – 26th October**
- Thur 1st Nov – Y3 RAF Museum trip
- Tue 13th Nov – Y4 Egyptian Day (2 classes)
- Wed 14th Nov – Y4 Egyptian Day (2 classes)
- Wed 14th Nov – Y6 Natural History Museum trip
- Mon 3rd Dec – Y3 – Y5 Flu Immunisation
- Wed 12th Dec – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert
- Thur 13th Dec – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert