



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first full week of the new school year has certainly been a busy one and we have been pleased with the effort made by the children in learning the routines of the class and school environment.

The school team are looking forward to meeting you at the Parent Information Talks. As mentioned last week, the meetings will be from 2.25pm – 3.15pm. Children will be able to attend their clubs or will be supervised by the school team and myself whilst the meeting takes place.

<b>14/09/16</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 Parent Information meeting</b>
<b>16/09/16</b>	<b>Key Stage 1 Parent Information meeting</b>
<b>22/09/16</b>	<b>EYFS Parent Information meeting</b>

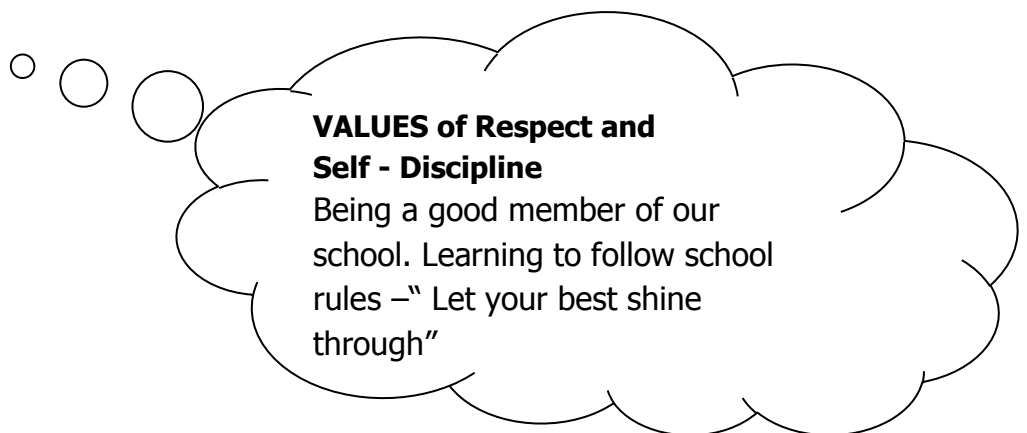


**I would like to start with a huge thank you to FOKAS for organising such a fantastic Summer Fete on the very last day of term, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.** It was a great occasion that brought KAPS families together in the sunny afternoon. Thank you for your support. The children enjoyed the variety of stalls and entertainment. It was wonderful to see the children run their own enterprising stalls. I am not sure of the total raised, but the community spirit of togetherness was certainly in abundance. Amazing!



**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

After prayers at collect worship time, our school assemblies will focus on different core values of character formation – respect, integrity, courage, empathy, gratitude and self-discipline. They will relate to our SEAL curriculum, Social, Emotional, aspects of learning too. The values will also be discussed during circle times throughout the week in class. It would be useful if you could talk about this at home too.



**VALUES of Respect and Self - Discipline**

Being a good member of our school. Learning to follow school rules –“ Let your best shine through”



## **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

All Children need to be on the playground by 7.55am. They are requested to walk to their classroom. Children can then settle themselves, once the doors have opened and commence a range of "early bird activities".

**The school gate will be locked at 8.00am. If you arrive after this time please go straight to the office where your child will be given a late mark. Please make every effort to give your child the best chances in life.**

Frequent lateness will result in a meeting about the matter and a conversation with the Education Welfare Officer. We will of course support families while they are having difficulties in exceptional circumstances.

**DEPARTURES -COLLECTING CHILDREN ON TIME** The school team will dismiss the children when they see the authorised named adult at the classroom door.

Unfortunately, last week, it was disappointing to find out that numerous children had not been picked up at 2.25pm. This is our finish time. The school team understands that occasionally there may be an emergency. However, if this is the case you must ring the school office to let them know.

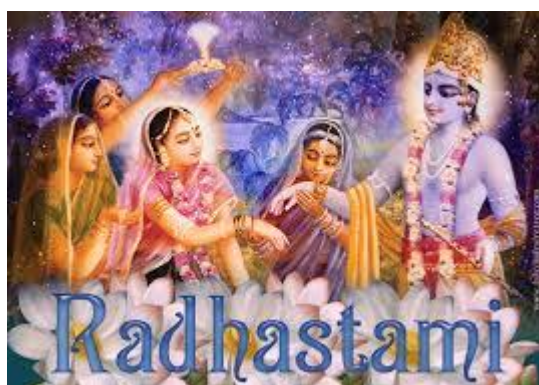
All children who are not collected on time are escorted to the school office. A register is kept to log late collections.

**The school team are not available to provide child care arrangements after this time.**

**Having investigated the matter, most schools place the children safely into the school childminding services. With this in mind, we shall commence this policy. A charge will be made for using Sherpa Kids facilities. Alternatively, the school reserves the right to charge parents for the additional hours worked by our staff.**

In addition to this, a meeting will be held to discuss the reason for the late collection.

We will ensure that each child receives a high standard of care in order to cause as little distress as possible.



**RADHASTAMI** Thank you to Ms Ahuja and Class 3A, who shared an assembly last Friday, which explained the significance Srimati Radharani's appearance day. The children read the qualities of Srimati Radharani including selflessness, caring, sharing, nurturing, loving and Ms Ahuja retold a story about the eternal consort.

This was then followed by a creative story telling dance performed by girls in Class 2A, Hena, Esha,

Shivani, Mahi and Siya. An enormous thank you is sent to all the mothers and particularly Siya's mother, Mrs Shah. She coordinated with Mrs Vasudev about the dance performance.

**Please remember that we welcome all parents and carers each Friday morning for our worship time at 8.00am.**





**DREAM JAR CHALLENGE** The competition is now closed. Thank you to all families who participated in the event. We shall commence looking at the entries.

Furthermore, I was delighted to hear that many of our children took part in the summer reading challenge. Well done to all those children for taking part, keeping their minds busy and exploring the power of independent learning!

**REMINDERS** Thank you for your cooperation in advance:

- Please ensure all clothing and equipment is labelled. Children will be upset if they misplace their items that cost a substantial amount of money
- Water bottles should be taken home at the end of each day and washed thoroughly
- We recommend water bottles with sports spout. This will avoid any accidental large spillages on school work or furniture
- Kindly pay all school meals payments in advance. The menu is displayed on the website
- After school clubs commence on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September with the exception of Yoga which will commence on 19<sup>th</sup> September.



**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** Last term, numerous children and some family members at the end of club were found wandering around the school unsupervised. As a school, we consider safeguarding a priority. Therefore, from today (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September), Club Leaders will escort the children to the school gate, where they will be picked up safely. Children who leave items in the classroom will not be able to collect them the following day or return into school with their parent.

### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

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**Should you have any concerns about a child's welfare, Please speak to designated members of staff for Child Protection and Safeguarding:**

**Ms Pandya**

**Mrs Rai**

**Krishna Avanti Primary School Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is**

## Mr Yuvraj Rana

- Please read carefully our school uniform and P.E kit policy found the website. Individual letters will be sent home to children who are not wearing the correct clothing

### **P.E. and Yoga Lesson Days**

- All children should wear their outdoor PE kit to school on P.E. days only.
- Plain black trainers must be worn on all P.E. days
- Pupils will change into their black trainers during their break or activity if they are wearing their school shoes.
- The weather is not suitable to wear plimsolls all day with the P.E Kit.
- In accordance with good practice guidelines, all children now participate in indoor activities involving bare feet. Children will change into their trainers, plimsolls or have bare feet depending on the PE lesson. Please note that plimsolls are no longer used for some indoor P.E. – i.e. gymnastics and dance.
- Girls need to keep a pair of socks with their kit if they wear tights to school.

**SCHOOL MEALS** Harrow has introduced a change to the way parent/ carers apply for Free school meals. They will no longer be accepting paper applications. If you think you could be eligible, you will need to log onto the website <http://fsm.lgfl.net>. Once you have accessed the website, you will be able to quickly and easily check if you are entitled.

It gives you an immediate “yes” or “no” response and will notify the school.

**IF YOUR CHILD WAS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS LAST YEAR, YOU MUST STILL RE –APPLY USING THE ABOVE WEBSITE.**

**Please can I kindly request that this is done by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Setember.**

**If we do not receive information from Harrow your child will be removed from the Free School Meal List.**

**As always, please do not hesitate to ask the school office for help.**

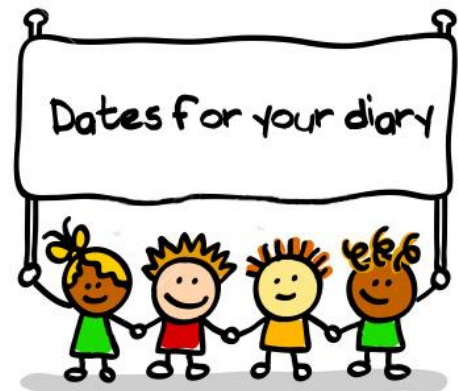
**Please view the diary dates on the next page.**

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Bindu Rai  
Principal





**DIARY DATES** for the autumn term to help you plan ahead.  
**You'll see from the dates there's plenty to look forward to.**  
**There will be some additions of workshops and class trips.**  
**However, a separate letter will be sent home.**

12/09/16	After School Clubs commence except for Yoga which commences on 19 <sup>th</sup> September
13/09/16	Year 6 Evolution Palaeo Quest Workshop
14/09/16	KS2 Parent Meeting Talk at 2.25pm – 3.15pm
15/09/16	Year 2 visit Kew Gardens
16/09/16	Year 3 visit Celtic Harmony
16/ 09/16	KS1 Parent Meeting Talk at 2.25pm– 3.15pm
21/09/16	Navaratri starts
22/ 09/16	EYFS Parent Meeting Talk at 2.25pm– 3.15pm
26/09/16	School Council Hustings and Election Week preparations
29/09/16	Navaratri ends
03/10/16	Black History Month launch
04/10/16	World Animal Habitat Day
12/10/16	Year 2 Harvest Assembly – From Field to Fork
14/10/16	Election for School Council
19/10/16	Class 4A Black History Month Assembly
21/10/16	Class 5A Diwali Assembly (Gorvandhan Puja 31/10) (Sri Prabhupada disappearance day 3/11)
21/10/16	Break Up Half Term
07/11/16	Pupils Return
08/11/16	Support Anti – Bullying and E-Safety Month Raising awareness
08/11/16	Year 6 visit Westminster Abbey
09/11/16	Class 6A Remembrance Assembly
11/11/16	2 minute Silence – Remembrance Sunday, Royal British Legion & Armistice Day
15/11/16	Announcement of new School Council Representatives Announcement of ECO Committee
16/11/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
24/11/16	Science Week commences (mid –week)
30/11/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
30/11/16	Celebration assembly about Science
07/12/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
13/12/16	Parent Consultation 1 evening
14/12/16	Parent Consultation 1 evening
16/12/16	Reception Nativity production for parents/ carers am
16/12/16	End of term
09/01/17	Pupils Return
09/01/17	No After School Clubs this week
10/01/17	RSBP Bird Watch month commences
16/01/17	After School Clubs commence
19/01/17	KAPSH Has Got Talent Show in the evening – details to follow