

# The Pinner Park Post



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## Colour the School with Kindness

On Monday, we had the first of our new, weekly 'whole school' assemblies.

Each Monday, the children will have an assembly with children from every year group. Although we can't all fit in one hall, we want the children to know that we are one school, and this is a great way of working together. We'll change the combination of children each half term.



This week, we thought about what it means to be ready, respectful, safe and kind – with a particular focus on kindness. We talked about the idea that being kind to others brings 'colour' to our school.

Have a super weekend!

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

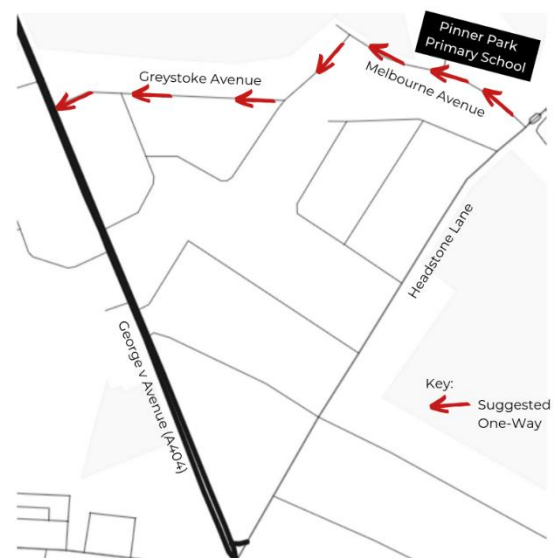
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## Keeping Safe – Keeping One Way

We're delighted that many of our children are able to walk, scoot or cycle to school. We'd like to see as many children doing this as possible!

We recognise that for those living further away that this may not be practical. If you need to drive to school, please consider parking a little distance from school and walking or scooting the final part of your journey.

If you need to drive close to school, please keep to our suggested one-way system along Melbourne Avenue. It can become very congested at school drop-off and collection times and we want to keep all our children and families safe.



## Morning Drop Off

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If your child is in Years 3 – 6, we will take responsibility for them from the moment they come into the building at the start of the school day. With our 'soft start' they can come in at any time between 8.45am and 8.55am.

Younger children should line up on the playground 'spots' so that they can be collected by their class teachers. We ask that parents remain with their children until they have been collected and taken in by the teachers.

## Behaviour Workshop for Parents

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Monday 30th September 2019 | 9.00 - 10.30am

Is your child's behaviour sometimes a challenge?  
Do you feel that your children don't listen to you?  
Is it difficult to put boundaries in place?

Come along to a bespoke parenting session for confidential advice and guidance regarding managing your child's behaviour.

We look forward to seeing you. Please click here to sign up: <http://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/news-blog/parents-and-carers-session>

**Early Support**  
Small Steps | Lasting Change

## Reading Records

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Next week, your child will bring home a reading record. This is the place to keep track of your children's reading at home – whether they are reading to an adult, with an adult or independently.

We want to encourage our children to be avid readers, reading from a wide range of books and texts.

Please aim to read regularly with your child. We know that this makes a massive difference to their progress in school, but also improves their well-being as a person.

Our staff will look at your child's reading record and write in it when we read in school.

This book will only be for recording reading. We won't be using them for communicating about other things.

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## Keeping in touch

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If you want to get in touch with us to talk about an aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing, then please do so.

The first port of call for any questions about your child's learning or well-being is the class teacher. He or she will have the best overview of your child in school, and will be best placed to talk to you.

If you want to speak with your child's class teacher, you can catch them at the beginning or the end of the day, contact them by email through the school office, or leave a message with the office team.

If at any point you feel your question has not been answered, or if you would like to discuss it further, please do speak to the Year Team Leader for your child's year group, or to the Phase Leader for your child's phase.

The class teachers, year leaders and phase leaders will always discuss any concerns with Mrs Edwards and Mr Waldron if this is appropriate.

The Year and Phase Leaders are:

	Year Leader	Phase Leader
Nursery	-	Mr Waldron
Reception	Miss Brazell	
Year 1	Mrs Lissner	Mrs Edwards
Year 2	Mrs Allan	

	Year Leader	Phase Leader
Year 3	Miss Machicado	Mr English
Year 4	Miss Williams	
Year 5	Miss Manion	Mrs Jenkins
Year 6	Miss Choudhury	



# KEEP IN TOUCH

## What a picture!

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Our school photographers will be coming in to school on the following days:

Upper School: Thursday 3 October  
Lower School: Wednesday 9 October

Our bookings have been in place for over a year (prior to the start of our journey as a primary school) so, for this year only, we are using two different companies for the photographs.

All pupils will be photographed individually. If you have more than one child at Pinner Park Primary School and would like a photograph of your children taken together, let us know by **Monday 30 September** (there is a slip on the letter we sent out this week). We will arrange for your children's photograph to be taken together on one of the days outlined above (please note that this may be a different day to the individual photo and may be with a separate photography company). Please note that group photos are limited to siblings – we won't be able to accommodate cousins, other relatives or friends.

You only need to return the slip if you are requesting a photograph of your children together.

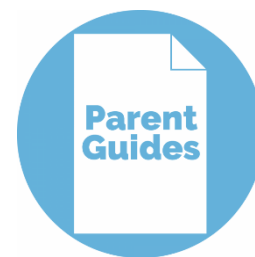
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.



## Parent Handbooks

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We have prepared some parent handbooks for each year group which are intended to help parents understand all about life at Pinner Park. They include some really useful information.



Part of the handbook is to inform parents about the school curriculum - what will be taught during this school year. They provide an outline of typical content and some background information about how the curriculum and assessment works, hopefully it will help you support your children in making the most of their education.

We will publish the guides on our school website and send a message as soon as they are available to download.

## News in Brief (and a few reminders!)

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### Christmas Cards

All designs / order forms must be returned to school, with payment in cash, by Friday 11th October 2019. We can't accept late forms.



### Health Walks

Our walks take place every Wednesday and Friday, starting at 9am, meeting by the bicycle storage on the upper school playground. All are welcome!

### PTA Quiz

Our Quiz takes place on Friday 11 October. It would be great to see you there. For further information, check the letter sent home through SchoolPing or visit the school website.

### Cycling and Scootering

Please remind your child to push cycles and scooters when on the school site. Thank you.

### Open School

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Open School event on Tuesday.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thanks so much to everyone who supported the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' this morning, and to those who organised it on behalf of the school. Great job!

### Book Fair with Travelling Books

Please come along to our Book Fair which will be open each day after school from 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October (in the Lower School). It will be open until 3.45pm each day. There will be a wide range of books to purchase, and your purchases will earn free books for the school!

### Hand, Foot and Mouth

We have a small number of children who have had hand, foot and mouth disease this week. This is a common viral illness in childhood and is generally a mild illness. Children with hand, foot and mouth usually develop a fever, have a reduced appetite and feel unwell, and may develop blisters on their cheeks, hands and feet. Children are safe to return to school or nursery as soon as they are feeling better, there is no need to stay off until the blisters have all healed. Hand, foot and mouth should not be confused with foot and mouth disease in animals!