



# Harefield Junior School News



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## Summer Half Term

We break up for half term today. Have a fantastic break and see you back at school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018. (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> the School will be closed for a teacher training day).

## Friends of Harefield Junior School Father's Day Gift & Card Sale

The Friends have organised a Father Day Sale on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Children will be able to buy gifts for that '*someone special*' in their family. There will be loads of goodies to choose from and the children will be able to pick which present/s they want to buy. All the presents will come home wrapped to keep the surprise. Gifts cost £2.00 each and cards are 50p. There is no limit to the number of gifts or cards your child can purchase. Flyers have gone home to the children, but there are extra in the school office reception area if needed. Please remember to put the money and reply slip in a sealed envelope and post in the red '*Friends Post Box*' in the reception area (and not give to the class teacher).

## Sports Day – Weather permitting!

We will be holding our sports day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting) at 9.30am. The event will be held on the school playing field and all parents are very welcome to attend and cheer their child/ren on! The gates to the field will be open at 9.15am. Letters will be going home with your child shortly with more information. We have scheduled Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June as a reserve day, just in case...

## Good News and Well Done! LBH Summer Reading Challenge

Budding artists were invited to design next-generation Starborgs cards – these are cards that Libraries give away to children as part of the Summer Reading Challenge. These cards have been ever so popular and since they were first introduced in 2016, many children have collected all or most of the original cards, so there was a need to introduce some new characters. We are delighted to announce that two of our Year 4 children, James and Jacob Henderson's seahorse design has been chosen to go forward to the next stage of the competition. Congratulations and well done to both of them!

## Family Fun Day

The Friends of Harefield Junior School are in the process of organising a Family Fun Day for all our Parents and the wider community. It's being planned for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 12.00 until 4.00pm. We will keep you up-dated with all the fabulous stalls, rides and activities we have planned, so watch this space...

We will be planning a Non-uniform day when we get back from half term; but instead of asking for a £1 donation we will be asking for items for tombola prizes i.e. bottles of wine or spirits, soft drinks, unwanted gifts and teddy bears etc. We will send out more details after half term.

## Year 6 SATs

Well done to all the Year 6 children, they revised extremely hard for their SATs and they all deserve a big pat on the back. Also a big thank you to all the children, staff, pupils and parents who helped make SATs week run so smoothly. The children were in every day and also on time. All the other year groups were very respectful and gave the year 6s the peace and quite they needed to sit their tests. We will let you know how they did in due course.

## **Year 6 School Journey**

Our Year 6 came back today. They had an amazing time and the weather was very kind to them. I am sure you'll enjoy listening to their tales and adventures. A big thank you to all the staff and the parents for supporting the event. The School Journey photographs will be uploaded onto the website shortly.

## **Health and Safety Reminders**

In order for us to keep your children safe and secure whilst on the school premises, please follow our health and safety rules. These are:

- Bikes and scooters should be wheeled, not ridden, once on the school premises.
- Children are not allowed to play on the playground equipment before or after school.
- The school car park is in constant use by cars and delivery vehicles. Please do not park in front of the school gates.
- The school car park is for staff and disabled driver badge holders only.
- No smoking is allowed on school premises – this includes pathways, carpark and field.
- Dogs are not allowed on the school premises.

Thank you for your support.

## **Road Closure – Breakspear Road South**

We have already sent out a text and email to Parents and Carers, so this is just a reminder of the full or partial road closure of Breakspear Road South between Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, which may impact on your journey to and from school.

## **Church Gardens Open Day**

Church Gardens is a family restoration project of a 1600s Renaissance Garden and Harefield's very own '*secret garden*'. If you would like to have a stroll around these beautiful grounds they are holding an open day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Tickets cost £5.00 for adults and £2.00 for children. There will be tea and cake available throughout the afternoon. Have a look at their website: [www.churchgardens.co.uk](http://www.churchgardens.co.uk).

## **Messy Church**

The next session of Messy Church is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 3.15pm to 4.15pm at Harefield Church Hall. Refreshments will be available for both adults and children.

## **St. Mary's Church Harefield Village Fete**

Harefield's Village Fete will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June on Harefield Common from 12.00pm until 4.00pm. The usual children and adult races will be taken place plus Victoria sponge competition, dog show, classic cars & bikes and a whole host of other activities, refreshments and stalls.

## **Dogs Trust Fun Day**

The Dogs Trust is having a Fun Day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 11.00 to 4.00pm at the Middlesex Show Ground, Park Road, Uxbridge UB8 1ES (off Swakeleys roundabout). The entry fee for adults is £3.00 and £2.00 for children. If you would like more information please telephone 01895 453951.

## **Colne Valley Animal Handling Event for Half Term**

The Colne Valley will be hosting an exotic animal experience and bug trail on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets cost £9.95 which includes a fun nature bug trail with a treat at the end. Parents and guardians go free with the price of a child's ticket. Children will have an unforgettable experience throughout the 1 hour show which features a variety of different animals, ranging from Mammals, Reptiles, Arachnids, Invertebrates and Arthropods. Children will also have the opportunity to touch the animals as well as learn exciting new facts from the expert handlers Nick Spellman and Ranger Stu. You can book tickets through **Eventbrite** under Denham Country Park, or through their Facebook page: Colne Valley Visitor Centre and Riverside Cafe.

## Attendance

Children at Harefield Juniors in the main have very good attendance and arrive at school punctually. This is, of course, a very important life skill for our children. Every week we have an attendance competition and the class with the best attendance wins a cup, stickers and a certificate. Please help your child by ensuring they attend school regularly and on time, 95% and above is considered good attendance, children falling below that are not making as much progress.

Here are the attendance figures for the last two weeks:

17.05.19		
1 <sup>st</sup>	6 Aspen, 6 Beech & 6 Spruce	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 Sycamore	99.1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 Iroko	97.5%
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 Willow	95.6%

24.05.19		
	6 Aspen & 6 Beech	99.2%
	3 Hazel	97.6%
	5 Walnut & 6 Spruce	97.0%
	E Elm	96.9%

Congratulations to the whole of Year 6 and 6 Aspen & 6 Beech who were top of the attendance leader board. They will receive a class certificate and individual stickers.

## House Points:

Each child in the school is placed in a House: Air, Earth, Fire or Water. The children earn House points and the total scores are announced at Merit Assembly. These are further collated and there is a winner for the year.

Here are the house points for the last two weeks:

17.05.19	
Water	217 points
Earth	193 points
Fire	148 points
Air	123 points

24.05.19	
Water	195 points
Fire	154 points
Air	138 points
Earth	138 points

Congratulations to Water and Water House for coming top of the house point leader board. Well done to all the children who earned house points for their House. You may remember that the points are collated and the winning House receives a cup at the end of the year.

## Dates for Your Diary 2019

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 school trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum, <i>letters have gone out</i>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Father's Day Sale, <i>flyers have gone out</i>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day, <i>more information to follow (please note new date)</i>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 school trip to Legoland, <i>letters have gone out</i>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day Reserved Date
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 school trip to Whipsnade Zoo, <i>letters have gone out</i>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of HJS Family Fun Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production for Grandparents at 1.30pm, <i>more information to follow</i>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production to Parents at 6.00pm, <i>more info to follow</i>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of HJS Disco, <i>more information to follow</i>

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term Awards, children only
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Musical Concert at 2.00pm, <i>more information to follow</i>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 (for Parents), <i>more information to follow</i>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco, <i>more information to follow</i>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Summer Term – 1.00pm finish – non uniform day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Autumn Term starts