

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019



# Harefield Junior School News



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## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term. We hope you all had a good break and are feeling refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting term.

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

Don't forget we have a Father's Day gift & card sale on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Gifts are £2.00 each and cards are selling at 50p. There is no limit to the number of gifts or cards your child can purchase. Flyers have already been sent out, but there are extra copies in the school office reception area. 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); there are spare envelopes by the post box if needed.

## 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. Children can come to school wearing their PE kit or a tracksuit in their house colours. The house colours are: Fire – Red, Water – Blue, Earth – Green and Air – Yellow. Letters have already been sent home with your child. We have scheduled Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June as a reserve sport day, just in case...

## Non-Uniform Day for the Family Fun Day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and instead of asking for a £1 donation we would love you to bring in items that could go towards making our family fun day spectacular. So if you have any items for tombola prizes or unwanted gifts, bottles of wine, spirits, soft drinks or cuddly toys that we could use for other stalls, we really appreciate you sending them in.

## Donations for the Family Fun Day

The Friends would like to run a Water/Wine stall, and are asking for donations of **empty** screw top wine bottles (they must be the screw top type). You can send these into school at any time, but the sooner the better, so the Friends can start to get organised. Once again, we really value your support and are very grateful for any donations that we receive. Many thanks for your continued support.

## Harefield's Got Talent!

At the Family Fun Day, The Friends are organising a Talent Show. If your child act's, dances, sings, plays a musical instrument, juggles or does magic tricks, or has any other hidden talent, then this is just the thing for them! There is plenty of time to get an act together and register, so get rehearsing... There will be flyers going out shortly inviting children to enter the show. Spaces will be limited, so it will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Eco-Friendly School – Saving the Environment

One of our Year 6 children, Owen Piek has raised the subject of 'single use plastics' used in school and especially plastic bags used for packed lunches on school trips. We, as a school, totally agree with him and will be supporting his point of view. We have three school trips before the end of term, and we are asking that instead of using a plastic bag for your child's lunch, you use a rucksack or some type of bag that is re-usable and not detrimental to the environment. We really hope that you will help and support us in this matter.

### **Year 3 School Trip – School Lunch Info**

Year 3 children will be visiting the Chiltern Open Air Museum next Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June. As they will be out for the day, they do not need a hot meal. If you have already pre-booked a meal, please log onto The Pantry website where you will be able to cancel. Any free school meal children will automatically have a packed lunch provided for them, but please feel free to provide your own lunch if you prefer. Many thanks. **Don't forget to bring lunches in a rucksack or re-usable bag** 😊

### **Be Safe in the Sun**

Please remember to put sun cream on your child before they come to school if the weather is hot and sunny. Please make sure that your child brings a sun hat to wear when playing outside and always has a water bottle in class.

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

Harefield's Village Fete is on tomorrow, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, on Harefield Common from 12.00pm until 4.00pm. The usual children and adult races will be taking place plus Victoria sponge competition, dog show, classic cars & bikes and a whole host of other activities, refreshments and stalls. We hope to see you all there!

### **The Harefield Academy Stall at Village Fete – Year 5 & 6 Children – Reward Points**

Flyers went home with Year 5 and 6 children from The Harefield Academy this week about Reward points. If your child visits their stall at the Village Fete on Saturday and introduces themselves, they will be given a token which they can exchange for a small prize. Don't forget to take their flyer with you. Mrs Connolly will be handing out the prizes, so remember to bring your token into school on Monday.

### **Key Testing Dates 2019 for Secondary Transfer 2020**

#### **South West Herts Consortium Schools**

Just a quick note to remind Parents/Carers that the registration for the SWHCS Tests will close at 6pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and no late registrations will be permitted.

The SWHSC test registration website is <http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/> There are links to each school's website, familiarisation papers and a frequently asked question section.

### **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:

<b>07.06.19</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	6 Beech	97.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 Aspen	95.8%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 Willow	94.0%
4 <sup>th</sup>	4 Elm	93.3%

Congratulations to 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:

07.06.19	
Air	193 points
Water	192 points
Earth	162 points
Fire	140 points

Congratulations to Air 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

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>letters have gone out (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 standby
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Non-Uniform Day – in exchange for items for our Family Fun Day
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