



Harefield Junior School News



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Some very sad news...

Sadly, Jessica Shepherd, one of our Year 6 children, passed away last Friday after a long illness.

Jess was a very special member of Harefield Junior School. As a school community we are deeply affected by this news. I am sure that you will wish to join the school in offering our condolences and sympathy to Jess's family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jessica's family.
Harefield Junior School.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our children. We hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for a busy and exciting term.

Starting Secondary School September 2018

To ensure your child has the best possible chance of being offered their preferred secondary school place, please make sure your application is received on time. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2018. For full details, key dates and to apply online, please visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or call 01895 556644.

Year 6 Open Evening at The Harefield Academy

This will be held on Wednesday 19th September from 6.00pm – 8.30pm. The headteacher's talk will take place at 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

World War 1 Commemoration Event

The School Council have been invited to attend a commemoration event on the Village Green. The Worshipful the Mayor of Hillingdon and Harefield Ward Councillors will be laying commemorative wreaths in honour of Mr Robert Ryder VC and Mr Cecil John Kinross VC at Harefield War Memorial on 25th September between 10.30am and 11.30am. We will post photos of the event on our website.

Newsletters

Newsletters are published every fortnight. They will be uploaded onto our website (www.harefield-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk under the heading Parental information – newsletters). A text message will be sent out to remind you when they have been uploaded. If you have supplied us with an email address, we will email you a copy of our newsletter. A limited number of newsletters are kept in the school office reception area for parents who are unable to view online.

School Lunch Arrangements

If you wish your child to have a hot meal at school, please ensure that you have booked this up via The Pantry Catering (www.thepantrycatering.co.uk). If you have any queries regarding your child's school meal, please contact The Pantry directly on 0208 813 7040 in the first instance.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs between 8.00 and 8.40am each day (please note that food is only served between 8.00am and 8.25am). The cost is £1.50 per day. Before your child starts, an application form will need to be completed, which you can pick up at breakfast club or from the school office reception area. Your child does not need to attend every day; you will be able to choose the days that are suitable to you.

Free School Meal

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits: Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400); Income Support; Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; Income-related Employment and Support Allowance; Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; the guarantee element of Pension Credit; Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit); Child Tax Credit (**with no Working Tax Credit**) with an annual income of no more than £16,190). To apply, please pop into the school office for a FSM application form.

Clubs

Some of our clubs have started up this week, if you are interested in your child attending one of these clubs, either speak to your child's class teacher or sign up slips are available in the school office reception office.

School Uniform

Uniform can be purchased online from Mapac:

<http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/harefieldjuniorschoolub96bj>

Please remember to name all school uniform as we are unable to return any un-named lost property.

School Office Open Hours

The school office is open from 8.00am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday (term time only). If you need to ring the school after 3.30pm, please leave a voice mail and we will get back to you the following day. Thank you.

Email Service

To help improve home-school communication we periodically send out important information via email. Therefore if you haven't already done so, could you please contact the school office on 01895 824447, with a current and valid email address. Many thanks.

Truancy Call

In a bid to combat lateness and absences, we use a system called Truancy Call. This system enables us to send and re-send an automated phone call until the school receives a response. Parents/Carers can also respond by the same manner, at no charge, and once we have a response we can cancel the call. When children are persistently late for school, over time, the hours add up to a considerable amount of precious learning time lost.

Term Dates

Please find attached Term Dates for the academic year 2018/19. Copies are kept in the school reception area.

Health and Safety Reminders

The school car park is for staff only and is in constant use.

- Please do not park in front of the car park gates as vehicles need access to the school at all times.
- The school car park is for staff and disabled driver badge holders only.
- No smoking is allowed on the school premises.

- Dogs are not allowed on the school premises.
- Bikes and scooters should be wheeled, not ridden, once on the school premises.
- Children are not allowed to play on the climbing frame or Tyre Park before or after school.
- Please be considerate when parking in residential areas close to the school.

Calling All Parents - Volunteers Needed - Friends of Harefield Junior School

How would you like to be part of a dynamic parent teacher association?

We have a fantastic group of parents who run the Friends of Harefield Junior School and are on the lookout for more like minded people. If you would love to join our very friendly 'Friends', please let the Friends know on friendsofharefieldjuniorschool@yahoo.com.

The Friends host various events throughout the year – last year they bought a huge fish tank, contributed towards a tyre park, paid for the Year 6 Leavers' Prom and hoodies and provided fruit for all the children on sports day. Their next project will be to raise some funds to help pay for an upgrade to our ICT equipment, so now would be an ideal time to get involved!

Volunteers Needed to Visit Struggling Families in Hillingdon

For those of you who don't know about Home-Start Hillingdon, they are a small local charity working to support Hillingdon families with at least one child under 5 and who are struggling. They recruit, train and manage a team of volunteers who visit families in their own home every week to give support, friendship and practical help. These volunteers have such a huge impact in helping families cope. If you think you could help out or for more information, please visit their website at: www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk.

Moor Park 10k Fun Run

In aid of the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre support and information at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, a 10k fun run will be held on 30th September at Merchant Taylors School, Moor Park. Entry forms and information can be found at: www.moorpark10k.org.uk.

Community News

Please find below the list of dates when the police will be in Harefield:

Wednesday 12th September at 11.00am	Harefield Library, Park Lane
Friday 14th September at 11.00am	Hungry Hare, Harefield Hospital
Thursday 20th September at 12.00pm	Harefield Library, Park Lane,
Tuesday 25th September at 11.00am	Harefield Library, Park Lane, Harefield
Saturday 29th September at 11.00am	Street Briefing, Village Green, Harefield.
Tuesday 2nd October at 11.00am	Hungry Hare, Harefield Hospital,

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:

07.09.18		
1 st	3 Hazel 6 Beech 6 Aspen	100%
2 nd	5 Walnut	98.8%
3 rd	4 Elm	98.7%
4 th	3 Willow	98.3%

14.09.18		
1 st	5 Sycamore	99.1%
2 nd	3 Hazel	99.0%
3 rd	3 Willow	98.3%
4 th	5 Cherry	97.7%

Congratulations to 3 Hazel, 6 Beech & 6 Aspen and 5 Sycamore who are 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:

07.09.18	
Water	88 points
Air	83 points
Fire	82 points
Earth	80 points

14.09.18	
Water	197 points
Air	189 points
Fire	186 points
Earth	174 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 2018/19

Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October, Autumn half term

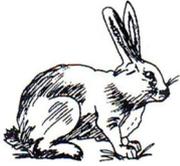
Monday 29th October, school closed for Teacher Training

Tuesday 30th October, back to school

Friday 21st December, last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 1.00pm

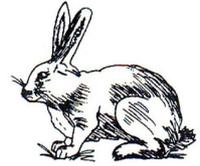
Monday 7th January, school closed for Teacher Training

Tuesday 8th January, back to school



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Term Dates 2018/19



SUMMER TERM 2018

Term Ends

Friday 20th July 2018 at **1.00pm**

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Training day (school closed)

Term starts

Half Term

Training day (school closed)

Term Ends

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Week 22nd October – 26th October 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018 at **1.00pm**

SPRING TERM 2019

Training day (school closed)

Term starts

Half Term

Training day (school closed)

Term Ends

Monday 7th January 2019

Tuesday 8th January 2019

Week 18th February – 22nd February 2019

Monday 25th February 2019

Friday 5th April 2019 at **1.00pm**

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term Starts

May Day (Bank Holiday – school closed)

Half Term

Training day (school closed)

Term Ends

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Monday 6th May 2019

Week 27th May – 31st May 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at **1.00pm**

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Training day (school closed)

Term starts

Half Term

Term Ends

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Week 21st October – 25th October 2019

Thursday 19th December 2019 at **1.00pm**

Bank Holidays 2019

Good Friday

Friday 19th April

Easter Monday

Monday 22nd April

May Day

Monday 6th May

Spring B/H

Monday 27th May

Please note that school finishes at 1.00 p.m. at the end of every full term, i.e. Easter, Summer holidays and Christmas. At the end of each half-term, school finishes at normal time (3.10 p.m.)