



# Harefield Junior School News



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## Welcome Back

We hope you had a good half term and are feeling refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting term.

## Bikeability for Year 6 Children

Invitation letters went home with the children on Tuesday. If you would like your child to take part in the Year 6 safer cycling programme, please return the reply slip before Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## Friends of Harefield Junior School Christmas Card Designs

The Christmas Card proofs have been sent home with your child this week. Don't forget to return your order form by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please send in exact money NO cheques.

## Halloween Disco

We would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Harefield Junior School for another highly successful Disco. The children loved the Halloween theme and wore some wonderful costumes and had great fun. Our group of Friends work tremendously hard raising funds for our children and the school, all the proceeds from the disco will go towards an upgrade to our ICT suite.

## Poppy Appeal

Poppies are now available to purchase in school so if you would like your child to have one, they can bring in a small donation. There is also a limited number of children's items for a suggested donation of either 50p, £1.00 or £1.50. These include:- Bracelet, Wrist Bands, Pencils, Rulers, Reflective Tags, Sharpeners and Erasers.

There is a new generation of veterans that need your support. The Royal British Legion is asking the nation to *Rethink Remembrance* by recognising the sacrifices made not just by the Armed Forces of the past, but by today's generation too. For many people, Remembrance is associated with the fallen of the First and Second World Wars. While they will always be remembered, the Legion wants to raise awareness of a new generation of veterans and Service personnel that need your support. Your poppy supports the Armed Forces community, past and present.

## Children In Need

To help support this year's Children in Need charity, the School Council have organised a non-uniform Spotty Dotty Day for the whole school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Children can come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1.00. Letters will be going home shortly with more information.

## Dates for your Diary – Christmas Events

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Choir participating in Harefield Hospital Concert at St. Mary's Church.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Choir singing at various Care Homes in the Village.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Friends Christmas Gift Sale.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Friends Christmas Disco.

Christmas Carol Concert dates:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am for Grandparents and extended family members.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm.

Dressing The Tree (for children only) date still to be finalised.  
More details for these events will be sent out in due course.

### Santa Boat Trips – Hillingdon Narrowboats

Boat trip tickets to visit Santa in his grotto are now on sale. To book online go to: [www.hna.org.uk](http://www.hna.org.uk). Tickets cost:- Adults £8.00 and children £14.00. Ticket price includes a one hour boat trip, a visit to Santa in his grotto, hot and cold drinks, mince pies, a gift from Santa plus a framed photo.

### 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:

19.10.18		
1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Iroko	98.5%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 Sycamore	97.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 Aspen	96.0%
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 Willow & 6 Beech	95.9%

02.11.18		
1 <sup>st</sup>	5 Sycamore	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 Maranti	99.6%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 Willow	98.2%
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 Cherry	97.7%

Congratulations to 3 Iroko 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:

19.10.18	
Earth	275 points
Air	267 points
Fire	263 points
Water	253 points

02.11.18	
Water	204 points
Fire	197 points
Air	164 points
Earth	158 points

Congratulations to Earth 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

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Dr Bike, (Bikeability children only), more details to follow...
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need, Spotty Dotty Day, more details to follow...
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 6 Bikeability, more details to follow...
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert for Grandparents and extended family at 9.30, more details to follow...

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December and	Christmas Carol Concert at 2.00pm, more details to follow...
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert at 2.00pm, more details to follow...
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime for the children
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Harefield Hospital Carols by Candlelight, more details to follow...
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu vaccinations for Year 3, 4 and 5
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day, more details to follow...
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch – please order from The Pantry Catering
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 1.00pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School closed for Teacher Training
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	back to school