



# Harefield Junior School News



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## End of Term

We break up on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.00pm**. Please remember to make arrangements to pick your child up on time. Spring Term starts on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> school will be closed for a teacher training day). May we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Children's Christmas Lunch

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please remember to book a meal from The Pantry [www.thepantrycatering.co.uk](http://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk) before Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas Menu is: Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast, roast potatoes, stuffing ball, Yorkshire pudding, peas, carrots & gravy with an ice cream tub or satsuma for pudding.

## Non-Uniform Day

Children may wear their own clothes to school on the last day of school. There is no need to send in a donation.

## School Lunches for last day of School

Please remember to book a hot lunch or provide your child with a packed lunch for the last day of term. This will give the children the opportunity to have a hot meal (or their usual packed lunch) before going home at 1.00pm.

## End of Autumn Term Awards

At the end of each term, children receive Achievement Awards at a Prize Giving Assembly and have their photographs taken, which are displayed in school. We will announce the winners in our next newsletter.

## Friends of Harefield Junior School

We would like to say an enormous 'Thank You' to all the Friends of Harefield Junior School for their support and hard work this term. This amazing group of parents have given up their free time and organised so many fundraising events for us. We really do appreciate the donations that the Friends make to the school.

## Christmas Bazaar

The Juniors would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Bazaar. We were astounded by the turnout, and it wouldn't have been as successful without you! Mrs Connolly would personally like to thank Miss Evans, Mrs Barter, HJS Staff, The Friends and everyone who sent in donations which were very gratefully received. After the final count, we have managed to raise a staggering £729.88!

## Friends of HJS Mega Raffle – Prize Winners

The raffle has now been drawn and all winners have been notified. If you have been one of the very lucky winners, you will be able to pick your prize up from your child's class. The Friends managed, with your help, to raise a massive £1,378. All proceeds will go towards ICT equipment for the school. A BIG thank you to The Friends of Harefield Junior School – amazing!

### **Christmas Raffle Class Winners**

The winners of the class that sold the most raffle tickets was announced at assembly this morning. 5 Cherry won the competition, but it was close fought battle, Congratulations 5 Cherry. They won a large Lego set and 60 packets of sweets.

### **Co-Op Grand Opening**

Harefield pupils were invited to attend and 'cut the ribbon' at the official opening of the new Co-Op store in the Hight Street on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The House Captains accompanied by Mrs Taylor and Mrs Brazier took the children over to the Co-op early in the morning. There are photos on our website.

### **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

The School Council arranged for the children to take part in *Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day* today. Children came to school dressed in their festive Christmas sweaters or accessories. Some of the 'homemade' designs were truly unique and were quite imaginatively made. We will let you know how much money was raised in our next newsletter.

### **Friends of Harefield Junior School Christmas Disco**

The Friends have organised a Christmas Disco for the children which will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December between 3.15pm and 4.30pm. Tickets cost £5.00 which includes a packet of crisps and unlimited soft drinks or water and as a christmas treat the children will also get a small packet of sweets. There will be a tuck shop available selling drinks from 50p and sweets from 20p. Therefore, children may bring in a small amount of pocket money on the day. Flyers have already gone home with the children, extra copies can be picked up from the office reception area.

Reply slips will need to be returned by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. **All reply slips and money MUST be posted in the Friends red post box in the reception area.**

Disco clothing will need to be brought into school in a carrier bag for the children to change into at the end of the school day. **NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE MADE HOME IF CHILDREN HAVE FORGOTTEN CLOTHES OR MONEY.**

Arrangement for going home after the disco:

Year 6 (& younger siblings) will exit via the hall.

Year 5 (& younger siblings) will exit from 3 Hazel

Year 4 (& younger siblings) will exit from 3 Willow

Year 3 will exit from 3 Iroko

Please help to support our Friends, if you have a couple of hours free, they would really appreciate your help, you can either help to set up the disco, help during the disco or help to clear up afterwards; just tick the appropriate box on the flyer. All money raised will go towards new ICT equipment for the children.

### **Informing the School of Child's Absence**

For children who are poorly, please **telephone** the school and speak to the Welfare Officer or the School Office before 9.30am. Do not email, as sometimes messages go to junk mail and may not be picked up. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Picking Children up late from School**

If you are aware that your child is being picked up by someone else at the end of the day, please send a letter into school that morning informing their class teacher – please do not email, as sometimes messages go to junk mail and may not be picked up.

If there is an emergency and you are running late, please telephone the school in plenty of time, so that a message can be passed onto the class teacher. We do realise that there are always exceptional circumstances, but if you are aware in good time, please let us know.

### **Friends Secret Gift Sale**

The children's Secret Santa Gift Sale will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The Friends work tirelessly raising funds for our school, and we would like to say an enormous Thank You for all their support and hard work.

### **Christmas Carol Concert**

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas Carol Concert. The boys and girls of Harefield were well supported and performed to packed audiences. The school has very talented pupils and a huge orchestra which always delights everyone. A big thank you to our whole community, to all the children and the staff of Harefield Junior School and especially to Mrs McHugh and Mrs Gaines.

### **Year 6 Choir**

Our very talented Year 6 choir performed at St Mary's Church at the Harefield Hospital *Carols by Candlelight* on Thursday. We were extremely proud of how well behaved the children were and delighted at their truly beautiful singing. When the children had finished their performance, they received a rousing round of applause from everyone.

Our Choir will also be singing at Harefield Care Home and Coppermill Care home on Monday and Cedar House care home on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. The residence look forward to the children's visits at Christmas time and thoroughly enjoy the carol singing.

### **Car Parking**

Please do not park outside the school gates. This causes disruption to members of staff and visitors to the school and could potentially block the gates if an emergency occurred.

### **Christmas Tree**

If you haven't already bought your Christmas Tree, the Big Tree Plant Centre in Denham, UB9 4DF will donate between £5 - £15 per tree depending on how big the tree is to the school, whilst stocks last. Just let the nursery know your child's surname and class when you order. Please contact 01895 834 834 for more information.

### **Community News**

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

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00pm - Harefield Library.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4.00pm - Hungry Hare, Harefield Hospital.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm - Hungry Hare, Harefield Hospital.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019 at 1.00pm - 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:

07.12.18		
1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Iroko	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 Hazel	99.0%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 Sycamore	98.7%
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 Cherry	97.3%

14.12.18		
1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Hazel	96.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 Iroko	96.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 Aspen	96.0%
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 Sycamore	95.7%

Congratulations to 3 Iroko and 3 Hazel 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:

07.12.18	
Air	150 points
Water	135 points
Fire	124 points
Earth	117 points

14.12.18	
Fire	222 points
Earth	201 points
Water	201 points
Air	186 points

Congratulations to Air and Fire 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

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