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# Harefield Junior School News



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## Welcome Back

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

## Online Safety

Please be aware: There have been recent reports in the media that some YouTube and YouTube Kids videos and other social media platforms have been edited by unknown sources to include upsetting content. If you or your child/ren are worried about this or would like some advice and guidance relating to this issue, the National Online Safety website has further information and top tips for parents about making safe decisions online and how to communicate this with your child. Please see their website for further details:-

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com).

## A BIG THANK YOU to Our Fabulous Friends

We would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to The Friends of Harefield Junior School and their volunteer helpers. They do an amazing job for our school and are very much appreciated. The Friends host various events throughout the year, so not only do the children have a fab time, they also benefit from the extra finance that is raised. If you would like to become a member of the Friends, you can contact them by email at: [friendsofharefieldjuniorschool@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofharefieldjuniorschool@yahoo.com)

## The Pantry Catering New Spring/Summer Menu

The Pantry's new spring/summer menu is on our website to view, the menu works on a three weekly rolling system. The Pantry provides wholesome, hearty meals using fresh and healthy ingredients that pupils like to eat. Their nutritious, freshly cooked meals are priced at **£2.05** per day. To book a meal for your child, go to [www.thepantrycatering.co.uk](http://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk).

## The Pantry Theme Day Menus

The Pantry are introducing some theme day menus for the children throughout March and into April.

The dates and menus are:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, Pancake Day. Pancakes for dessert.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, World Book Day. Roald Dahl's Mud Burgers, Cloudy with a Chance of Quorn Meatballs, Gruffalo's Terrible Tusks curly fries, Jack's magic baked beans jacket potato, Peter Rabbit's carrots, Charlie and the Chocolate cake and James and the Giant fruit platter.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, Red Nose Day. A 5p donation for every meal produced from The Pantry to Comic Relief.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, International Waffle Day. Waffles for dessert.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, Easter Celebration. Roast beef lunch with carrot cake for dessert.

What a wonderful idea from The Pantry Catering, be sure to book a meal for your child in good time so they don't miss out!

## Harefield Hospital Pancake Race

Just a quick reminder that Harefield Hospital's Pancake Relay Race is being held on Tuesday. Letters have gone out to the 20 selected children, so please make sure you've returned your reply slip back to Mrs Connolly.

## **World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, schools and colleges across the UK will again be joining in a celebration of reading and books for World Book Day.

At Harefield, we wish to focus on the importance of literature in a fun way, so we would like children to come to school on that day dressed a character from any author's book. Every child will be given the opportunity to talk about their character and the book in which it appears. A competition for the best-dressed child in each year group will also take place and prizes will be awarded.

Harefield Library has kindly accepted our invitation to judge the best costume in each year group. The staff will also be dressing up and will be 'strutting their stuff' to the children, and a winner will be chosen. Watch out for the photos on the website...

Every child at Harefield will also receive a free £1 book taken as part of the World Book Day reading initiative. These will be handed out to the children on the day.

## **Target Setting Spring Term**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm to 7.00pm and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm to 7.00pm.**

Letters have gone home with the children. Please don't forget to return your slips in good time so that you can get your preferred appointment time. Your child's work will be in the hall ready for you to look at whilst you wait to see the class teacher.

## **Spring Term Curriculum Plans**

As an aid to help discussions at your child's target setting, curriculum plans for each year group are on our website (<http://www.harefield-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/curriculum-standards/curriculum-content>). These curriculum plans are also useful in helping to support your child's learning at home.

## **Year 6 Junior Citizen Project, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Each year our Year 6 children have the opportunity to participate in the Junior Citizen Project; this annual event is a partnership led by London Fire Brigade (Hillingdon) and includes Transport for London, School Nursing Service, The Royal National Lifeboat Institute and The Metropolitan Police (Hillingdon Division) together with teaching staff from Hillingdon Life Education. Each child is taken through a number of practical scenarios that highlight hazardous situations they may encounter in their everyday lives. Sessions lasts only 10 minutes, within which experts deliver a number of safety messages in a fun and entertaining way to ensure maximum impact and retention. One of these sessions could be for a child to imagine finding someone unconscious. Advice would be given to what actions are appropriate, with particular emphasis on personal safety. A mock 999 call may even be made by one of the children and a volunteer may be asked to demonstrate the recovery position. The children learn a lot from this event, as well as thoroughly enjoying it. Letters have gone home with the children, please sign the publicity consent form and the reply slip and return by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest.

## **Red Nose Day**

Once again the School Council are supporting Red Nose Day. For a suggested donation of £1.00, the children can come to school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, dressed in red or as their favourite red nose character. The teachers will also be using Red Nose Day as a learning opportunity to help the children explore the issues facing young children across the world, and how the money we raise can help. Last Red Nose day, schools and nurseries across the UK raised over £5 million to help vulnerable people here and in the world's poorest communities. £3 could pay for crayons, pencils, paint and paper for children living in a Serbian refugee camp. £10 could cover the cost of 10 hot meals for a homeless person in the UK.

## Future Friends Events

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Bonnet/Hat competition.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Mother's Day Sale.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Father's Day sale.

## Trading Cards

We are asking for parents/carers to support our decision in not letting their children bring into school any sort of trading card (i.e. Pokemon cards). These type of cards cause upset and disruption on the playground, as some children find the competition to collect and swap cards, too much to cope with.

## P3 Advice Service for Parents

P3 offer an information and advice service for support and advice for parents with children under five on issues such as benefits, housing, money management, health and other related issues. For more information, phone 01895 436114, email: [Hillingdon.referrals@p3charity.org](mailto:Hillingdon.referrals@p3charity.org) or visit their website: [www.p3charity.org](http://www.p3charity.org).

## Hillingdon Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Website

Hillingdon Talks: Hillingdon Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy (SALT)

<https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/hillingdon-talks/>. Parents can access information about the three specialist SALT teams (Early Years, Mainstream, Hearing Impairment), including making a referral. Three teams but one service! Please take a look at their website and see what the teams can offer, you will also be able to access information and support there.

## 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:

15.02.19		
1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Iroko	97.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 Aspen	95.6%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 Hazel	94.1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 Willow	93.9%

01.03.19		
	5 Walnut	98.3%
	3 Iroko	98.7%
	6 Beech & 6 Aspen	96.0%
	4 Elm, 5 Sycamore & 6 Spruce	95.2%

Congratulations to 3 Iroko and 5 Walnut 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:

<b>15.02.19</b>	
Water	164 points
Fire	146 points
Earth	139 points
Air	132 points

<b>01.03.19</b>	
Fire	152 points
Water	147 points
Air	140 points
Earth	129 points

Congratulations to Water 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 2019**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Pancake Race, more information to follow
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day, letters have been sent out
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Junior Citizen Event, more information to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Target Setting between 3.30pm and 7.00pm, letters have been sent out
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Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition, more information to follow
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Friends Mothers Day Sale, more information to follow
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Term finishes at 1.00pm – non uniform day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Summer Term starts
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day bank holiday, school closed
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Fathers Day Sale