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# Harefield Junior School News



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## Safeguarding Children

We have had a number of children coming into school informing their class teacher that they will be going home with another family member/friend. In order for us to protect your child/ren we require written correspondence from yourself stating who your child is going home with first thing in the morning. We do understand that in exceptional circumstances this can be a last minute thing; therefore we would appreciate a phone call before 2.30pm in order to get the message across to the class teacher.

Also, if older children are walking home on their own, in the first instance, we require a letter which we will keep in their file to this effect. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Target Setting Reminder

**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.

## Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition

We will be holding our Easter Bonnet/Hat competition on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Letters will be going home Monday - extra copies will be in the school reception area, if needed. The bonnets or hats can be decorated in any style or theme imaginable and in any medium. The children could even try their hand at knitting or crochet! If you or your child need some inspiration there are numerous ideas on Google images. We hope that your child will be inspired to create some fantastical masterpieces. Two winners from each class will be chosen by their peers and will be awarded an Easter Egg as a prize. Judging will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> so children will need to bring in their hats or bonnets on that day.

## Friends Mother's Day Gift Sale, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Flyers went home with the children last week. Gifts are £2.00 each and there is no limit to the number of gifts you can purchase. Please send you replies back before Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Extra flyers are in the office reception area. Money and slips, need to be posted in the red post box in the reception area.

## Autism Awareness Day, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

April is Autism Awareness month. Every April, the world lights up blue to raise awareness of autism. So on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**, Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support (HACS) are asking Schools in Hillingdon to show their support by '*turning the school blue for the day*'. For a **suggested donation of £1, children can come to school on that day wearing Blue** - think blue clothes, silly socks, stickers – the louder and brighter the better! All donations raised will go directly to HACS which will be used to enable them to continue their work and to support children and young adults.

HACS are also hosting a World Autism Awareness Day Event, which will take place in the Middlesex Suite at Hillingdon Civic Centre, from 9.00am to 2.00pm and again in the evening between 6.00pm and 9.00pm.

### **Harefield Hospital Sponsored Pancake Race**

Twenty pupils took part in the Pancake relay race at Harefield Hospital on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Each child participating was given a chocolate medal; a pancake and a certificate. Four children won the relay race and were awarded with a fabulous cuddly bunny by The Worshipful the Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon. A representative from Harefield Hospital will be visiting the school shortly to award the children who took part in the pancake race with Certificates. We will also take this opportunity to hand over a cheque for the money the children raised in sponsorship to the event.

### **World Book Day**

Well done to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day, we had some truly imaginative costumes. Each class chose a boy and a girl to represent their year group and spoke about who they had dressed up as and why. The Library staff then had the difficult task of choosing an overall winner in each year group and the winning children were awarded with a £5.00 Intu gift voucher and a certificate. The staff also dressed up in celebration of World Book Day, and the winning costume was worn by Mr Smith. Each child received a £1 book token which, if you haven't already redeemed, can be exchanged for any one of twelve books: Cruella and Cadpig, Ten Little Bookworms, Hubert Horatio, Lego Minifigure Mayhem (facts, jokes, challenges and more!), Bad Mermaids, Claude Best in Show, Percy Jackson and the Singer of Apollo, The Great Rocket Robber, Diary of Greg Heffley's Best Friend, Ever Dark, Snap and Nought Forever. So lots of choice for lots of readers. Or if you prefer you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead. Happy reading! Photographs are on the Photo Gallery on our website.

### **Red Nose Day**

The children came to school today looking splendid wearing red in some shape or form. Thank you so much for supporting Comic Relief Red Nose Day. We will let you know in the next newsletter how much we have raised for this very worthwhile charity.

**FULL TIME CLEANER REQUIRED FOR START 01/04/19** - 10 hours per week, 52 weeks a year 3.15 p.m. – 5.15 pm Monday – Friday Scale 1b point 6 which is £5447.50 p.a.

We are looking for a committed cleaner to join our team on a full time basis. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to have an enhanced disclosure check from Disclosure Barring Service. Further information can be found at [www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check](http://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check). Guidance in this will be given by the school. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Site Manager Mr S Phenev. Application forms and a Job Description can be obtained from our school office – to which the completed application should be returned. CVs will not be accepted.

### **Exemplar Education – Online Mathematics and English Programme**

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who returned the numeracy and literacy support programme leaflets. We really do appreciate your co-operation in returning the forms even when your preference was not to take up the offer.

### **Brownies**

There are currently spaces at Harefield Brownies, if you would like to enrol your child. Please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter) and register your interest.

## Community News

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

Friday 15th March at 1pm, Harefield Library, Park Lane

Wednesday 20th March at 1pm, Harefield Library, Park Lane

Monday 25th March at 11am, Harefield Library, Park Lane, Harefield

Friday 29th March at 1pm, Harefield Library, Park Lane

Thursday 4th April at 1pm, Hungry Hare, Harefield Hospital.

## View the Night Sky from Ruislip Lido

The West of London Astronomical Society invites you to observe the Moon, Mars and the stars from Ruislip Lido on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Admission is FREE. A go/no go call will be posted no later than 4.00pm each day. Please visit their website for more information. [www.wolas.org.uk](http://www.wolas.org.uk).

## 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:

08.03.19		
1 <sup>st</sup>	4 Elm	98.5%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 Aspen	98.0%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 Sycamore	97.3%
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 Walnut	97.0%

15.03.19		
	5 Walnut	99.0%
	6 Spruce	98.6%
	3 Iroko	96.1%
	6 Aspen	96.0%

Congratulations to 4 Elm 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:

08.03.19	
Water	143 points
Air	131 points
Earth	129 points
Fire	107 points

15.03.19	
Water	223 points
Fire	196 points
Earth	191 points
Air	168 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 2019

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Target Setting between 3.30pm and 7.00pm, letters have been sent out
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Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Friends Mothers Day Sale, letters have been sent out
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Autism Awareness Day, Turn Hillingdon Blue
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
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week (Year 6)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Fathers Day Sale