

School Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020

Celebration assembly

Monday's video assembly, led by Miss Churchill was about the Jewish festival of Hanukah during which candles are lit. The pupils below were chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates for spreading happiness and lighting up the school this week.

Nursery Acorns	Iris
Reception Chestnut Class	Ashley
Reception Maple Class	Ben
Reception Oak Class	James
Year 1 Redwood Class	Demmie
Year 1 Ash Class	Eden
Year 1 Cedar Class	Archie

House points

Congratulations to the following pupils for earning the most house points in their class this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Carolina
Reception Maple Class	Diana
Reception Oak Class	Rosa-Lee
Year 1 Redwood Class	Alayna
Year 1 Ash Class	Sophie
Year 1 Cedar Class	Daniel

Well done to all of the pupils in Red house for earning more house points than the other houses this week.

Attendance

We aim to achieve above the national average attendance which is 96%. Well done to Year 1 Ash class for achieving the best attendance in school this week.

Year 1 Ash Class	99.1%
Reception Chestnut Class	94.7%
Year 1 Cedar Class	92.3%
Reception Maple Class	92.1%
Year 1 Redwood Class	90.9%
Reception Oak Class	90.8%

Last day of term

The government announced earlier this week that schools can change Friday 18th December to a teacher training day. We have decided not to do this as changing term dates at such short notice will impact on childcare arrangements and plans that you may already have. We do not feel it is right to impose such a late change on anyone. The last day of term will remain as Friday 18th December and the school day will finish at 1pm.

Christmas spirit



This week has demonstrated the wonderful spirit and generosity we have in our community. Through working in collaboration with some local residents and charitable organisations we have been able to give out Christmas hampers and toys to some of our children and families. A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising these.

Christmas cards



If your child would like to give out Christmas cards, please give them to your child's class teacher with the name and class of the recipient clearly written on the envelope by Monday 14th December. Class teachers will give the cards out on the last day of term.

Christmas lunch and The Pantry menu changes next week

Our school catering company, The Pantry, will be serving Christmas lunch on Thursday 17th December. Please order a meal for your child using The Pantry's website, if you would like them to have one.

The Pantry have made some changes to the menu next week with beef cottage pie and margherita pizza on Wednesday 16th December (instead of the usual roast) and sandwiches on Friday 18th December (for the last day of term). If you have already ordered your child's lunch in advance on these dates, please amend your order online.

Happy Shoesday Competition

As part of October's International Walk to School Month, Hillingdon's School Travel & Road Safety team asked children in schools across the borough to design a shoe or write a poem about walking to school or their favourite or an imaginary pair of shoes.

The webpage is now live, www.hillingdon.gov.uk/shoesday, with the winners and finalists including Tyler from Redwood Class who was shortlisted in the Best Design section. Well done to all our pupils who entered the competition, especially Tyler.

Forest school fun



Year 1 children had fun at Forest school this week using the new paint brushes to "paint" the fence with mud.

"I'm making the wood darker," Josh.

Applying for a place in Reception for September 2021

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, you must apply for a school place by Friday 15th January 2021. For full details and to apply online, visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applying for a place in junior school for September 2021

If your child is currently in year 2, you must apply for a junior school place by Friday 15th January 2021. For full details and to apply online, visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Key dates for your diary

Friday 18th December: Non uniform day-wear something festive.

Friday 18th December 2020: Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 1pm.

Tuesday 5th January 2021: First day of Spring term.

Community Links

Harefield Library Treasure Hunt

From Friday 11th December, Harefield Library have organised a Christmas themed Treasure hunt in the village. Local shops around the high street have Christmas pictures with numbers on in their windows. Children can collect a form from the library and match all the pictures to the numbers while walking around. After returning the forms back to the library they will get a little gift e.g. a pencil and sticker.