

School Newsletter

Friday 18th December 2020



Well done to our fantastic pupils, parents and staff for showing great resilience and adapting to the new ways of working we have had to introduce this term because of coronavirus.

Everyone has risen to the challenges of school life during the pandemic and our core values of happiness, compassion, respect and teamwork have shone through. More than ever before, we all deserve to have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

See you back at school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Autumn Term Attendance

We aim to achieve above the national average attendance which is 96%.

Well done to Year 2 Birch class for achieving the best attendance in school this term.

Year 2 Birch Class	96.9%
Year 1 Ash Class	95.7%
Reception Chestnut Class	95.7%
Year 1 Cedar Class	93.9%
Reception Maple Class	93.7%
Year 2 Pine Class	93.7%
Reception Oak Class	93.6%
Year 2 Elder Class	93.3%
Year 1 Redwood Class	91.3%

Online Lessons

Reception and Year 2 teachers and children have continued learning whilst isolating recently using Microsoft Teams. Of course we would all prefer to have the children and staff in school, but these online lessons have been a great success thanks to the hard work of the teachers.

“My son has really looked forward to logging in every morning,” a year 2 parent.

Positive Coronavirus Results

Please continue to report any positive coronavirus test results that happen in your household over the holidays, as soon as possible to the school via email to info@harefieldinfants.co.uk.

Virtual Pantomimes

Our children have had great fun watching online pantomimes in school this week. Some of the children in Year 1 Cedar shared their views with us.



“I would pay £100 to watch that show,” Jack.

“Better than the moon,” Scarlett.

“I loved it,” Dottie.

“Thank you Mr Sunner and Mr Downs for getting it for us,” Ellie.

If your child has not been in school this week you can use the link below to watch it at home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GECmRUsv0XA&fbclid=IwAR3j8rgYRvkgR6m1d6Xgal2orHhfv4BeQhyGd_uXufW4KPtDBIj-981d4AM

Christmas Parties



Year 1 and Nursery had their Christmas parties on Thursday. Here is Cedar class tucking into their party snacks.

Breakfast Club

Please note that the deadline for booking Breakfast Club sessions for the first week of term is Friday 1st January.

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

The Pantry

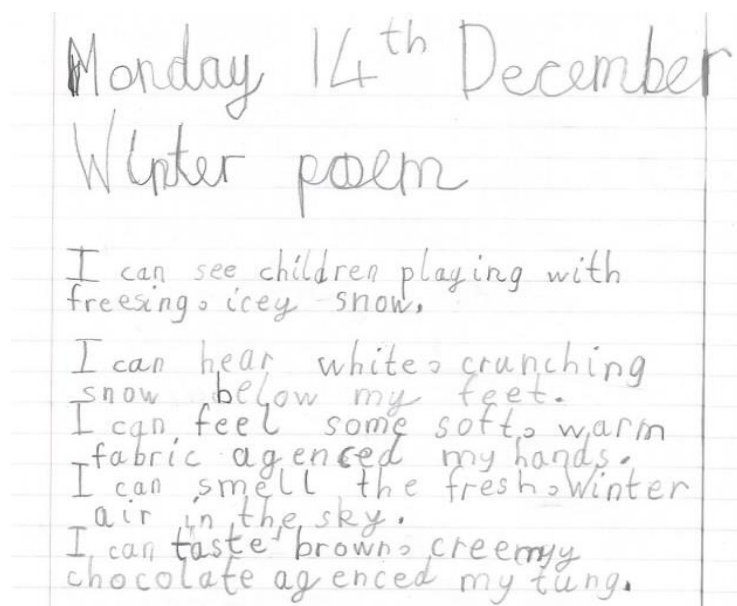
If your child is absent from school you can cancel pre-booked lunch orders with The Pantry by emailing them at sales@thepantrycatering.co.uk. Please include your child's name, class and school. Emails must be sent no later than 1.30pm the day before.

Year 2 Winter Senses Poems

Year 2 have been working really hard at home with their teachers and parents on Teams. Elder Class have made Mrs Atkinson really proud with their work and especially their beautiful winter senses poems. They really capture the feeling of this special time of year.

Ollie wrote, "I can see a small, green Christmas tree with sparkly baubles. I can hear jingle bells across the village. I can feel white snow on the floor. I can smell delicious hot chocolate. I can taste cold, icy snowflakes on my lips."

Stephanie wrote:



Monday 14th December
Winter poem
I can see children playing with
freezing, icy snow.
I can hear white, crunching
snow below my feet.
I can feel some soft, warm
fabric against my hands.
I can smell the fresh, winter
air in the sky.
I can taste brown, creamy
chocolate against my tongue.

Year 1 Skills Builder Project - Special Delivery



At the end of each term, every class carries out Skills Builder projects designed to develop their confidence in the eight skills above. The year 1 project was called 'special delivery' and children learnt about the postal system, and spreading joy by writing cards to people who may be feeling lonely in our community.



"You need to add a stamp or it won't get delivered,"
Olivia.

"I hope they feel special when they get this card,"
Finn.

"I want to write more cards for people who are
lonely, it makes me happy too," Danny.

Key dates for your diary

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

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2021: School is closed for half term.

Wednesday 31st March 2021: Last day of Spring term. School finishes at 1pm.