

## School Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

### Celebration assembly

The theme at school this week is our school value of happiness. Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates for doing things that make others happy.

Nursery Acorn Class	Abdal-Halim
Reception Chestnut Class	Eddie
Reception Maple Class	Elsie
Year 1 Ash Class	Paul-John
Year 1 Cedar Class	Hara
Year 2 Birch Class	Olivia
Year 2 Elder Class	Jules

### House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Joel
Reception Maple Class	Lily
Year 1 Ash Class	Sarah
Year 1 Cedar Class	Rosa-Lee
Year 2 Birch Class	Subin
Year 2 Elder Class	Alyssa

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%. Unfortunately, none of the classes achieved that target this week. Nevertheless, well done to Year 2 Elder Class for having the best attendance.

Year 2 Elder Class	94.5%
Year 1 Ash Class	94.2%
Year 1 Cedar Class	93.9%
Reception Maple Class	90.4%
Year 2 Birch Class	87.1%
Reception Chestnut Class	83%

## School Governor Visit

Our governors spent some time in school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January observing the morning routine (soft start), maths lessons and lunchtimes. They were very impressed with the behaviour in and out of class and the consistency of maths teaching using White Rose Maths.

“Soft start really enabled all pupils to have a calm atmosphere to settle for the day. The pupils were very engaged in maths lessons with their teachers and learning support assistants supporting them well. There was exemplary behaviour in these lessons. I was pleased to see there is a significant improvement in pupils’ behaviour and their attitude to one another. I would like to thank all the staff for giving your children the very best start in life,” Mrs Rowena Scott (Chair of Governors).

You can find out more about our school governors by looking at the governors’ section of the school website.

## Reading Buddies

We have started ‘reading buddies’ last Friday afternoon. During this time, the older children in years 6, 5 and 4 at the Junior school read with the younger children in year 3 and years 1 and 2 at the Infant school.



“I liked it a lot because I got to help my buddy read,” Lily King (Year 5).

“I helped my buddy with the hard words,” Harvey (Year 5).

## In class this week

Year 1 Cedar Class had so much fun decorating their treasure bags during their JIGSAW lesson this week. We are thinking about what we are good at and what goals we can set ourselves. They loved getting a special token with their talents written on from the staff.



Year 2 Birch Class have been hot seating this week in class, taking the role of a character from the story of The Elves and the Shoemaker and answering questions in that role. This is a very effective way to help children gain a deeper understanding of characters and their personalities in a story.



### **Happy retirement Mrs Marriott**

Mrs Marriot, who works in the school office, will be retiring at the end of next week. We thank her for her many years of service to the school and wish her a very happy retirement.

### **Welcome Miss Kojlo**

A big welcome to Miss Kojlo, who will be replacing Mrs Marriott in the school office, from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.



"I am very excited to be joining Harefield Infant School as School Administrator. I have over 14 years of experience in administration, payroll and customer service. I'm a mum to a nine-year old, Aleks, and a five-year old, Maja. I'm looking forward to becoming part of this community," Miss Kojlo.

### **Congratulations Miss Frost**

Many congratulations to Miss Frost on the recent birth of her daughter, Grace. All the staff and pupils wish them both the very best.



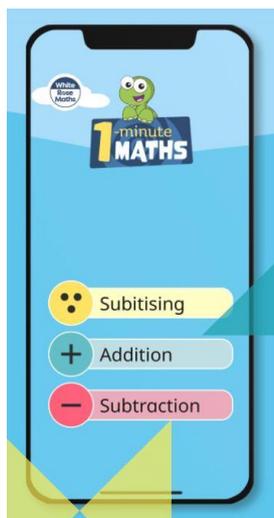
## Healthy packed lunches



If your child is packed lunch, please remember to include only healthy food and drink. The following items should not be included in children's packed lunches:

- Fizzy or sugary drinks;
- Chocolates or sweets;
- Food containing nuts (due to serious allergies other children in school may have).

## White Rose Maths 1-Minute Maths App



White Rose Maths have launched a free new App, which is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle and can be downloaded from Apple App or Google Play stores.

1-Minute Maths offers Year 1 and 2 children engaging and easily accessible practice in basic number. There's no specific route or starting point. Having chosen a topic, each user answers a series of randomly generated questions (a different set of questions every time means they learn the concept, not a sequence of answers). When the one minute's up, the questions are automatically marked and presented on a breakdown screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button reformats the question as a familiar manipulative display that mirrors the approaches used in the White Rose Maths schemes of learning.

## Key dates for your diary

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Parent-teacher meetings after school.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Year 2 Birch class assembly for parents in the school hall at 9am.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Travel Back in Time Day. Further details to follow.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February: School is closed for half term.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: World Book Day. This is a non uniform day and children can come in to school dressed up as a book character.

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March: British Science Week. Further details to follow.



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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Comic Relief fundraising day. This is a non uniform day and children can come in to school wearing red.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Year 1 Cedar class assembly for parents in the school hall at 9am.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Spring concert. Further details to follow.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Easter bonnet parade.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Last day of Spring term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. School finishes at 1pm.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April: School is closed for the Easter holidays.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April: First day of the Summer term.



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## Community News

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# CHILDHOOD ASTHMA

Join our **FREE Virtual Asthma Workshop**

**JANUARY**

**4pm - 5pm**

**31st**

Presented over: **zoom**

Session presented by a Hillingdon asthma nurse, covering:

- What to do if your child is having an Asthma attack
- Inhaler techniques
- Myth Busting
- Asthma plans
- Common triggers

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You may also book onto the same Zoom Workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> February or 28<sup>th</sup> March.