

School Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome back!

It's been a wonderful first week back at school and a pleasure having the children return after the summer break. A special welcome to all of the children and parents who are new to the schools and also to our new staff members-Miss Heraty in Year 4 and Mrs Hennelly in Year 3.



Celebration assembly

Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's assembly for using kind words and kind hands towards others in school this week.

Year 1 Ash Class	Louie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Tiger-Lillie
Year 2 Birch Class	Dilly
Year 2 Elder Class	Matthew
Year 3 Iroko Class	Dua
Year 3 Willow Class	Usman & Lexi
Year 4 Juniper Class	Lilly
Year 4 Spruce Class	Demi
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Chaise
Year 5 Walnut Class	Daniel
Year 6 Aspen Class	Aran
Year 6 Beech Class	Sofia

House points

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

Year 1 Ash Class	Sabrina
Year 1 Redwood Class	Elissa
Year 2 Birch Class	Alan
Year 2 Elder Class	Kian
Year 3 Iroko Class	Lily
Year 3 Willow Class	Elsie & Manraj
Year 4 Juniper Class	Indi
Year 4 Spruce Class	Forrest & Shannon
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Jack B
Year 5 Walnut Class	Dani
Year 6 Aspen Class	Chloe
Year 6 Beech Class	Mason

Well done to the pupils in **Green** house for earning the most house points this week.

"School staff form caring, nurturing, professional relationships with pupils."
Infant school Ofsted Inspection report

Meet the teacher tea/coffee mornings



It was great seeing so many year 1 and 2 parents at the coffee mornings this week. The Junior school coffee mornings are next week. These are a great opportunity to informally meet class teachers and members of the school's leadership team. Please join us for a cup of tea/coffee, some biscuits and a chat in the Junior school hall at the times below.

Monday 9th September 9am: Year 3
 Tuesday 10th September 9am: Year 4
 Wednesday 11th September 9am: Year 5
 Thursday 12th September 9am: Year 6

Communication with teachers

Please feel free to speak to teachers at the start and the end of the day if you need to. You can also use the class email accounts to contact your child's class teacher. Teachers check these accounts regularly and aim to get back to parents within a couple of working days.

Class	Email Address
Nursery Acorn	acornclass@harefieldinfant.com
Reception Chestnut	chestnutclass@harefieldinfant.com
Reception Maple	mapleclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 1 Ash	ashclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 1 Redwood	redwoodclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 2 Birch	birchclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 2 Elder	elderclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 3 Iroko	irokoclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 3 Willow	willowclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 4 Juniper	juniperclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 4 Spruce	spruceclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 5 Sycamore	sycamoreclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 5 Walnut	walnutclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 6 Aspen	aspenclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 6 Beech	beechclass@harefieldjunior.com

**"The school's work to enhance the development of pupils' character is exceptional."
 Junior school Ofsted Inspection report**

Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr Downs, the Head of School. The safeguarding officer at the Infants is Mrs Hook, and at the Juniors is Mrs Sullivan. If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of any of our children, please contact the school office to speak to them. They will offer advice and take appropriate action.



Special Educational Needs

Our SENDCo (special educational needs and disabilities coordinator) is Mrs Trainor and her role is to support children with additional needs, and their families. If you would like to talk to Mrs Trainor and discuss your child's needs, you can catch her in the morning between 8.45am and 9am in the Junior playground on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the Infant playground on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alternatively, you can contact the school office to make an appointment.



Home time routine

Please ensure you pick your child up on time at the end of the school day, which is 3.15pm. Any children not collected on time will be taken to after school club and parents will be charged the entire cost of an after school club session which is £6.

Staff news

Unfortunately, Mrs Hook will be leaving the Infant school later this month as she is moving back to Scotland. Mrs Hook has worked at the school for 17 years, doing a wonderful job of supporting the children, parents and staff during that time. She will be sorely missed.

*"I was really impressed not only as a governor, but as a parent at the nurturing way all teachers had with their classes. Children were engaged, happy and enjoying lessons."
School governor*

Emotional literacy



Our children learn essential social and emotional skills through The Happy Confident School's Feelit! Programme. This includes conflict resolution, communication, and empathy, which help them to get along with their peers and develop positive relationships. The programme involves learning about the 12 feelings words below in each year group. This term, we will be introducing the words to the children and discussing their meanings.

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Happy	Brave	Ecstatic	Joyful	Motivated	Inspired	Courageous
Sad	Shy	Disappointed	Excluded	Ashamed	Hopeless	Helpless
Calm	Relaxed	Content	Relieved	Satisfied	Empathetic	Blissful
Angry	Annoyed	Frustrated	Furious	Irritated	Anxious	Defiant
Excited	Confident	Proud	Surprised	Curious	Delighted	Determined
Tired	Down	Guilty	Powerless	Exhausted	Vulnerable	Inadequate
Kind	Loved	Grateful	Understood	Generous	Sympathetic	Compassionate
Scared	Embarrassed	Confused	Jealous	Shocked	Terrified	Patronised
Pleased	Keen	Amazed	Interested	Enthusiastic	Focused	Optimistic
Lonely	Bored	Miserable	Discouraged	Insecure	Apathetic	Depressed
Safe	Included	Accepted	Secure	Connected	Trusted	Appreciated
Worried	Nervous	Impatient	Disgusted	Stressed	Overwhelmed	Envious

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every school day in the Infant School hall and drop off is between 8am and 8.30am. **It is essential that you book in advance or your child will not be able to attend.** Bookings are made on a first come, first served basis using Harefield Junior School's ParentPay, whether you are fee paying (£3.00 per day) or your child is registered for the Pupil Premium Grant (free of charge). If your child attends the Infant School, you must email the Junior School office at office@harefieldjunior.com to request a 'guest log-in'.

Free school lunches for all pupils



As well as the Infant children, all Junior children are entitled to a Free School Meal this year under the Mayor's Funding Programme. Please register with The Pantry, our school meals provider, to place lunch orders. Visit their website www.thepantrycatering.co.uk to register.

"My son has really come out of his shell since having sessions with the pastoral lead."
Junior School Parent

The Pupil Premium Grant

If you are a parent or guardian in receipt of one of the following benefits your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of working tax credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit.

In addition, the following pupils are also eligible:

- Pupils whose parents are armed services personnel.
- Pupils who are adopted or looked after children.
- You may still be eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit and have recently reduced your hours to less than 16 hours per week or have become unemployed.

We use some of this funding to support pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant in the following ways:

- Free school uniform pack of a polo shirt and sweatshirt or cardigan once a year.
- Free Breakfast Club.
- Free weekly After School Club session (one club per term).
- Subsidised school trips.

Pupil Premium application forms are available from the school office.

School uniform

We will be insisting that everyone follows the school dress code this year. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for the start of the Autumn term, as outlined below.

Main Uniform:

- Black shoes;
- Black, grey or white socks or tights;
- Black or grey trousers or shorts or skirt (knee length) or pinafore (knee length) or blue and white summer dress (knee length);
- White polo shirt* or white shirt or white blouse;
- Royal blue sweatshirt* or royal blue cardigan* or royal blue fleece*.

“My last visit to the school was 6 years ago and I can categorically say that the improvements that have been made are outstanding.”
School governor

PE kit:

- Plimsolls or trainers;
- White socks;
- Black shorts or jogging bottoms;
- White t-shirt or a t-shirt in house colours*.

Other:

- Royal blue book bag*;
- Royal blue PE kit bag*;
- Jewellery is not allowed and pupils with pierced ears should wear studs;
- Make up is not allowed.


All of the asterisked* items can be purchased with or without school logo. Logoed items can be purchased online from our school uniform supplier, Mapac

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/harefieldinfantschoolub96bt>

Self-care September

This month, take care of yourself with these daily actions.

Self-Care September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'
8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break
15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside
22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are					

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“We learn about different feelings so we can regulate our emotions.”
Year 2 pupil

Key dates for your diary

September

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Tuesday 10th September 9am: Year 4 'meet the teacher' coffee morning.

Wednesday 11th September 9am: Year 5 'meet the teacher' coffee morning.

Thursday 12th September 9am: Year 6 'meet the teacher' coffee morning.

October

Thursday 17th October 9am: Year 5 Sycamore class assembly for parents in the Junior hall.

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October 3.30-6pm: parent-teacher meetings-further details to follow.

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November: Half term break.

December

Thursday 5th December 9am: Year 5 Walnut class assembly for parents in the Junior hall.

Thursday 19th December: Last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 20th December: Last day of term for Reception to Year 6 pupils-school finishes at 1pm.

Community News



10k & funruns
+ our brand new 5k walk
'March for Mount Vernon'

Sunday 22 September 2024
Merchant Taylors' School



- Junior fun runs £12
- 5k 'March for Mount Vernon' walk £15
- 10k closed road, chip-timed run £20



Sign up using QR code or at: www.enhcharity.org.uk/moorpark24

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Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity is part of East & North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity
Registered Charity number 1053338



10k & funruns
+ our brand new 5k walk
'March for Mount Vernon'

Raising funds to support patients having treatment at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

Run or walk around the beautiful Merchant Taylors' School playing fields and Moor Park Estate to support people having treatment for cancer and their families.



What to expect on the day:

- UK Athletics licensed, chip-timed 10k
- NEW 'March for Mount Vernon' 5k walk
- Closed roads and water stations
- Medals and trophies for the winners
- Free spaces for fundraisers who pledge to raise £50
- Running vests for fundraisers who raise over £200
- Food, refreshments and community stalls
- Funfair and rides

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