

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.

Year 3 Hazel class	Ellie
Year 3 Iroko class	Max
Year 3 Willow class	Lena
Year 4 Juniper class	Lily
Year 4 Meranti class	Olly
Year 4 Spruce class	Eryn
Year 5 Elm class	James
Year 5 Sycamore class	George
Year 5 Walnut class	Summer
Year 6 Aspen class	Lilly
Year 6 Beech class	Aj

House points

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

Year 3 Hazel class	Lilly
Year 3 Iroko class	Macie
Year 3 Willow class	Teddy
Year 4 Juniper class	Jake
Year 4 Meranti class	Alice
Year 4 Spruce class	Mitchel
Year 5 Elm class	Ollie
Year 5 Sycamore class	Lily
Year 5 Walnut class	Ava
Year 6 Aspen class	Alfie and Isla
Year 6 Beech class	James

Well done to all of the pupils in Yellow 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 5 Sycamore class for achieving the best attendance in school this week.

Year 5 Sycamore class	98%
Year 4 Meranti class	95%
Year 3 Hazel class	94%
Year 3 Iroko class	94%
Year 5 Elm class	94%
Year 3 Willow class	93%
Year 4 Juniper class	93%
Year 5 Walnut class	90%
Year 4 Spruce class	83%
Year 6 Aspen class	67%
Year 6 Beech class	65%

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 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.**

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.

Class parties

Towards the end of next week each class will have a Christmas party and may watch a Christmas movie as part of that. The movies will be rated Universal (suitable for all) or PG (general guidance). Please speak to your child's class teacher if you'd like further information about the movie they are showing.

Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals charity virtual Christmas event

Year 5 Elm class have worked very hard to produce a high quality, entertaining and festive performance to help raise money for the charity. Their performance will be part of an online event hosted by Her Royal Highness Princess Eugenie and will also feature some famous faces. Further details, including how to purchase tickets can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.rbhcharity.org/Event/virtually-christmas>

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.