



## HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter 19

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Welcome back to school and the start of term 4. We are looking forward to the term ahead and eagerly anticipating more signs of Spring being on it's way! The highlight of this week must be given over to the Book Week celebrations which are captured below. Thank you to Mrs Sowerby, our English leader for organising the events of the week, which the children, staff and hopefully the parents too have hugely benefited from.

This week has been our Book Week where everyone has been celebrating books, stories and creativity, which incidentally is our school value this term too. The children have had a brilliant time and are hopefully feeling inspired with their reading, storytelling and artistry skills.



**Storyteller** – we were pleased to welcome Martin Maudsley on Monday to kick-start the week with an assembly full of stories. The children were enthralled with the ukulele playing and singing additions that they could join in with. Workshops followed for the rest of the day in Forest School for children to enhance their storytelling skills too. We would like to say a huge thank you to Martin for sharing his skills and expertise with us.

**Author/illustrator** – An enormous thank you must also be said to Annaliese Stoney, an award-winning illustrator/artist, and local Harnham Parent, who lead a superb workshops with each class for the children to develop their art skills using watercolours, wax crayons and ink. Annaliese has illustrated numerous books for children but her most recent book '#100 Days of Parenthood' is one for the grown-ups and documents the real-life hilarious moments of the parenthood journey. It is available to buy on her website, just in time for Mother's Day, if you would like to support her: [www.astoney.co.uk](http://www.astoney.co.uk) She has various prints and paintings available too.



**Trips into town** – Every class also walked into Salisbury to enjoy a stories being read by Jo, the owner of The Rocketship Bookshop. The children loved it and every parent and member of staff have said how accommodating and friendly the shop were so we need to say a huge thank you to them too! We are so lucky to have this incredible resource for the children so locally. Every child was able to spend their World Book Day voucher and take a new book home with them too.

**Reading Café** – The school hall was set up with books and activities for parents and children to enjoy together after school. This event was such a success, we would like to repeat it. More on this to follow later on in the newsletter.



## Menu for week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February:

<b>Monday</b>	Sausage Roll or Cheese & Tomato Quesadilla with Diced Potatoes <b>Dessert:</b> Yoghurt and Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Curry with Rice or Macaroni Cheese <b>Dessert:</b> Love Cake
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bubble Salmon or Pizza with Crinkle Cut Wedges <b>Dessert:</b> Fruit and Jelly
<b>Thursday</b>	Roast Chicken or Meat-Free Sausage Puff, Yorkshire Pud and Veg <b>Dessert:</b> Chocolate Sponge
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers or Vegetable Goujons and Chips with Vegetables <b>Dessert:</b> Shortbread Biscuit

### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Talia – Ladybirds, Franklin – Hedgehog, Reuben – Robin, Max – Woodpecker, Lottie – Squirrel, Finlay – Dragonfly, and William and Katelyn - Badger. The Sports Award was won by Clarice – Ladybirds. We are so proud of you all!

Invitations to Celebration Assembly are sent out on a Friday for the following week, plus a reminder the day before. Please check your inbox carefully.

### Notices from the Full Governing Body

Following her resignation from the governing body, the staff and governors of Harnham Infant School would like to thank Sarah Faulding for her support to the school during her time as parent governor. Sarah was an fantastic governor with a wealth of educational knowledge. We would like to especially thank her for her work towards ensuring Safeguarding remained our top priority and in supporting with keeping us accountable for spending the pupil premium funding too. Thank you!

We now have some vacancies for some new parent governors to join us. An email was sent out about this on Monday, so please do have a closer look to see if this is something you would be interested in. Being a governor is a rewarding and strategic role, working closely with the senior leadership team, staff and pupils to impact change towards our improvement priorities. To that end, if you would like to find out more, the governors are hosting a special Coffee and Chat on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 9.05am** in the school hall. You can sign up for this using the school gateway app – clubs section. Please do come along to this opportunity to ask questions, find out more about the role without any obligation to formally become a governor. We would love to see you!

### SEN Review Meetings

If you have a child on the SEND register at our school who has a My Support Plan or an EHCP, this week you will have received an invitation from Mrs Pike to a review meeting on either Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please do check your emails carefully and let us know if you are unable to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Pike directly – [lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

### New2You uniform shop

The incredible team from New2You are going to be hosting a uniform sale in the school hall after school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a poster to follow with further information but do put this new date in your diary so that you can come along and pick up some great quality items of uniform for a very reduced cost.

### Dojo Reward

Congratulations to the Badger class who have reached their next 1000 dojos. The Badgers have decided that they would like a fancy dress day. Children can come to school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February in fancy dress or any fun home clothing of their choice. Well done Badgers!

### Relax Kids – Parent Workshop

We would like to invite parents to a workshop with Kate Drennan, our Relax Kids coach on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am** in the school hall. This is an opportunity to come and gain some hints and tips about supporting your children with big emotions, helping them feel calm and build their confidence and resilience too. We would love you to join us!

There will be refreshments available and **younger siblings are also very welcome to attend.**



The poster features a central rainbow graphic with the words 'MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP' arched above it in a red, sans-serif font. Below the rainbow, the title 'Understanding and Managing Your Child's Big Feelings' is written in a black, handwritten-style font. The date and time 'Thursday 29th February 9:00 am - 10:00 am in the school hall' are listed in a green, handwritten-style font. Three questions are posed in rounded rectangular boxes: 'Are you struggling with your child's big feelings at home?' (orange box), 'Do you want to learn more about the reasons this is happening?' (pink box), and 'Would you like to learn some strategies to support your child at home?' (purple box). The bottom section contains the invitation: 'Then come along to our parent workshop on Thursday 29th February at 9:00am in the school hall. There will of course be tea and biscuits!' in a black, handwritten-style font. The background is light yellow with abstract shapes and small yellow plus signs.

**MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP**

Understanding and Managing  
Your Child's Big Feelings

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9:00 am - 10:00 am in the school hall

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## HSA School Disco

Please see the poster below for further information. Bookings are now open on school gateway – payments section.

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium or your family is currently experiencing financial difficulty, please do get in touch with Mrs Pike to see how the school can help with this. [lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)



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• THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 •

• NEW START & FINISH TIMES FOR EACH YEAR GROUP •

5.00-6.00pm Years 1-2	6.15-7.15pm Years 3-4	7.30-8.30pm Years 5-6
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• HARNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL • £2.50 ENTRANCE FEE  
BOOKING IN ADVANCE AVAILABLE VIA THE SCHOOL'S ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEMS

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PLEASE READ**

**ENTRANCE TO THE DISCO:** All children **MUST** be dropped off/signed in at the door.  
**PICK UP FROM THE DISCO:** Children **WILL NOT** be allowed to leave unaccompanied.  
**To avoid congestion please arrive promptly.**

**SPENDING MONEY**  
All goodies will be 50p each. Please ensure your child brings a sensible amount of spending money and that it is kept in a safe place i.e. a zipped purse or wallet. We cannot accept responsibility for any loss money.

**CLOTHING**  
Please ensure all jumpers, cardigans, coats and jackets are taken home. We do not have a cloakroom and cannot accept responsibility for any lost items. Any items found at the end will be left at the Harnham Junior Reception.

**PARKING**  
Safety of all children is our priority. Please park in the Cricket Field car park and/or Parsonage Green to avoid traffic jams. **PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY** in Saxon Road and Hollows Close. Please be considerate to all residents.

**NO MOBILE PHONES**

**WE NEED YOU!** We rely on parent volunteers and the good behaviour of the children to make the event fun for all, but more importantly SAFE. If you are able to help at the event please email: [HSAeventscoordination@gmail.com](mailto:HSAeventscoordination@gmail.com)

### Reading Tips

The following website was shared with us this week which has a short video which shares some great tips for supporting your child to learn to read. Do take a look if you would like to know more.

[https://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/how-we-can-best-help-children-become-readers?fbclid=IwAR0Dsra\\_9UUTvgIGJF-Ez-Z7BhxAjwKAIHh8b9KmgxwUMj\\_Qo\\_7yA6jD8U](https://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/how-we-can-best-help-children-become-readers?fbclid=IwAR0Dsra_9UUTvgIGJF-Ez-Z7BhxAjwKAIHh8b9KmgxwUMj_Qo_7yA6jD8U)

### Reading Café

Following the success of the Reading Café as part of our Book Week this week, Mrs Sowerby will be hosting another event after school next week on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the poster below. At the reading café, there will be opportunity to browse the 'costume swap' rail for your child ahead of World Book Day the following week.

If any families have any costumes they would be happy to donate to the rail, please may these be brought to school ahead of the event next Wednesday. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Reading Cafe**

The next Reading Cafe is being held on:  
Wednesday 28th February

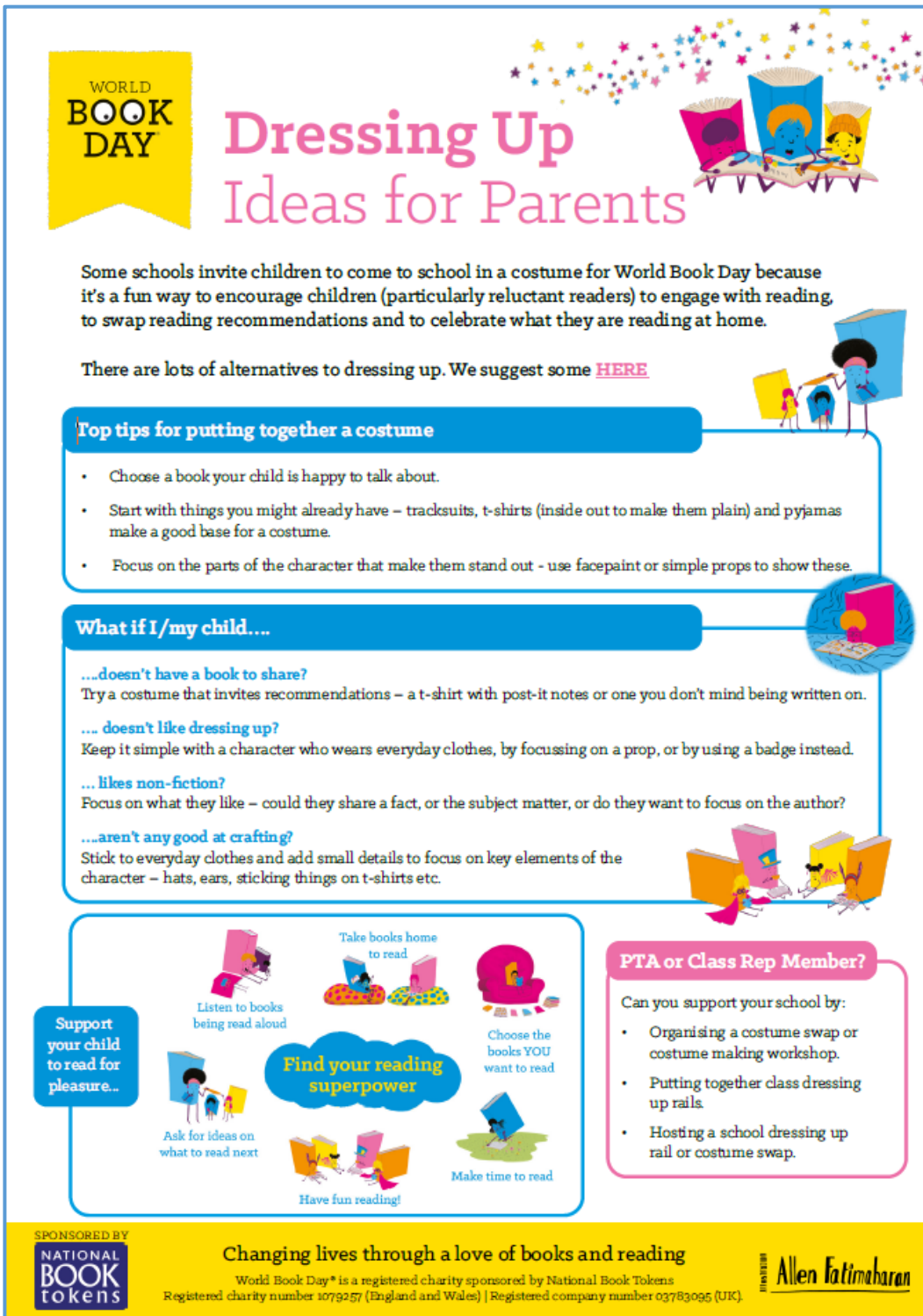
We will have a selection of World Book Day costumes available free of charge.

Come along to our free Reading Cafe in the Hall to share a story with your child/ren whilst enjoying some light refreshments – all welcome!

## World Book Day

As part of our Book Week, the children have already been given, and spent, their World Book Day token in exchange for a book whilst visiting the book shop in Salisbury this week. However, there is still plenty of World Book Day celebrations to be had on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. All children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book that they like.

We are sure that for some parents, finding or making a dressing up costume for World Book Day is a dream come true but for others, it may be a difficult chore. Therefore, we have found some hints and tips about easy and cost-friendly costumes that your child could wear. Please see the poster below or you can also find out more on the following website. <https://www.busythings.co.uk/blog/easy-world-book-day-costume-ideas/>



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

# Dressing Up Ideas for Parents

Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)

### Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

### What if I/my child...

...doesn't have a book to share?  
Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

... doesn't like dressing up?  
Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?  
Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

...aren't any good at crafting?  
Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.

### Support your child to read for pleasure...

- Listen to books being read aloud
- Take books home to read
- Choose the books YOU want to read
- Ask for ideas on what to read next
- Have fun reading!
- Make time to read

### Find your reading superpower

### PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

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### Parent Support Advisor:

Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for Harnham Infants, and many families benefit from her expertise, support and advice. She can help parents with all sorts of things including difficulties with behaviour, financial matters, family breakdown and bereavement. Chris is also happy for you to get in touch if you're worried or concerned about any school related matters.



You can contact her by email [psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk) or by telephone 07595217569

### Dates for your diaries:

Here are some important things coming up over the next few weeks:

Whole School	
27.2.24	STEAM champions to STEAM Fair – a letter has been sent out about this.
28.2.24, 3.05-4.00pm	Reading Café
29.2.24, 9.00am	Relax Kids Parent session in the school hall
1.3.24, 9.05am	Governors Coffee and Chat – come and find out about being a governor.
6.3.24 and 7.3.24	SEND review meetings
7.3.24	World Book Day – come to school dressed as a book character.
19.3.24	New2You uniform sale
EYFS	
19.3.24	Trip to Hillier Gardens
Year 1	
5.3.24, 9.15am	Stay and Do Phonics
14.3.24	HSA School Disco
Year 2	
8.3.24	Trip to Old Sarum
14.3.24	HSA School Disco

### Attendance:



**When I grow up  
I want to be....**

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or so on a Thursday evening and then  
head to the pub for a drink!

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If you're interested, contact [petebentleytaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:petebentleytaylor@hotmail.com)