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Friday 1st March 2024

This is a bumper issue of the school newsletter! There is a lot of important information to share with you this week, so please take some time, grab yourself a cup of tea and have a thorough read of the following pages.

STEAM Fair

On Tuesday this week, we took our Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics champions to County Hall in Trowbridge to explore the STEAM fair. Representatives from EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed exploring the exhibits on offer, taking part in directing robots, reflecting on art work, playing tunes with home-made harmonicas and making balloon kebabs! The children had a great time! Thank you to Mrs Bacon, our Science Curriculum Lead who made this trip possible and was also able to use the fair to make connections with universities, companies, charities and other resources who will be able to tap into the support the Science Curriculum we are able to offer our children.



Relax Kids

It was lovely to welcome so many parents to the Managing Big Feelings workshop with Kate Drennan, Emotional Wellbeing Specialist yesterday. It was a great turn-out and we have received some very positive feedback. Kate has been completing Relax Kids sessions in school with all of the children and was able to use the workshop to share her understanding of children's emotional brain development and also some hints and tips of how parents might support children with their big feelings at home. She has kindly agreed to sharing her slides from her presentation, a copy of which is attached in the email containing this newsletter too.

Kate has also recommended podcasts from a local clinical psychologist, Dr Maryhan. You can find links to these here:

[Ep 001: Managing Emotions - Dr Maryhan](https://drmaryhan.com/episode/ep-001-managing-emotions/)

<https://drmaryhan.com/episode/ep-001-managing-emotions/>

[Ep 134: Managing 'Big' Emotions - Dr Maryhan](https://drmaryhan.com/episode/managing-big-emotions-2/)

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We are considering ways we can build on the success of this workshop and how we can offer further support to families. If you have any ideas or specific question, you can email Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Parents Evening Letters

Parents Evening letters were sent out this week. Please respond to the survey by clicking the link contained in the letter in order to book your appointment to see your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Menu for week beginning 4th March:

Monday	Plant-based burger in a Bap or Spaghetti Bolognese Dessert: Yoghurt and Fruit
Tuesday	Chicken Goujons with Diced Potatoes or Tomato Pasta Dessert: Chocolate Brownie
Wednesday	Oriental style Chicken with Rice or Pizza with Crinkle Wedges Dessert: Fruit and Jelly
Thursday	World Book Day Lunch: Sausage Roll or Vegan Sausage Roll Dessert: Marble Cake & Icing
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Rice Dessert: Shortbread Biscuit

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Calina – Ladybirds, Freddie – Hedgehog, William – Woodpecker, Ferne – Squirrel, Nevaeh – Dragonfly, Hazel – Owl and Louis – Badger. The Sports Award was won by Aidan – Bees. 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.

Important – changes to the timings of the school day

You will know from the news and media this week that the government are taking action on school attendance and punctuality. Following a review meeting with our Education Welfare Officer this week, we need to tighten up on punctuality. This means that there will be some changes to timings, starting after the Easter holidays. This gives parents a few weeks to adjust to the changes.

The new timings are as follows:

08.45 Children begin to arrive and go up to class

08.55 Gates shut promptly

08.56 Registers close

08.56-09.05 Children arrive and go through the school office. They are marked as late (L)

09.05 Any children who arrive after this time are marked as U in the register, which is classed as **unauthorised**.

For any children who have 10 or more unauthorised sessions within 6 months, parents will receive a fine from the Local Authority.



Parent Governor Nominations

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please submit your application by Monday 4th March. We would be delighted to welcome you to the team.

Request from EYFS team

The EYFS team would be glad to receive donations of kitchen roll tubes to support the provision in their classrooms. Thank you.

Year 1 Pick Up

Please may parents not sit on the benches under the canopy area on the little playground at pick up time. This is because the teachers use this as an area to dismiss the children from and it blocks their view to direct the children to their parents. Thank you.

Mobile Phones

Please remember that we are a mobile phone free site. This is a Safeguarding risk. Please respect the site rules and put your mobile phone away when on school site, including when you are waiting in the playground before or after school. Please do not be offended if a member of staff challenges you about this as this is a matter for children's safety. Thank you.

Year 2 Trip to The Lion King

Please remember that a monthly payment schedule is in place to cover the cost of the trip for your year 2 child, happening in June. Please ensure that your payments are up to date by checking the School Gateway App.

We had many requests to be a parent helper for this trip. If your name was pulled out of the hat, you will have received a letter this week giving further instructions regarding DBS checks and payments. Please check this carefully as there is also a waiting list of other parents who would like to attend if you are no longer able to take this place.

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for Midday Supervisory Assistants (MDSAs) and Cleaners. If you would like to be part of the Harnham Infant School Team or know of anyone else who may be interested in these vacancies, please click on the links below to find out more.

MDSA

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/126206/EDV-2024-HIS-29650>

Cleaners

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/126206/EDV-2024-HIS-72538>

Alternatively, there is information on the vacancies page of the school website:

<https://www.harnhaminfants.org.uk/vacancies>

Foodboxes Delivery

We have recently had a delivery of food boxes. If you feel that your family would benefit from some additional support in these financially challenging times and you would like some additional food for your family, please don't hesitate to get in touch. lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Dressing Up Days

Please may we ask parents to consider carefully the costume your child is wearing on any dress up day, whether it is for World Book Day, Dojo rewards or for any other reason. Costumes must be age appropriate and not reflect content of films or games that are for older children or adults. Thank you.

Headlice

These little critters are doing the rounds again. Please may you take a moment at the weekend to check your child's head carefully and treat accordingly? Thank you for your help.

School Caterers



Our school caterers are award-winning caterers, managed by Hampshire County Council Education Catering, formerly known as HC3S. Visit the pages on their website for their menus and other information. [News | Hampshire County Council](#)

hants.gov.uk You can also keep up-to-date, by following them on social media.

Facebook: @hc3seducation Twitter: @hc3s6



Sponsored Read

As part of the Harnham Infant School Book Week, Mrs Sowerby challenged the children to a Sponsored Read to raise some money towards buying some new books to support our topic learning at school. If your child took part, please may we request that any monies be submitted using the School Gateway payments. Children will receive a certificate for taking part and Mrs Sowerby will take the list of names from the payments. Thank you for all your support.

Costume Swap

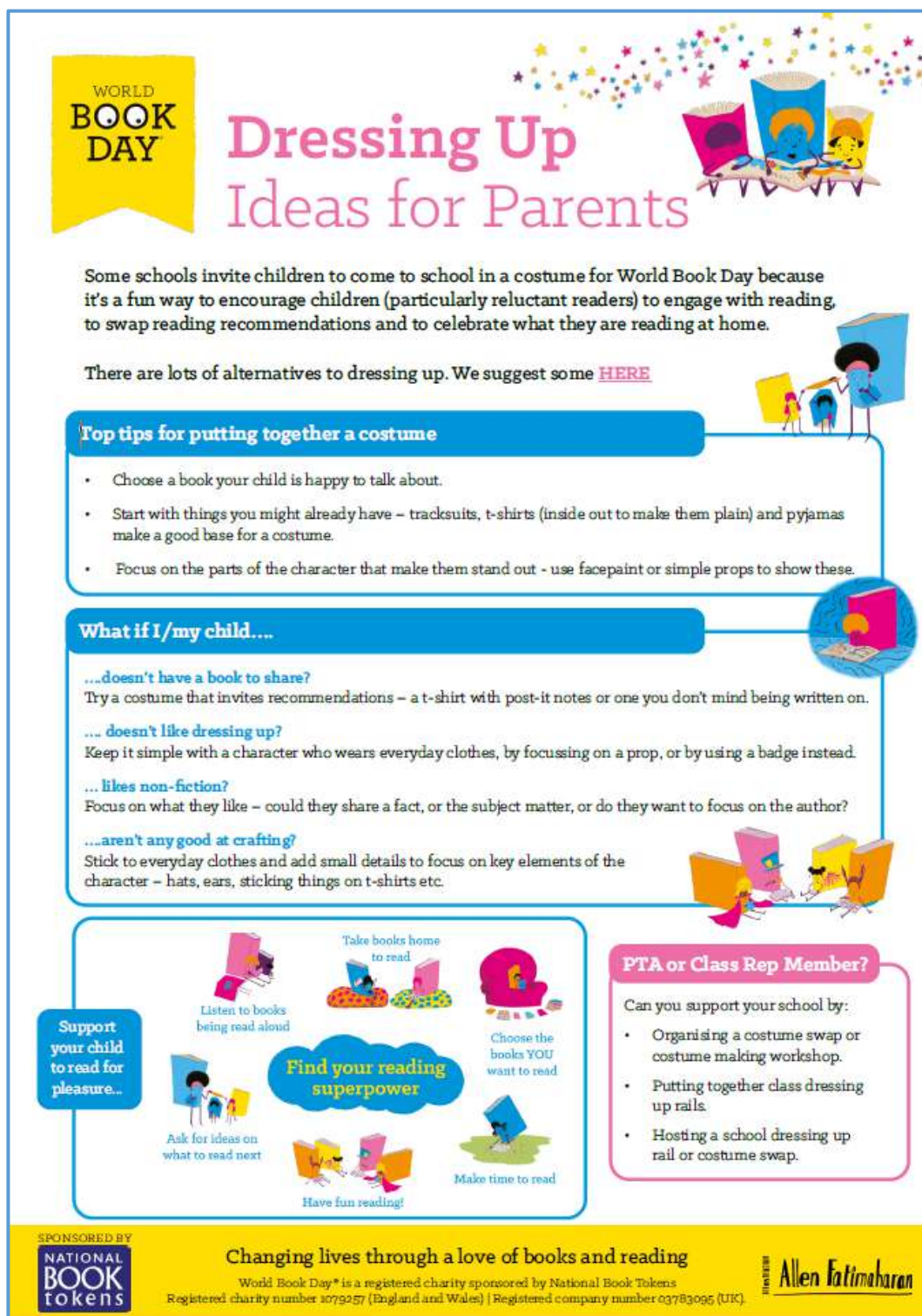
Thank you to the families who donated a costume to the rail for the Reading Café this week. We were thrilled to receive so many donations and this meant that children were able to come and choose a new costume ahead of World Book Day next week, free of charge.

We do have a few costumes left, so if you would like to come and choose one for your child, please pop to the school office between now and next Thursday and ask to look at them.

Here are some other 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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Changing lives through a love of books and reading

World Book Day* is a registered charity sponsored by National Book Tokens
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The Big Easter Appeal

Harnham Infant School have decided to support the Big Easter Appeal in Salisbury! We have been contacted by Salisbury Radio this week to ask us to take part. Please see the message below that they sent to us:

*Salisbury's two local news and media organisations have joined forces for the 2024 **Big Easter Appeal**, which aims to support the food banks and community pantries that help look after people who are struggling financially.*

*In the run-up to Easter, the **Big Easter Appeal** aims to help boost donations to these organisations, raise awareness of their need, and break some myths and stigmas surrounding the use of their services.*

*The **Big Easter Appeal** is partnering with [Salisbury Foodbank](#), which helps facilitate multiple foodbanks across the area, including Amesbury, Downton, and Durrington, as well as in Salisbury. It will also support [Salisbury Pantry](#) and [Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Pantry](#).*

The organisations are struggling to meet increasing demands with record numbers of people using their services and donations falling; things are reaching a critical point.

If you would like to support the Big Easter Appeal, you can bring any donations to school by Friday 22nd March and we will make sure they reach the campaign to support those who need a little help this Easter. Thank you!



The poster features a white background with a dark blue diagonal section at the bottom. At the top left is the Salisbury Radio logo with the tagline 'The spirit lives on'. To its right is the Salisbury Journal logo with 'in association with:' above it. The main title 'Big Easter Appeal' is in large, bold, pink letters. Below it, the text 'Help support our food banks and community pantries' is in blue. The bottom section is dark blue with the text 'Donate here' in large white letters. At the bottom, there are logos for Salisbury Foodbank, Salisbury Pantry, Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry, Salisbury City Council, Tesco, and Wiltshire Council.

Salisburyradio
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Help support our
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SALISBURY
CITY COUNCIL

TESCO

Wiltshire Council

Safeguarding and Online Safety

In the email sent out with this newsletter attached, you will find a copy of the latest school Safeguarding Leaflet for Parents. This is to give you updated information about our school's responsibilities towards Safeguarding your children. Please do download it and have a read through. You can also find this, along with other information on our school website. <https://www.harnhaminfants.org.uk/safeguarding>
Online Safety News Round Up

A 20 minute monthly webinar is recorded with the latest updates in Online Safety. If you would like to listen and find out more, please click on this link. [Online Safety News Roundup | February 2024 \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://www.nationalcollege.com/online-safety-news-roundup-february-2024)

An online safety information poster is always included in our weekly newsletters too (see below), plus there is a dedicated page on our school website. <https://www.harnhaminfants.org.uk/onlinesafety>

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 or by telephone 07595217569

Dates for your diaries:

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

Whole School	
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
25.3.24 and 27.3.24	Parents Consultation Evenings – letter sent out this week
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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 80 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like *Wink Murder* or TV shows such as *The Traitors*, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is specialising with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grizzly elements: some centre around undersea adventures, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

David Coombe is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports at NOS and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the app store to try out new tools, he's also someone who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published in *Inc* magazine and *Entrepreneur*.



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• THURSDAY 14TH 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

• 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.



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

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19TH MARCH
AFTER SCHOOL**

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ALL THE MONEY RAISED WILL BE GOING IN TO THE SCHOOL FUNDS

Can't make an event or date but
need uniform, don't worry, either:

Pop in to the office
to fill out a donation request slip

Or email us at:
new2you@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk
and we will drop off what you need to school
for you to then collect

We also offer a confidential service too.

If your family is experiencing financial
hardship and needs support with obtaining
uniform for your child, please contact Mrs
Pike, who will be pleased to help. She will
arrange with us what you need and arrange
for it to be delivered to you.

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING ALWAYS ACCEPTED

We welcome your donations. Simply drop off your good condition, clean and washed items to the Donation Box, located by the school Reception area, and we will collect items from there. We accept: Jumpers, Cardigans, Trousers, Shorts, Pinafores, Skirts, Summer Dresses, Polo Shirts, PE kit (including trainers and plimsolls), Forest School Waterproofs, Coats, School Shoes, Welly Boots, Book bags, PE kit bags, Tights, Socks, Hats, Scarves and Gloves. We don't accept underwear but the school will still continue to take these for their spare uniform store. Any questions just contact us!

In the Community:

The team that brought *The Tempest* to Churchill Gardens last summer are now working on our next project - *Patch's Parade*.

We are looking for adults and teenagers to get involved as dancers, musicians, costume makers and many other roles. We are hosting a *Discovery Day* to find out more this Saturday, 2nd March at the Salisbury Playhouse.

SUN 26 MAY AT 11AM, MILFORD STREET BRIDGE

PATCH'S PARADE

WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to bring Patch's Parade to life along the city streets of Salisbury!



MOVERS



MUSICIANS



SINGERS



PATCHWORK MAKERS



CHAPERONES

Come along to our *Discovery Day* on 2nd March at Salisbury Playhouse or contact us for more information on how to sign-up.

Find out more at wiltshirecreative.co.uk/discovery-day-2024



Salisbury Easter Camp

with Astrella Primary Stars



Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April
Weekdays ONLY
8.30am - 3.30pm

Pembroke Park Primary School, Devizes Road, SP2 9LY

Football Skills & Games

Performing Arts - Gymnastics

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Hockey - Tennis - Cricket - Rounders - Gymnastics

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TEXT 07714 021366

or email: astrellafootball@gmail.com

The logo for Mini Athletics, featuring the words "MINI ATHLETICS" in a colorful, stylized font. "MINI" is in yellow and blue, and "ATHLETICS" is in green and yellow. Below the text is a red swoosh. The logo is enclosed in a white circle with a yellow border.

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A red banner with a yellow border and a ribbon-like shape, containing the text "SUPERSTAR HOLIDAY CAMP" in white capital letters.

**SUPERSTAR
HOLIDAY CAMP**



The Mini Athletics Easter Superstar Holiday Camp

- 2 day holiday camp (from 9am to 3pm, with drop off from 8.45am)
- Parent attendance not needed. All coaches are DBS checked.
- Venue: Dennis Marsh House in Salisbury.... Ages: 4 - 8
- Fantastic daily themes... kicking off with Super Heroes on Wednesday followed by Pirates on Thursday! Ooo-arrrr!
- Mini Athletics games and crafting
- Superstar personal bests with an end of camp certificate detailing your child's amazing times and measurements

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HARNHAM DADS FOOTBALL



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A REGULAR
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FOOTBALL?

A group of us play every other week
or so on a Thursday evening and then
head to the pub for a drink!

Thursdays at Sarum Academy

If you're interested, contact petebentleytaylor@hotmail.com