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Newsletter 12

Friday 8th December 2023

By the time this newsletter lands in your email inbox, the Christmas Fair will be in full swing! Enormous thank you to all of the parents for their kind and generous donations, the staff and parents who have supported by running the stalls and of course, the amazing HSA team who have organised the whole event. We are sure it is going to be a huge success and that both the infant and junior schools will benefit greatly from this fundraising opportunity.

Our EYFS children performed their Nativity play this week; 'A Miracle in Town' was a huge success. It was magical to see so many smiles on the parents' faces as they watched the children on the stage singing their hearts out. It is always amazing to reflect on how much the children have changed since their first day in September as we come to the end of the Autumn term.



We have also enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day, a Year 2 open classroom event to look at Tudor Houses that the children have created, as well as hearing ourselves on Salisbury Radio with our very festive song. If you didn't manage to hear it, you can find out more here: <https://salisburyradio.co.uk/product/harnham-infant-school-get-excited-for-christmas/>

Menu for week beginning 11th December:

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	Roast Beef or Quorn Pieces, Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes and Veg Dessert: Lemon Sponge
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Rice Dessert: Shortbread Biscuit

Celebration Assembly

There was no celebration assembly today due to the hall being needed to set up for the Christmas Fair. We look forward to celebrating with more children on Friday 15th December.

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

Nativity Collection:

Just a little reminder that there is a collection open on School Gateway for EYFS parents if they would like to donate to Wiltshire Air Ambulance for the amazing Nativity performances this week. We look forward to sharing with you how much we have managed to raise.

Spare Clothes:

We are in need again of spare socks, tights, leggings and jogging bottoms for children. If you are able to help, we would be very grateful. Thank you in advance.

Last day of term:

School finishes for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 20th December. This is a half day for the children, who need to be **collected at 1.05pm**. Thank you for your support.

Cost of Living Support:

You may recall previously that we have sent home a cost of living support sheet for you which details additional sources of support during these current financially tricky times. This has been updated and a copy is also attached in the email containing this newsletter. It will also be on the website shortly.

Vouchers for Christmas holidays:

If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, you will be receiving vouchers for the Free School Meals in the Christmas Holidays. This will be to the value of £30 for the two weeks. Mrs Bowyer is getting them all set up so they should be with you by the end of next week. If you have not received it by this time, please may you pop to the office to check.

If you have any questions about eligibility for these vouchers, please do contact Mrs Pike, our Pupil Premium Lead or you can check and apply online here:

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/free-school-meals>

EYFS Transition Questionnaire:

If your child is in EYFS and you haven't already done so, please may we request that you complete the transition questionnaire found at this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oiJAfbKsxkK0IQENP_WB2zU49zacLnZBs1-F-CrP_vNUQVhNQks1QzRVOU1DVIIZM0hDRijBODU0Qi4u

This will be closed on Sunday 10th December. Thank you for your feedback – it is really important to us.

School Dinners Working Party:

If there are any parents who would be interested in joining the working party to investigate catering companies and what they have to offer, along with our current provision of School Dinners, we would like to invite you to meet with Miss Dorrington on Friday 12th January at 9.05am. This group will be meeting regularly during the year and we would be so glad to have some parental support and input. Thank you in advance.

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	
18.12.23	HSA Christmas Movie Night – details to follow
18.12.23	Christmas Party and Games
19.12.23	Christmas Dinner
Year 1	
13.12.23	Trip to see Father Christmas at The Berry Theatre, Eastleigh – letter sent

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be "pinged" with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them, validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

In the Community:



The poster features a green background with white snowflakes and bokeh light effects. On the left, there is a stylized illustration of a snow-covered evergreen tree and a log cabin with a glowing yellow window. In the top right corner, the Trinity Church Salisbury logo is displayed. The main title is in large red font, and the event details are in white and yellow text.

Children's Live Nativity

Come and join us for our fun-filled Christmas family event. There'll be live animals, Christmas carols, drama, games, minced pies, sandwiches and a chance to think about about the meaning of Christmas.

Where and When?

SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL
SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH 3:30-5:30PM
SIGN UP ONLINE AT TRINITYCHURCHSALISBURY.ORG.UK



The poster has a dark background with numerous out-of-focus lights in shades of blue and yellow, resembling candlelight. The Trinity Church Salisbury logo is in the top right. The title is in large yellow font, and the event details are in white and yellow text.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Come and join us for our Carols by Candlelight Service. There'll be a festive atmosphere, Christmas carols, minced pies, mulled wine and a short talk about the real meaning of Christmas.

Where and When?

South Wilts Grammar School
Sunday December 17th 7pm
Sign up online at trinitychurchsalisbury.org.uk

Local Santa Sleigh Run

You may be aware that a local Santa Sleigh Run will be coming through Harnham on Sunday 17th September. You can find further information below, or on Facebook

*Santa Sleigh Run
Idmiston Group
2023*

17TH DECEMBER
Britford Ln, Harnham, Town Centre

18TH DECEMBER
Old Sarum, Langhedge, Paul's Dene, Town Centre

19TH DECEMBER
Bishopdown, Bishopdown Farm, Bemerton Heath,
Town Centre

20TH DECEMBER
Allington, Ford, Laverstock, Alderbury, Town Centre

21ST DECEMBER
Amesbury

22ND DECEMBER
East Gomeldon, Porton, Idmiston,
The Winterbournes, Hurdcott



Salisbury
Hospice Charity [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) - search "Santa Sleigh Run Idmiston Group" to donate
For more information on our full routes, please see our Facebook page

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17TH DECEMBER - FROM APPROX. 5PM

Britford Lane
Chichester Close
Burford Avenue
Milton Road
Rowbarrow
Odstock Road
Francis Way
Bouverie Avenue

New Harnham Road
Harnham Road
Saxon Road
Parsonage Green
Wiltshire Road
Sussex Road
Essex Square
Norfolk Road
Upper Street
Middle Street
Lower Street
Harnham Road
St Nicholas Road

Exeter Street
St Johns Street
Catherine Street
New Canal
High Street
Silver Street
Minster Street
Blue Boar Row



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www.harnhamparish.org.uk
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DECEMBER in SG St Georges, Lower St.
& AS All Saints, Harnham Rd. All welcome.

TUES. 4,11,18th 8pm. SG. ADVENT TALKS
'Reconciliation' followed by a reflective service.

SUN. 3rd ADVENT & GIFT SUNDAY. 10am. SG.
Communion. Gift vouchers for Women's Refuge.

SUN. 10th 3pm. All Age CHRISTINGLE. SG. & tea
in Parish Hall. Collection for The Children's
Society.

THURS. 14th BEER & CAROLS 7pm.
The Old Mill, Lower St.

SUN. 17th BLUE CHRISTMAS 4pm. SG. Candlelit
service for all who find Christmas difficult.

SAT. 23rd CAROL SERVICE 6.30pm. Guest choir.
AS.

SUN. 24th CHRISTMAS EVE
8am. COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer) AS.
4pm. ALL AGE NATIVITY AS.
11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS SG.

MON. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
ALL AGE COMMUNION, carols & children's talk.
9.30am SG. & 11am AS.



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£15
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Every child receives
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FOR THOSE ENTITLED TO FREE
SCHOOL MEALS

21st & 22nd December
8.30am - 3.30pm

Christmas Sports Camp

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Football Fun Factory
Active Sports Club

Hockey - Tennis - Cricket - Rounders - Gymnastics
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Dance & Drama Programme



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Join Dick Whittington and his cool cat Cosmo on the journey from Salisburyshire to London, in search of fame and fortune!

In the big city, disaster strikes, and the streets aren't paved with gold but overrun with rodents.

Can Dick defeat Evil King Rat and save the city of London?

Expect exciting escapades, dazzling dances, and sparkling songs from our live band, which will have you singing and dancing all the way home!

Christmas is always a special time at the theatre and Salisbury Playhouse is famous for its award-winning pantomimes such as *Cinderella (2022/23)*, *Robin Hood (2019/20)* & *Beauty and the Beast (2018/19)*.

GROUP RATES

School and Youth Group: £12 per ticket (including staff)

Groups of 10–19: £4 off top price tickets & £2 off second price tickets

Groups of 20+: £6 off top price tickets & £4 off second price tickets

Off-peak performances run from 25 Nov - 14 Dec 2023 & the evening of 3 & 4 Jan 2024, excluding Fri and Sat

Nov	Sat 25	7pm
	Tue 28	10.30am & 5.30pm
	Wed 29	7pm
	Thu 30	2.15pm & 7pm
Dec	Fri 1	10.30am & 7pm
	Sat 2	2.15pm & 7pm
	Tue 5	10.30am
	Wed 6	10.30am & 7pm [bsl] [cc]
	Thu 7	10.30am & 7pm
	Fri 8	2.15pm & 7pm
	Sat 9	2.15pm & 7pm
	Tue 12	2.15pm & 7pm
	Wed 13	10.30am & 7pm
	Thu 14	2.15pm & 7pm
	Fri 15	7pm
	Sat 16	2.15pm & 7pm
	Sun 17	1pm & 5.30pm
	Tue 19	2.15pm & 7pm [ad]
	Wed 20	2.15pm & 7pm
	Thu 21	2.15pm
	Fri 22	2.15pm & 7pm
	Sat 23	2.15pm & 7pm
	Sun 24	1pm & 5.30pm
	Tue 26	2.15pm & 7pm
	Wed 27	2.15pm & 7pm
	Fri 29	2.15pm & 7pm
	Sat 30	2.15pm & 7pm
	Sun 31	1pm & 5.30pm
Jan	Tue 2	5.30pm
	Wed 3	2.15pm & 7pm
	Thu 4	2.15pm [bsl] [cc] [rp] & 7pm
	Sat 6	2.15pm & 7pm
	Sun 7	1pm & 5.30pm

[bsl] British Sign Language Performance

[cc] Captioned Performance

[rp] Relaxed Performance

[ad] Audio Described Performance

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Holiday Club at Harnham Junior School in February Half Term

Attached to the main body of the email containing this newsletter, you will find a copy of the letter and booking form below:



Mr Williams and Coach Tom with District Sports will be running a Sports holiday club during February half term.

Would your child/children like to play sports all day? Come and play sports such as Football, Hockey and Cricket or come and try some alternative sports like Dodgeball, Handball and Capture the Flag, also some arts and crafts.

Please tick the day/s below that you want to book for your child to attend club.

Please complete this form and return to [the school](#), or via email: holidayclub23coaching@yahoo.com

All requests for February half term must be returned by **Friday 15th of December 2023**

February Half term

Date: Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Full Day 9.00 – 3.00 £20 each day	A.M Session 9:00 – 12:00 £10 each morning	P.M Session 12:00 – 3:00 £10 each afternoon
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

1st Child's Name..... DOB..... Age..... M/F..... Class

2nd Child's Name..... DOB..... Age..... M/F..... Class

2nd Child's Name..... DOB..... Age..... M/F..... Class

Please print clearly

Signed: Parent/Guardian..... Print Name:

Email address:

Contact No:

Any queries or questions please contact Matthew Williams
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