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Friday 24th November 2023

We have come to the end of another week and what a successful week it has been. It was wonderful to see such a group of parents at our Coffee and Chat on Monday afternoon, discussing clubs and extra-curricular events. We would like to thank all of the parents who attended and for their ideas and feedback, it is really appreciated.

Children in EYFS have been busy exploring Space through the story of 'Whatever Next' and Year 1 children loved their Science lesson today finding out which vehicle travels the furthest down the ramp. Our Year 2 children have enjoyed a local history walk into Salisbury too.

Everyone who attended had a great time at the School Disco last night – it was lovely to see the children having fun and dancing around together. Thank you so much to the HSA members for organising these events and opportunities for the children and also a big thank you to the volunteers who helped and supported the event.

There is a certain chill in the air today... winter is on its way! We hope you have a lovely weekend and manage to stay warm. 😊

Menu for week beginning 27th November:

Monday	Cottage Pie or Meat-free Hot Dog with Diced Potatoes and Veg Dessert: Yoghurt and Fruit
Tuesday	Chicken Nuggets with Diced Potatoes or Vegetable Lasagne Dessert: Apple Flapjack
Wednesday	Ham Carbonara or Pizza with Crinkle Cut Wedges Dessert: Fruit and Jelly
Thursday	Roast Chicken or Vegetable Pastry Crown, Yorkshire Pud and Veg Dessert: Victoria Sponge
Friday	Fish and Chips or Cheese and Potato Frittata and Vegetables Dessert: Jumble Biscuit

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Ivy – Ladybirds, Evelyn – Hedgehog, Scarlett – Robin, Harry – Bee, Lucas – Woodpecker, Szymon – Squirrel, Arlo – Dragonfly, Scarlett – Badger, Louie – Badger and Mae – Owl. The Sports Award was won by Rocco – Owls. 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 email inbox carefully.

Children in Need

Thank you for the kind donations for Children in Need last week. The families of Harnham Infant School have raised £153.50, which will make it's way off to support this amazing charity. Thank you! 😊

Plea from Year 2:

Year 2 are in need of more boxes to build their Tudor Houses next week. If any families have any boxes that they don't mind bringing in the school, in a range of sizes, the year 2 team would be very grateful.

Advance notice – Year 2 change of Forest School Day

Year 2 will not be doing Forest School on Friday 8th December as it is Christmas Jumper Day and there is a Stay and... event for parents. The year 2 children will have Forest School on Tuesday 5th December instead. Please send the children to school in their Forest School clothes on this day. Long hair will also need to be tied back as the children will be having a fire on this day. Thank you.

Can you help?

Miss Greenough is asking for donations of old blankets, sheets and quilt covers that could be donated to Forest School to be used for Den Building week beginning 4th December. Thank you for your help.

Affordable schools

Earlier this week, Mrs Pike sent out an email regarding our journey to becoming an 'Affordable School' which is an initiative launched by Wiltshire Council to make schools as cost-friendly as possible for parents. The email requested that parents complete a short survey, found using this QR code above. If you are yet to have your say, please do complete this. The survey will close on Friday 1st December. Thank you for your help.



Forest School Reminder:

We do like to go out whatever the weather to use our Forest School provision. As the weather starts to get colder, please remember additional layers of warm clothing for your children on this day. They may also benefit from having an extra pair of gloves, a hat and a scarf in their Forest School kit bag. Thank you!

Parent Governors Needed:

We currently have some vacancies for new Parent Governors, information about which has been sent out. Please may all applications be in by Friday 1st December. We would love to have a full complement at our Governing Body Meetings as we all work towards our school improvement priorities. Thank you in advance for your support.

FUEL – Free Holiday Club for Children



If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, you will have received an email and video message from Mrs Pike earlier this week about an opportunity for your child to attend the FREE Holiday Club in the Christmas Holidays. This is being held at Sarum Academy and will include a variety of activities including arts and crafts, STEM activities and a cooked meal each day. You can find out more and book your child's place by following this link:

<https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/fuelprogramme>

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	
29.11.23	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas Fair contribution
8.12.23	HSA Christmas Fair – details to follow
18.12.23	HSA Christmas Movie Night – details to follow
EYFS	
6.12.23 and 7.12.23	Nativity Performance for Parents
Year 1	
13.12.23	Trip to see Father Christmas at The Berry Theatre, Eastleigh – letter sent
Year 2	
8.12.23, 2.30pm	Open Classroom to see Tudor Houses

Non-Uniform Day:

Don't forget that there is a non-uniform day on Wednesday 29th November in exchange for bringing an item to school for the Christmas Fair. Please see the poster for details.



FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER • 3.15-5.30PM
HARNHAM INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are SO excited to be hosting the Christmas Fair! This is a fun packed after school event full of festive fun and cheer to be had by all ages!

STALLS INCLUDE

Present Wrapping Room • Tombola • Lucky Dip • Raffle
Festive Games • Refreshments • Festive fun for all!

CASH ONLY!
SO DON'T FORGET
YOUR COINS!

We will also be asking for donations of varying items, so keep a look-out for these requests popping up from us!



We will need a team of willing volunteers behind the scenes and on the day to help make the Christmas Fair go smoothly, if you wish to help, please email: HSAeventscoordination@gmail.com

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefer and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Goshwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2016, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



Source: <https://www.theverge.com/2020/10/22/2183343/roblox-over-half-of-us-kids-are-playing-virtual-parties-for-the>
<https://csp.roblox.com/parents/>

In the Community:

Here is the link to the Raring to Go Community Magazine:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/salisbury/winter2023/>

The advertisement is for Spurgeons' Amazon Wishlist. It features a background image of children in Santa hats. The Spurgeons logo is in the top right corner. The text 'amazon wishlist' is written diagonally across the middle. The main message is 'Make a Christmas dream come true for a family in your community by donating a gift through our Amazon Wishlist'. Below this, it says 'Simply scan the QR code below to make your gift selection for a family in Wiltshire'. There are two QR codes, one for 'East Wiltshire families' and one for 'West Wiltshire families'. The background is decorated with stars.

Spurgeons
Together with families

amazon wishlist

Thank you from all of us at Wiltshire Children's Centres

Make a Christmas dream come true for a family in your community by donating a gift through our Amazon Wishlist

Simply scan the QR code below to make your gift selection for a family in Wiltshire

East Wiltshire families



West Wiltshire families





Come and join us at Harnham Social club for some Christmas festivities!

Sunday 17TH December

11.00am - 3pm

£5.00 per ticket

Write a letter to Santa and decorate a biscuit in Mrs Claus's kitchen.

Santa will be waiting to see you in his grotto.

Please let us know of any allergies in advance.

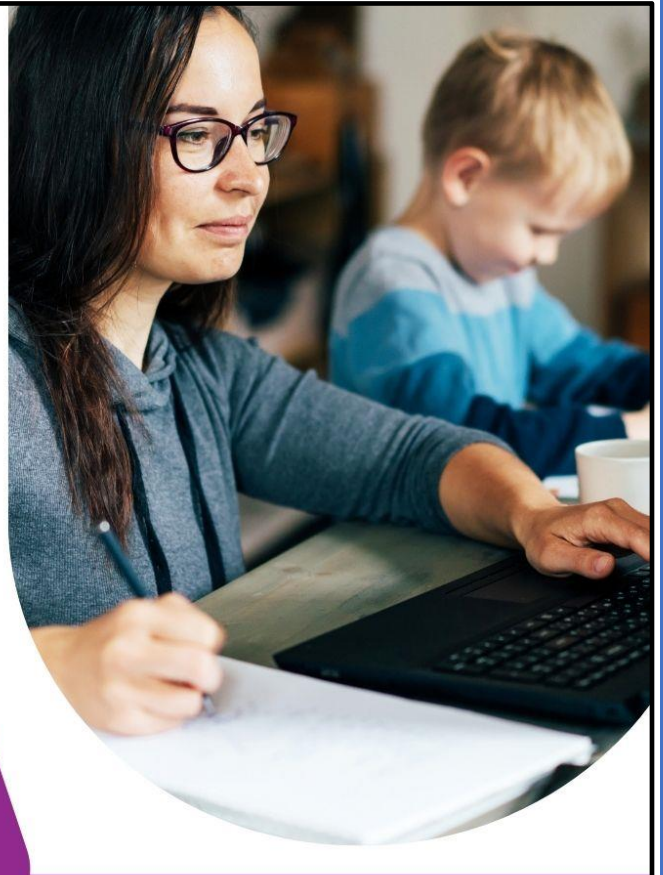
Scan the QR code to book your slot and pay by cash only on the day.



Santa

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Are you a parent at a Wiltshire school? Then you can learn about Spreadsheets / Excel for free.



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Cost : **£0**

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using the
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throughout the area.

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Salisbury & South Wilts

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Wednesday
6th
December
2023

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Road, Salisbury and
various other
locations
throughout the
area.

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QUEST**

Salisbury and South Wilts
Scouts

***Locations where cards can be delivered:**

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Confidence Building Fun

Try a Free Drama Class

— This is a fab class!
It was mentioned at
Katie's parents' evening
that her confidence
in class seems to
have grown so I am
delighted. Jane Spurgeon



Try Perform for free and claim a £40 discount

Today, your child took part in a Perform drama, dance and singing workshop – a unique mix of activities designed to bring out every child's true potential.

Our small classes ensure lots of individual attention by our experienced teachers – hand-picked for their warmth, energy and professionalism. They'll focus on your child's engagement in the activities rather than their precision, and be with them every step of the way to guide, inspire and encourage.

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Perform Salisbury

Wednesdays at 4pm
Harnham Church Hall, Lower Street, Harnham, Salisbury, SP2 8EY

Perform Romsey

Tuesdays at 4pm
United Abbey Reform Church, The Abbey Hall, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 8EL

Perform Andover

Mondays at 4pm
Andover Leisure Centre, West Street, Andover, Hampshire, SP10 1QP

Perform Chandlers Ford

Mondays at 4pm
Chandlers Ford Methodist Church, Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, SO53 2GJ

Perform Southampton

Wednesdays at 4pm and 5.05pm
Highfield Church Centre, Highfield Lane, Highfield, Southampton, SO17 1RL

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EXPIRY DATE

30-Nov-23

The discount code cannot be applied retrospectively. Visit perform.org.uk for full terms and conditions.

020 7255 9120



Harnham Community Network

Christmas Sharing Table

Saturday 2nd December

10am till Noon

Harnham Parish Hall - Lower St

**Cards - Decorations - Gifts
Mistletoe - Wrapping Paper
ALL Things Christmas!**

**Bring what you can spare and
take what you need
All Free... Just sharing!**

**Get in touch at
harnhamcommunity@gmail.com**

Wiltshire Council Warm Spaces

Our libraries providing you with warm and friendly welcome this winter

Wiltshire Council libraries have officially become warm spaces, providing a warm and friendly welcome to support anyone who needs help through the cost of living crisis.

Of course, Wiltshire libraries are open to the public throughout the year, but now anyone is welcome to drop-in to any library in the county during the usual opening hours to have a sit down, pick up some useful information, take part in activities and enjoy a friendly chat with staff should they need it.

What's available at our library warm spaces?

Working with Warm and Safe Wiltshire and The Rural Communities Energy Support Network, our friendly library staff will be able to assist residents seeking basic energy advice and make referrals to experienced energy advisors in all but our smallest libraries. All libraries will be able to signpost people to community partners and agencies that can support people through the rising cost of living.

Libraries are offering warm packs (including a scarf, thermal hat and gloves, fleece blanket, a hot water bottle with a cover and a [Worrying about money: Wiltshire](#) (opens new window) leaflet) for anyone who would benefit from some free essentials. Working with local community partners to reach the most vulnerable, libraries are also offering an enhanced offer of heated throws and radiator reflectors. All the other usual [library facilities](#) will be available too, including free access to books, newspapers, computer facilities, digital support, and tables for anyone who needs to do some quiet work. Libraries are also continuing to provide a [Home library service](#) for people who are housebound or who struggle to get to the library. If anyone is interested in this service, they should contact their [local library](#).

Find out more: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6829/Wiltshire-Council-warm-spaces>