



HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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Welcome:

We would like to extend a warm welcome again for both new and returning families to Harnham Infant School. It is always an exciting time – the start of a new academic year! The shine of the new shoes on the children, the smiles on their faces to be back with their friends and their enthusiasm for what learning journey they are going to go on over the next six terms have certainly been the highlights. It has been a great first week!

Teachers and Teaching Assistants are building strong relationships with their new classes already and everyone is settling well to their new environment too. We are really looking forward to working closely with you over the course of the year to ensure the best possible education and outcomes for your children.

Good news:



We are sure you would like to join us in sending huge congratulations to Miss Spellar, her partner and new big brother, Ramsey, on the safe arrival of Fyfe Alfred Miller who was born on Friday 1st September at 7.51am. We are pleased to report that everyone is well and enjoying life as a family of four.

Congratulations are also extended to Mrs Kinder (formally Miss Butler) and her new husband who were married in the summer holidays. We sincerely wish them a lifetime of happiness together as Mr and Mrs!



What great news to start the new academic year!

Seesaw Codes:

Your child will have brought home with them this week a code to log in and access your child's individual Seesaw account. The class teachers will use this platform to send you a weekly blog about the key learning in class through the week, plus follow-up ideas for things you can do to support your child at home. They will also share some photographs with you too.

Parents are also able to share things from home with the class teacher if they would like to e.g. If you need another code or any support with logging in, please do come and ask.

Snacks:

Thank you for your support in sending in a snack from home for the first few days. Our fruit and vegetable deliveries have now started up again, so parents do not need to provide a healthy snack from home for breaktime anymore.

Messages from Year 1:

Please may children bring in materials for junk modelling from home to use in class?

Also, please check your child's Seesaw account for requests from the class teachers of things children might like to bring in from home to enhance their learning for the new 'Belonging' topic. Thank you!

Request from Year 2:

Please may children bring in milk bottles, squash bottles or drinks bottles (empty and washed) to make their own mini bug hotels at forest school next week? Thank you!

Menu for week beginning 11th September:

Monday	Sausages & Mash or Vegetable Goujons and Diced Potatoes with Veg Dessert: Ice Cream
Tuesday	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry and Rice or Cheeseburger with Wedges Dessert: Shortbread
Wednesday	Ham Carbonara or Pizza with Diced Potatoes and Vegetables Dessert: Trifle
Thursday	Roast Beef or Quorn Pieces & Yorkshire Pud, Potatoes & Veg Dessert: Chocolate Pudding
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetable Quiche Dessert: Banana Flapjack

Pupil Premium Grant – does your family qualify?

Is your family in receipt of one of the following benefits?

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

If so, please apply for the Pupil Premium Grant (confusingly also known as Free School Meals; but has no impact on every child receiving a free school meal at Infant School). The school will then receive a ring-fenced pot of money to support your child. This means we can pay for things like uniform, school trips, clubs, offer financial support for lunches in the school holidays and other activities too.

You can apply online by clicking this link:

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Pupil Premium Lead, Mrs Pike; lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

RAAC – Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete:

We received the following message from Wiltshire Council:

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

The Department for Education (DfE) has engaged with all school responsible bodies on the issues of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). They have asked all responsible bodies (Local Authorities for maintained schools, Academy Trusts, and the relevant Diocese for VA schools) to assess their schools for the presence of RAAC. **The Council has therefore assessed maintained school buildings and has found no RAAC present.** In a very small number of cases, we have procured an external surveyor to also visit to confirm our initial assessment and you will already have been contacted by us regarding this visit if it applies to your school.

We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our maintained school buildings and therefore we have not been asked to close any areas or schools. The change in DfE guidance is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed.

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

Harnham Schools Association (HSA):

The HSA met this week to start discussing fundraising initiatives for this academic year. This starts with a family event, Chocolate Bingo on Friday 29th September. There are some posters below giving further information. We do hope you will join us!

In order to raise chocolate for prizes at the bingo, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd September.

As ever, we are so grateful to the HSA for their support, time and energy in order to raise vital funds for both schools.



• FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023 •

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

PLEASE BRING IN A CHOCOLATE ITEM TO DONATE TO THE CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT

This could be a single bar or a box of chocolates, whatever you can spare, **BUT IT MUST BE NUT FREE**. Dairy free items welcomed too!

HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

CHARITY NUMBER 107886
HSA
HARNHAM SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION
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Forest School:

Just a reminder about Forest School sessions. Children will need to come to school in their Forest School clothes on their allocated day. Long sleeves and covered legs are essential and children will be taking part in learning outside all day.

EYFS	Thursday (starting 14 th September)
Year 1	Monday (starting 11 th September)
Year 2	Friday

Dates for your diaries:

In the next week or so, a full calendar of events for the academic year will be sent out giving as much notice for as many dates as possible. In the meantime, here are some important things coming up over the next few weeks:

Whole School	
22.9.23	Non-Uniform Day – please bring in some chocolate. See poster above.
29.9.23	Rights Respecting Schools Day – further information to follow
29.9.23	HSA Chocolate Bingo – family event. See poster below for details.
EYFS	
26.9.23, 3.30pm	Meet the teacher
10.10.23, 2.15pm	Stay and... play!
Year 1	
14.9.23, 3.30pm	Meet the teacher
13.10.23, 9.15am	Stay and... explore!
Year 2	
13.9.23, 3.30pm	Meet the teacher
27.9.23, 9.15am	Stay and... Be an Eco-Warrior!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THIS FAMILY FUN-RAISER

CHOCOLATE BINGO!

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• FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023 •
HARNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL
 DOORS OPEN 5.45pm | EYES DOWN AT 6.15pm | BINGO ENDS 8.30pm

£3 per person – includes a Bingo Book (6 games)
 additional Bingo Books may be purchased on the night

PRE-BOOKING ONLY – LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!
 BOOK EARLY VIA THE SCHOOLS PAYMENT APPS!
 Please only book via one school payment app for your entire family

CASH ONLY!
 SO DON'T FORGET YOUR COINS!

BAR & TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE
 SERVING ALCOHOLIC & SOFT DRINKS AND SNACKS
 YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN FOOD BUT WE HAVE A ZERO NUTS POLICY

WE NEED YOUR CHOCOLATE DONATIONS PLEASE!
 Both schools will be holding a non school uniform day on Friday 22nd September in exchange for a chocolate item – this could be a single bar or a box of chocolates, whatever you can spare, **BUT IT MUST BE NUT FREE.** Dairy free items welcomed too!
*We will hopefully be able to offer cashless payments on the night, but there is no guarantee

In the Community:

Calling all young chefs!

As part of **Taste Salisbury** this year, we are excited to welcome star of CBBC (*What's Cooking Omari* and *Meet the McQueens*), chef and author, **Omari McQueen** to our city.

Omari is on a mission to transform the way we think about food. A truly inspirational 15-year-old, Omari has taken the world by storm with his passion for food and unwavering commitment to making a positive impact. Not only is he a TV and internet sensation, but has authored two best-selling vegan cookbooks, with a third title due for release this summer.

Join Omari as he cooks locally sourced ingredients, and shares a few of the secrets of his success on **Saturday 30th September** at 2pm.

Tickets £6, available [here](#)

Full Festival line-up and to book tickets please see <https://www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk/what-s-on/taste-salisbury-2023/>

Wiltshire PCC – Check it Out – Design a Logo Competition:



For the Check it Out website
It's competition time!

#wiltshirepolice and the #wiltshireandswindonpcc are running a month-long design a logo competition during the month of September 2023.

This month, they would like young people aged 5 – 18, to design a LOGO for the Check It Out website

Have you got super doodle powers to create a logo? Or just love drawing, colouring or painting, whatever you like to do – please send in your logo design ideas, for the Check It Out Website.

1st place prize is a £50 Lifestyle Voucher

1st runner up - £25 voucher Amazon Voucher

2nd runner up - £25 voucher One4All Voucher

How to Apply:

Once you have designed and completed your logo, email your entry to: SwindonYouth@wiltshire.police.uk

Entries after the end of September will not be counted.

You must be aged 5 – 18 to take part in the competition. To collect your prize, you may be asked to verify your age.

Once all entries are in, the winner will be chosen by our Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Commission Group. Good luck and we can't wait to see the artwork of young people, in Swindon and Wiltshire!

Website links

[Wiltshire PCC - Check It Out](#)

Children's Centres Update:

A separate document with details of all the current courses with the children's centres is attached to the email containing this newsletter. You can also find further information via the QR code here or see [Course Timetable - Wiltshire Children's Centres \(wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk\)](#)



Course Dates September
to December 2023

Request your place: 0800 970 4669

