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Newsletter 4

Friday 29th September 2023

We hope that you have all had a great week and that your child is fully settled into their new year groups and routines now. It has been another busy week of fun and learning across the school with so much happening which is exciting and engaging. Year 2 are on their journey to becoming eco-warriors by learning about plastic and why this is such a problem. In Year 1, the children have been comparing what they can do now that they could not do when they were babies and toddlers. Our youngest learners in Early Years have been playing lots of listening games, as well as painting, music and 'squiggling while they are wiggling!'

Have a lovely weekend and hope those who are able to make it enjoy the Chocolate Bingo event this evening.

Blogs

Please remember that each class teacher writes a weekly blog entry on Seesaw for you. Here you can find details of the children's learning from the week, along with some photographs and ideas for home. Don't forget you can upload things from home for the class teacher too. 😊

Menu for week beginning 2nd October:

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	Chicken Nuggets and Chips or Tomato Pasta with Vegetables Dessert: Biscuit
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetable Quiche Dessert: Banana Flapjack

Celebration Assembly – Friday 29th September

We had our first Celebration Assembly this afternoon of the academic year. Congratulations to Lyra – Ladybird, Persephone – Robin, Alexander – Hedgehog, Isla – Bee, Josie – Woodpecker, Harrison – Dragonfly, Aila – Owl and Elsie – Badger. The Sports Award was won by Matilda – Squirrels. 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. We look forward to celebrating with more children and their parents next week.

Growth Mindset

Every Monday morning, the school week begins with a Growth Mindset assembly with Miss Dorrington. In our last parent survey, some parents commented that they miss seeing the growth mindset assembly (as during lockdown Miss Dorrington recorded them and sent out). We feel that it would be too time consuming to record the assembly every week, instead, Miss Dorrington is going to record a small video each week, which describes the key messages from the assembly so that you can use the same language with your children at home. These videos will be posted on the school website and your seesaw accounts. We hope that you will find this useful.

Year 2 Forest School next week

Please may **Year 2 children come to school in their school uniform next Friday 6th October** due to the individual school photographs? Children will need to **bring their Forest School clothes** to school with them to change into once they have had their photographs taken. Thank you.

NHS – Is my child too ill for school?

We recognise it can be confusing to know when it is ok to send your child to school if they are a little under the weather and when they need to stay at home. This helpful guide from the NHS goes through common childhood illnesses, whether you need to keep your child off school and what medical treatment may be needed. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Badger Class – Dojo Reward

The Badgers have reached their first 1000 dojos and have voted on bringing in a toy of their choice. Please check whether your child has chosen an appropriate toy for this day. The children have been told to bring in a toy no bigger than a ruler (30cm) and one that they don't mind getting dirty as we never know what happens at school! This will be happening on **Tuesday 3rd October 2023**.

Census

We are sure you have heard in the media about the current climate of difficulty with regard to school funding cuts. One of the ways the government uses to determine how much money is given to a school budget is by how many children take up a school dinner on Census Day in the Autumn Term. Therefore, it would greatly help us if your child was to have a school dinner on Thursday 5th October. In order to encourage and facilitate this, there is a menu change on this day. The choice will be either Chicken Nuggets and Chips or Tomato Pasta. Please may we ask you to order a school dinner for your child on this day. Thank you for your support with this.

Volunteering

On Monday this week, a letter from Mrs Pike came out for parents, grandparents and community members who would like to volunteer to support the children in our school. If you would like to be a volunteer, please respond to the survey by clicking the link in the letter or via this QR code. Please may all responses be in by **Monday 2nd October**. Thank you.



RRS letter

Today, a letter from Mrs Thom has been sent out about Harnham Infant School becoming a Rights Respecting School. She has also uploaded a video for you to your child's Seesaw account. Please do have a look and a listen carefully to the information. We have already been awarded the Bronze Award for our commitment to being a Rights Respecting School – this is great news, thank you to Mrs Thom for organising this. 😊

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Update:

If your child is currently on the SEND register at our school, next week you will be receiving a letter which outlines what support is currently in place for your child in the classroom. This aim of this is to ensure that parents are kept fully informed at all times.

Additional letters may be sent home to parents whose children are not on the SEN register but where the class teacher has noticed that your child may need some extra help at school, for example through interventions such as additional reading or social skills groups.

These letters are not intended to cause any alarm but, as always, if you have any questions about any aspect of SEND, please contact Mrs Pike, our SENDCo. lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk There will also be an opportunity to discuss this with class teachers at the upcoming Parent Consultation Evenings too.

Lost Property

Our collection of lost property seems to be growing again. Please may you check that all of your child's belongings are named? This is so important so that we can return things when they get lost. Thank you for your help.

Free School Meals – October Half Term

If your child is in receipt of the pupil premium grant, they will be eligible to receive a voucher for the equivalent to free school meals in the half term holiday. For October, each eligible child will receive a supermarket voucher for £20. This will be sent to families via email before the end of term.

Think you may be eligible?

If your family is in receipt of certain benefits listed here, they may be eligible to receive the vouchers in the school holidays. To find out more and apply, click on this link:

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

If you have any questions at all, you can contact Mrs Pike, our Pupil Premium Leader via email

lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Salisbury Foodbank

*In 2023 Salisbury foodbank has experienced demand to our service beyond anything we have seen in previous years. **130% increase in demand vs 2021.** Whilst the community have been amazing at supporting us with increased donations, we are sending out approximately two tonnes more stock each month than we are receiving in.*

This week, we welcomed Maria from Salisbury Foodbank to lead our assembly as part of their Harvest time appeal. At Harnham Infant School, we would like to play our part in the community by taking up a collection of items to support Salisbury Foodbank. You can find a list here of all of the items that Salisbury Foodbank are currently in need of. If your family is able, please do send in a contribution to school to add to our collection. Please may all donations be in school by Friday 13th October? Thank you for your support.

Conversely, if your family is struggling with having enough food, please do reach out to us requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk so that we can offer help and support.

Parents Evening

Today, letters were sent out to individual classes with details about the upcoming Parent Consultation Evenings. Please check your email inboxes carefully for this and to find the link to request your appointment slot. If you have siblings in the school, you will need to complete this for each child and we will ensure your appointments don't clash. Please may you respond by Friday 6th October. Thank you.

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



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- ** LONG LIFE MILK
- ** LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- ** TINNED FRUIT
- ** TINNED SOUP
- ** SIZE 5 NAPPIES
- * SPONGE PUDDINGS
- * INSTANT MASH
- * PACKET PUDDINGS/ANGEL DELIGHT
- PASTA
- PASTA SAUCE
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD
- TINNED MEAT / TINNED VEGGIE MEALS
- SNACKS
- TINNED POTATOES
- CHOCOLATE
- SUNTAN LOTION
- COFFEE



Dates for your diaries:

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

Whole School	
5.10.23	Census Day
6.10.23	Individual Photographs and sibling groups after school
13.10.23, 3.05pm	New2You – Uniform Sale
16.10.23 and 17.10.23	Parents Consultation Evenings – please see separate letter sent out.
EYFS	
10.10.23, 2.15pm	Stay and... play!
Year 1	
13.10.23, 9.15am	Stay and... explore!

Congratulations to Aila!



In the summer holidays, Aila in Year 2 decided to set up her own eco event in order to raise money for Surfers Against Sewage (SAS). She decided to set up a café in front garden to sell organic plant based cakes and tea and coffee. All plastic free too! Aila invited her neighbours and friends and raised an incredible £102 for this charity. You can see some photos of the event above, along with the letter she wrote to SAS, who were very grateful for her support.

As Aila's mum reminded us; small people are powerful! Well done Aila!

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**FRIDAY
13TH OCTOBER
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, Wellie 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!



14 WAYS TO BE KIND ONLINE

Showing kindness online can mean so much to someone else. It is a choice we can all make that helps others, puts people's needs before our own and which can generate feelings of empathy and compassion. Small gestures can have a large impact and often one act of kindness can lead to more, making the world a happier and more positive place. That's why we've created this guide to suggest a few simple 'acts of kindness online' that can benefit people's mental health, support their wellbeing and encourage a more positive approach to engaging online.

1. BE POSITIVE

Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten up someone else's day.

2. OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes a friend or family member might post a question online or ask for help with something they can't do themselves. If you know the answer or are able to offer help, provide support and send a response. Something that may be easy for you might be difficult for someone else.

3. SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS

If somebody you know has done something good or shown kindness themselves, thank them for it. It costs nothing and showing them that you appreciate it means so much.

4. SHARE FUNNY VIDEOS OR IMAGES WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

We often come across funny videos or images online that make us laugh and then we move on. If you found it funny, your friends and family might too. It could help someone smile who may be having a bad day.



5. LIKE, LOVE & CELEBRATE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, like it, love it or celebrate it! It's a small gesture but could mean a lot.

6. VIDEO CALL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

It can be easy to be consumed by daily routine. Using apps like Zoom, FaceTime or WhatsApp are great for connecting with others far away and shows you're thinking of them even though you can't physically meet them in person.



7. TELL SOMEONE YOU'RE THINKING OF THEM

We can't always tell how people are feeling online and just dropping somebody a message to ask if they're ok or that you're thinking of them could literally make their day.

8. SHARE POSITIVE POSTS

If you see something online that inspires you, share it with people you know. An inspirational quote, a beautiful photo or a motivational video can lift spirits, improve self-esteem and help make people feel better about themselves.

9. HOST AN ONLINE QUIZ

Video conferencing apps are a great way to get friends and family together. If you know someone who is feeling lonely, host an online quiz and invite them to join in. It could really cheer them up.

10. THINK BEFORE YOU COMMENT

Sometimes thinking before you act can be just as significant as acting in the first place. Showing thought before you comment could stop you posting something hurtful, offensive or negative. It's always better to post positively or post nothing at all.

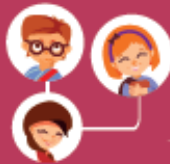
11. BE COMPASSIONATE & UNDERSTANDING

Being empathetic towards others and their situation is often an act of kindness and selflessness that gets overlooked. If you notice someone who is upset, drop them a message and offer to listen.



12. CONNECT FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS

You may know two people amongst your friends and family who you trust and know well who have similar interests and likes. Introducing them can be a great way for them to make new friends but remember to always ask their permission first.



13. RECOMMEND SOMETHING YOU ENJOY DOING TO OTHERS

If you enjoy doing something online, such as playing a game, or if you've found a great learning resource, share it with others. Even if you've watched a good film, letting others know can be an act of generosity that brings them excitement or pleasure at a time when they might need it the most.



Meet our expert

This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



14. PRAISE OTHERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Sometimes your friends or family might post something online that they're proud to have done. It might be an exam they've passed, learning a new skill or just completing a task. Either way, it's always kind to recognise hard work and effort through praise and celebration.



In the Community:

Update from the Children's Centre:

We still have a few spaces on our virtual five to thrive sessions starting tomorrow. Please use the attached poster to promote with any families that might be interested.

We'd also like to remind families that they can claim their free healthy start vitamins from any Spurgeons Wiltshire children's centre. Families can submit an application to the Healthy start scheme for vitamins and food vouchers here if they are pregnant or have a 0-5 year old (eligibility criteria apply): [How to apply – Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#). Our family support worker team is on hand to support families with the application process if needed, please just give us a call on 0800 970 4669.

As always for more information on any of our services please take a look at our website [Ask for Help - Wiltshire Children's Centres \(wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk\)](#) or give us a call on 0800 970 4669.

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Five To Thrive

Join us online for fun filled practical sessions where we can share ideas to develop the positive connection between you and your child.

For more information or to book a space contact the children's centre central line on: 0800 970 4669
www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

Join us online via Microsoft Teams

Friday 29th September - Friday 20th October 2023

1.00pm - 2.00pm

1:1 support available to join online sessions

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FINAL CALL: PERFORMING ARTS TWO WEEK TRIALS - ENROLLING NOW (4-18 years)

Stagecoach Performing Arts Salisbury and Amesbury are excited to get the Autumn Term underway! We offer classes for 4-18 year olds on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and we would love to welcome new children to our classes to take part in a two week trial to see first hand what we are about. We have ten different weekly sessions available and all session details can be found on our website www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury

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Do you have a child in primary education (ages 4-11)?



We want to hear your views!

We want to understand your views and responses to school physical activity data, and the factors you believe influence school-based physical activity.

If you are interested please follow the link or QR code for more information.

If you would like more information please contact gw597@bath.ac.uk