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Newsletter 21

Friday 8th March 2024

It's Friday again and the end of another busy and exciting week at Harnham Infant School. On Tuesday, the Curriculum Committee of governors met to discuss various aspects of our school development including safeguarding, curriculum, assessment and inclusion. The governors also had a look through some children's books and were able to see the progress being made throughout the school. We have also had a meeting with Harnham Junior School to discuss our involvement in Wiltshire Council's Affordable Schools programme and how we can work together across the site to ensure that schools are not asking too much from our parents in these financially challenging times. Both schools have carried out some surveys and we look forward to sharing the outcomes of these with you soon. Today, Year 2 have been on a school trip to Old Sarum as part of the learning about Castles, which was a great success. Please make sure you check your child's Seesaw for blog updates and photographs from the class teachers.



The main event of the week though must be given over to World Book Day yesterday! The children looked incredible in their costumes as they enjoyed celebrating reading for pleasure. Our Year 2 children took their favourite books over to Harnham Junior School to pair up with a Year 5 buddy and share a story together. They were also able to go around the school with their buddies to have a look at how the classroom doors had been decorated to look like a well-known book. We would like to thank our junior colleagues for inviting us; the children had a lovely time. Here are a few photographs for you to enjoy.



Menu for week beginning 11th March:

Monday	Tomato Pasta or Veggie Goujons 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

Dojo Rewards

Congratulations to the Hedgehog Class who have reached their next 1,000 dojo point milestone. The Hedgehogs have chosen to have a pyjama and teddy day on Friday 15th March. Well done Hedgehogs!

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Arlo – Ladybirds, Alessia – Hedgehog, Ishan – Robin, Ellis – Woodpecker, Oscar – Squirrel, Olivia – Bee, Henry – Dragonfly, Rocco – Owl and Bradley – Badger. The Sports Award was won by Isla – 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.

Year 2 Castle Day – Thursday 28th March

Year 2 are taking part in castle-themed activities on Thursday 28th March. Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress – either castle-based outfits such as knights, princesses, kings, horses, queens, even dragons or party clothes if you prefer an alternative. Thank you for your help.

Reminder from the School Office

Please don't forget that if you move house or change telephone number or email addresses, you must inform the school office so that we have the correct contact details for you. This is for all of your emergency contacts too. If your child attends Breakfast or After School Club, you will also need to let Miss Lisa know. If you have any questions about this or want to check any details that we have on file, please pop to the school office where we would be happy to help. You can also send a message of any changes through the School Gateway App. Thank you.

Free School Meals in the Easter Holidays

For children who receive the Pupil Premium Funding, Wiltshire Council are again going to be funding Supermarket vouchers in the school holidays to support with mealtimes while the children are off school. This will be to the value of £15.00 per week so a total of £30.00 for the school holidays will be sent to your email inbox.

If you have any questions about this or would like to know if your family are eligible, please contact Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

SEND Review Meetings

Mrs Pike and the class teachers have been busy meeting with parents this week to discuss progress of children who are on the school's SEN register. These meetings have been really positive. For parents who attended these meetings, please do not feel that you need to make an appointment at Parents Evening too as this is coming up very soon and would be a repeat of much of the information already shared. However, we will still ensure the children's books are available for you to look at during these evenings if you would like to.

Careers Week Inspiration

This week is national careers week and during assembly on Monday, Miss Dorrington spoke to the whole school about different careers. This week the focus was on the job of an archaeologist. Although we appreciate that the children will not be applying for jobs any time soon, it is never too soon to start broadening the children's understanding and developing their aspirations for life. Our ambition is for all children to believe that they can achieve anything they want and be anything they wish to be.

To support us in developing the children's understanding of the career options available to them, Miss Dorrington will be focussing on different careers over the next couple of terms. If you would be available on a Monday morning between 9 and 9.30am to talk to the children about your job (Miss Dorrington will be there to support you during the assembly), then please could you sign up on the clubs section of the School Gateway App. We would be delighted to welcome you!

FUEL – Easter Holiday Programme

If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Funding, you will have received an email and a video message today from Mrs Pike about the Holiday Club being provided for your child, free of charge in the Easter holidays. It is being run Monday 8th to Thursday 11th April, 10.00am to 2.00pm at Sarum Academy. Booking is now open and closes on 27th March. You can find out more information here:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure/fuel-programme>



Sponsored Reading Challenge

As part of our recent Book Week, Mrs Sowerby set the children a challenge of completing a Sponsored Read in order to raise funds to purchase some books to support our topic learning across the school. We are so thrilled with the support that this has generated as together we have raised £890.70. Along with a further discount from Usborne, we will be able to spend over £1000 on new books to inspire the children's learning.

Everyone who took part will receive a certificate. **THANK YOU** to the families and friends who have been so generous in their sponsorship donations. We are very grateful.

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.



The Big Easter Appeal

We are taking part in the Big Easter Appeal at Harnham Infant School. Please bring any donations to school by Friday 22nd March and we will deliver them to a collection point to support the campaign. 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.



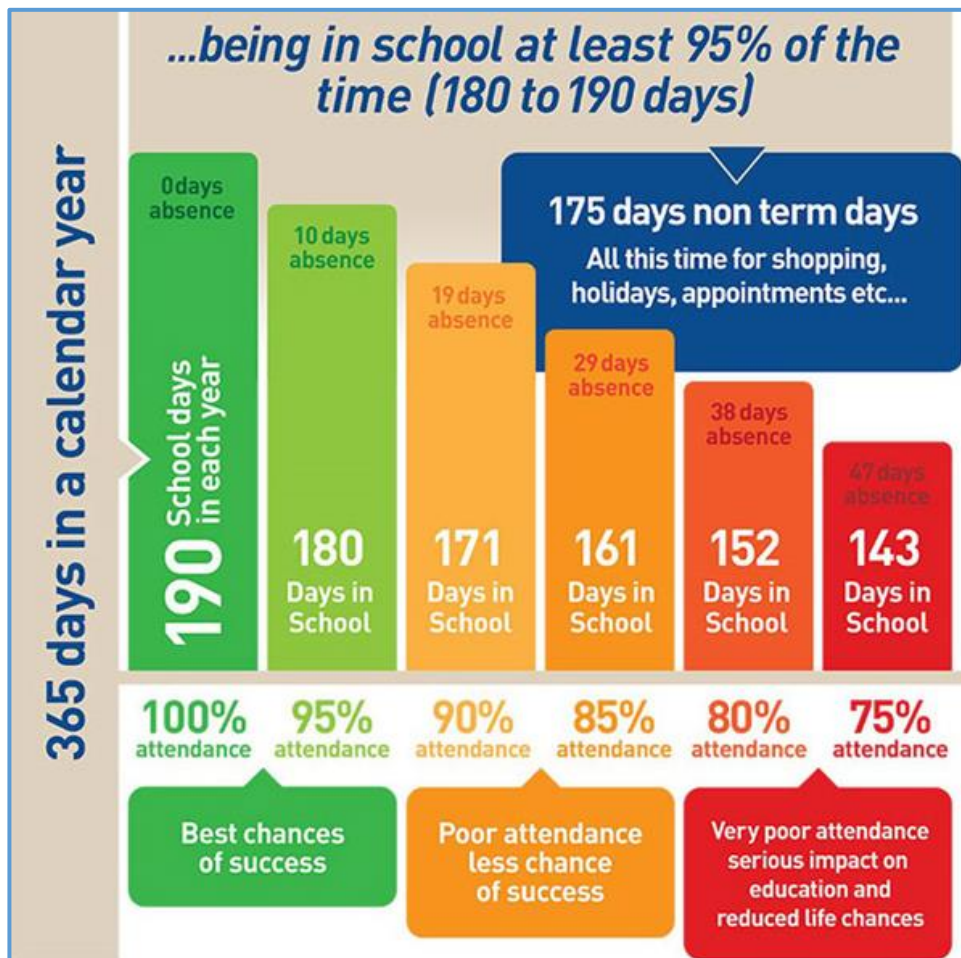
You can contact her by email psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk or by telephone 07595217569

Dates for your diaries:

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

Whole School	
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	
14.3.24	HSA School Disco
Year 2	
14.3.24	HSA School Disco

Attendance



Health Matters

In the email that was sent containing this newsletter, there is a letter from the UK Health Security Agency regarding preventing infections. Please do take some time to read this carefully.

HSA School Disco

Don't forget this event is happening next week for children in year 1 and year 2. If you would like your child to attend, please book using the School Gateway App. The option to book will be closed on Thursday 14th March at 4.00pm. This will allow time for us to create registers of who we are expecting to attend, any allergies or medical needs etc. Thank you.



The poster features a central image of a glowing disco ball against a dark background with colorful bokeh lights. In the top left corner is the HSA logo with the text 'HARNHAM SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION' and 'RAISING MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOLS'. In the top right corner is the 'Disco Dion' logo with the website 'www.discodion.co.uk'. The word 'DISCO' is written in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters across the middle. Below it, a purple banner contains the text 'WITH THE ONE AND ONLY DISCO DION!'.

• 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
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• 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.

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	 <p>NO MOBILE PHONES</p>
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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

NEW 2YOU

Quality pre-loved school uniform
at prices that you will love

NEXT SALE DATE

**TUESDAY
19TH MARCH
AFTER SCHOOL**

**BOUGHT TO YOU
ON BEHALF OF**



**PLEASE NOTE
CASH
ONLY**

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!

10 Top Tips for Respect Online: INSPIRING CHILDREN TO BUILD A BETTER DIGITAL WORLD

Our ability to communicate with anyone in the world, at any time, via the internet has grown at breakneck speed. For teachers and parents, it can feel impossible to keep up. Worrying about our young people is understandable, and not unjustified: in 2020, for example, one in five 10- to 15-year-olds experienced bullying online. Our tips highlight ways that adults can support young people's positive online behaviours: by adopting and following 'netiquette', we can show them how to avoid getting into difficulty as they learn to negotiate the continually evolving digital landscape.

WHAT IS NETIQUETTE?

Just like etiquette is a set of rules which guides and governs our interactions with others in everyday life, netiquette – etiquette on the net – is the framework which helps inform how we communicate with people online. The rules of engagement often aren't the same as a face-to-face meeting, so it's important that we can accurately 'read' situations in the digital world and know how to act appropriately.

1 ACCEPT DIFFERENT RULES

A lot of our interaction with others is helped by non-verbal signals like body language and facial expressions. Online, of course, many of these clues are missing. Talk to your child about why this makes misunderstandings more likely to occur in the digital world and why keeping in mind that online communication is a very different process can help to prevent difficulties from arising.

2 PRESS 'PAUSE'

It's so easy to do things quickly online that most people (adults included) habitually send or respond to messages without considering the consequences. Pushing 'the pause button' buys a young person some time while they ponder the golden rule: "Would I still say this if the other person was right front of me?" You could practise this with your child on some made-up tricky situations.

3 THE INTERNET IS ADDICTIVE

Apps and sites use sophisticated algorithms and clever marketing to keep us engaged, while notifications to our devices are designed to draw us back in. It's no wonder that people continually return to the digital world, sometimes spending long periods of time there. You and your child could trial turning off notifications on certain apps and instead agree a time to check for updates manually.

4 BEWARE THE DARK SIDE

Getting a hurtful or unhelpful comment on social media or in a group chat can make the recipient feel publicly shamed. That's painful for anyone – but especially for a young person whose status in a group is integral to their sense of identity. Encourage your child to think about the best and safest way to send a message: for example, doing it as a private message rather than a public post.

5 HARMFUL INTERACTIONS

Unfortunately, it's very easy to send a hurtful message or to spread gossip and rumours online. We all know this happens regularly. Not having to deal with actually seeing the other person's distress usually doesn't help people to make a positive decision in the moment. It's important that trusted adults help children to visualise the potential consequences and have empathy for others.

6 APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES

We're all built differently; some people are simply more emotionally sensitive than others. Young people can be particularly affected by negative online communication, such as group shaming. Even a single message (which might seem trivial at face value) can cause deep anguish. Trusted adults should be prepared to be patient and listen to any difficulties their child might have had online.

7 ACCENTUATED ANXIETY

Young people's online lives create a lot of anxiety. Messages go into a 'black hole' until someone responds, there are more reasons to compare ourselves negatively, and social media can make us feel like we're missing out. Encourage activities such as sports and hobbies to balance this out, and remember that merely blocking out thoughts (by gaming, for instance) isn't the same as relaxation.

8 PRO-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

A huge positive for the internet is how it helps people to feel connected and makes being kind and helpful easy to spread. When young people get involved in pro-social behaviours online, it creates a positive feedback loop which makes them feel good. Show your child examples of when you've done or said something positive online, and praise and encourage them when they do the same.

9 BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL

One of the best things we can do as trusted adults is to role model positive online behaviour. Just letting your child see that you know when it's time to put your phone away and do something more productive can set a strong example. Some families set aside particular times of the week (such as mealtimes or a family walk) where digital devices aren't allowed and conversation takes precedence.

10 SHOW COMPASSION

Mistakes can feel much bigger online, because they're so public. If a young person does or says something regrettable on the internet, it's important to support them to forgive themselves, learn any lessons and move forward positively. Even as adults, we can often stumble when learning how things work in the fast-moving digital world, so it's important to have compassion for ourselves, too.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Carole Francis-Smith is an experienced counselling psychologist who, through her research, specialises in promoting safe and ethical online communications. She works with businesses and organisations to support positive and effective communication online, often by considering some of the more hidden aspects of the mediums.



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In the Community:

EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

2nd - 4th April 2024, 10am - 3pm

£40 per day OR £99 for 3 days



FOR CHILDREN & TEENAGERS
5-8 YEARS | 9-11 YEARS | 12-16 YEARS

VENUE: Downton Tennis Centre, Wick Lane, SP5 3NF

LTA certified & DBS checked coaches

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE

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07788791328



Create, imagine and be inspired!

**Create and
be academy**



3 day Art



Easter Workshops

**Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday
3rd and Thursday 4th April
2024**

3D Art

Clay sculpture

Fun drawing techniques

Games

Easter Art including:

(Easter hunt and awesome hot
chocolate time)

Final exhibition

10:15 to 3:00pm

Don't miss out limited spaces

Bookings and Information

07855112669 or 07928582205

createandbeacademy@gmail.com

Learn creative
techniques, and
experiment with new
materials.

Chill out, be you, make
friends and have fun.



For kids 6-13



Create and be academy 3 day art Easter Workshops

Day 1

3D art day

Introduction & team building activities

Mask Making

3D art piece

Free to choose "Just create art corner"

Clay sculpture

Day 2

Drawing Day

Exploring different drawing techniques and materials. A day packed with surprises.

Famous artist exploration

Day 3

Easter art day and celebration

Carrousel of Easter art activities

Easter hot coco and Easter hunt

Art exhibition set up

All materials included

£100 total for 3 days or

£40.00 per day

Discount available for siblings

**Freedom to choose activity
according to interest!**

Bookings and Information

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Where?

Harnham Scouts Hut

Lower St, Harnham SP2

8HB



HARNHAM DADS FOOTBALL



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A REGULAR
GAME OF 'FRIENDLY-COMPETITIVE'
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

MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to
www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/