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Newsletter 7

Friday 3rd November 2023

Welcome back to school and to the start of Term 2. Thankfully it has been a lot calmer inside the learning environments than the wind and the rain of the storm over the last couple of days! Term 2 is always a very exciting term with lots going on before we start the countdown to Christmas. Children have started their new topics this week. EYFS had an amazing Firework show in the hall today with some indoor fireworks before they turned into fireworks themselves creating a lovely colourful dance! Year 1 have enjoyed sharing their toys from home and thinking about what materials their toys are made out of as part of their Science work and Year 2 have been starting their DT projects to design and make a winter decoration. We have seen some fabulous and colourful work this week! Well done everyone!

Please don't forget that at the end of each week, class teachers write a blog post for you giving details about the learning from the week and some ideas of things that you can do at home to support your child. You can also send us photos, videos and messages from home too.

Menu for week beginning 6th 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 – Friday 3rd November

Congratulations to Timmy – Ladybirds, Favour – Robin, Oliver – Hedgehog, Storm – Bee, Willow – Woodpecker, Phoebe – Squirrel, Archie – Dragonfly, Hugo – Badger and Henry – Owl. The Sports Award was won by Antoni – Dragonflies. 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 / Anti-Bullying week:

Friday 17th November is Children in Need but it is also the last day of national Anti-Bullying week. This year, we are acknowledging both of these events together by inviting the children to come to school on this day following the theme 'Be Spotacular' dressed in something spotty or Pudsey Bear themed, as well as wearing odd socks for Anti-Bullying week. We will create a donations tab on School Gateway for any families who would like to donate something to Children in Need.

For children in Year 2, Forest School will continue on this Friday so Year 2 children are invited to come to school in their spotty outfits / Pudsey ears and Odd socks on Thursday 16th November if they would like to instead.

Pudsey Ears

We do have some pairs of Pudsey Bear ears to sell at a cost of £2.50 each. If you would like to purchase some, this will be available from Monday 6th November. Please pay using the School Gateway App and comments to let us know how many sets of ears you would like, paying the cost in increments of £2.50 each. Once they are sold out, we will let you know and the option will be removed from the app. Thank you.

SEND Reviews

If you have a child on the SEN register who has a My Support Plan, Mrs Pike will be holding review meetings with the teachers during the week beginning 20th November. These meetings will be for half an hour and will take place online using TEAMS. Very soon, a timetable will be drawn up and parents will receive an email with their time and a link to log in.

For children on the SEN register but who do not have a My Support Plan, your child's class teacher will catch up with you before the end of term in December either in person or on the telephone.

As ever, if you have any questions SEN related, please do contact Mrs Pike, our SENDCo lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Dojo Reward:

Congratulations to the Dragonfly Class who have now reached 1,000 dojo points. The Dragonflies have chosen to bring in a teddy or a toy on Wednesday 8th November. Well done, Dragonflies!

Food Parcels

We have had a delivery this week of Food Parcels. If your family is finding it hard to put food on the table and would benefit from an additional Food Parcel, please do get in touch. We do also have the capacity to issue Foodbank vouchers. We are here to help. If you require any additional support for food or with anything else, please contact requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk Please be assured that any communication will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Before half term, we let you know that we are again supporting the House of Opportunity Christmas Box Appeal this Christmas. If you would like to make a Christmas Shoebox to send to someone in Bulgaria, please may this be handed in by 23rd November. The boxes are being collected from school on 24th November. You can find more information here:

<https://houseofopportunity.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/CB-DWNLD-2023.pdf>

Many thanks for your support.



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	
Week beginning 13.11.23	Inter-Faith Week
Week beginning 13.11.23	Anti-bullying – wear odd socks on Friday 17 th .
17.11.23	Children in Need – children are invited to wear something spotty!
17.11.23	Nasal Flu Vaccinations for children
24.11.23	Christmas Shoeboxes returned to school
23.11.23	HSA School Disco – see poster for details. Tickets on sale 13 th November.
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	
15.11.23	EYFS Road Safety Trip – letter has been sent out
Year 1	
8.11.23, 1.30pm	Grandparent Tea Party – please see separate letter sent out.
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

Tickets on Sale
Monday 13th November
via School Gateway App

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• THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2023 •

5.30-6.30pm Years 1-2	6.45-7.45pm Years 3-4	8.00-9.00pm 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</p> <p>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 of money.</p>	<p>CLOTHING</p> <p>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</p> <p>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>
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NO MOBILE PHONES

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

In the Community:

Harnham Sports and Social Club

FIRE WORK DISPLAY

Saturday 4th November

Approx 6.15pm

All Welcome.

Refreshments can be purchased from the Club Bar

Sparklers for the children will be available.



NHS



**102,000 children
starting school in
England are at risk
of catching measles**

Check your child is up

to date with their

MMR vaccinations

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CONSIDERED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Co@ Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Register, Co@ is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and columnist.



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Early Years and Primary WPCC's Information Event

For parent carers of children with SEND, and those who work with them.

Are you looking for information to support you to help your child with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?

This **free to attend** event, aimed at parent carers of early years or primary aged children could be just what you are looking for to help you find out more about some of the services and support in Wiltshire. Please join us and visit over 30 information stands in our popular information Market Place, participate in a workshop and enjoy free tea, coffee and cakes, and meet other parent carers.

Chance to win one of three £50 vouchers if you attend

See our virtual pre-event pack for lots more information



You can book using this QR code



**Tuesday 7th
November**

**Civic Centre
Trowbridge
BA14 8AH**

**Registration from
9.30am**

**Event Runs from
10am to 2pm**

Parent carers will be able to claim travel and childcare expenses from the WPCC

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

You can book online

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EYInfo23>

Alternatively

Phone: 01225 764647

Email: reception@wiltspcc.co.uk

Booking closes 5pm on

31st October 2023

Why am I being given this flyer?

Because it's currently against the law to ride an electric scooter on a public road, pavement or public space - such as a car park or play park.



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS**



Wiltshire and Swindon

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Wiltshire Police Roads Policing Unit, the Road Safety Unit, Youth and Early Intervention Teams and the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner, are writing to you ahead of the Christmas period.

We want to provide you with information to help ensure that what your young people may want for Christmas, doesn't turn out to be a financial and legal nightmare!

DID YOU KNOW...

E-scooters and e-bikes must **NOT** be ridden on **ANY** roads/pavements/car parks/play parks, or anywhere else the public may have access to such as bridle ways and canal walks. If someone is riding an e-scooter or e-bike in one of these settings, they are **breaking the law**.

The only place e-scooters and e-bikes can lawfully be ridden is on private property, with the homeowners/landowner's permission. Even then, if the police receive a complaint, they will investigate for using the e-vehicle in an anti-social manner. This means if the use of the e-bike/e-scooter/board is causing alarm, harassment or distress to others, the Police

can **seize it** and it may not be returned.

The term "powered transporters" covers a variety of personal transport devices, which are mechanically propelled (propelled by a motor) as well as or instead of being manually propelled. Examples include:

- Segways
- Powered unicycles
- Hoverboards
- U Wheels
- Go-Peds
- E-scooters

We are sharing this important information to help you make the right decision when choosing presents for your family this Christmas.

For more information, please take a look at the following websites:

- [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | E-bikes and E-scooters \(dwfire.org.uk\)](https://www.dwfire.org.uk)
- [Are electric scooters legal? UK law explained \(September 2023 update\) – Electroheads](#)
- [Advice on e-scooter usage | Wiltshire Police](#)