



Newsletter 5

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week. Thank you for taking the time to come and meet with your child's teacher and find out how they are settling in to their new year group and class. We hope you found this opportunity informative and valuable. If you didn't get to meet with your child's teacher, please do book an appointment with them by sending an email to the class address or school office.

This week has seemed to have been a week of tours. It has been a real pleasure and privilege to share our school with prospective families who are looking for a school community for their child. It has been wonderful to show them many of the exciting things that happen at our school, such as Forest School sessions, puppet shows, ELSA in the Den, Ice-cream making, visiting the library, using senses to explore a crab and even painting a sardine! It is lovely to receive such positive feedback about our school and the happy children we have in it.

Hope you all have a lovely, relaxing weekend,
The Harnham Infant School Team

Blog Updates:

Don't forget to log in to your child's Seesaw account for the weekly blog from the class teacher and to find out what they have been learning about and ideas for supporting at home.

WANTED:

Year 1 would appreciate any donations of tubes (such as kitchen rolls) and cereal boxes for a junk modelling project next week. Thank you.

Reminder:

If children are bringing in their own snack from home, this must be fruit or vegetables, fresh or dried. Please note that the fruit winder / fruit flakes style snacks are not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Celebration Assembly!

It is wonderful to be able to hold our celebration assemblies again and to invite parents to come in and see their child receive an award. Our recent celebrants are:

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Jensen – Hedgehogs, Jasmine – Ladybirds, Rocco – Robins, Dorothe – Woodpeckers, Lilly – Bees, Riley – Squirrels, Olivia – Owls, Darcey – Dragonflies.

A huge well done to all of these children. We are so proud of you all!

We look forward to celebrating more children on Monday next week! Invitations to parents are sent via email on Tuesdays and a reminder on the Sunday too. 😊

Dojo Point Rewards

There are many classes who have just received their 1000 dojo point reward. The classes have chosen the following ways to celebrate:

Robins are having a party in their classroom on Friday 15th October. Please may the children bring party clothes in a bag that they will change into after lunchtime?

Ladybirds are also having a party on 15th October. Please may they bring in party clothes to change into and Miss Hibberd would love any party decorations for the classroom – if you have any at home to spare.

Hedgehogs have chosen to come to school in their Pyjamas on Friday 15th October.

Woodpeckers would like to bring a toy (not expensive) to school on Friday 15th October.

Bees would like to bring in a toy (not expensive) they can take to Forest School on Friday 15th October.

Squirrels have voted to wear their Pyjamas to school on Thursday 14th October.

Well done to all of the classes for earning their whole class rewards. We are so proud of you!

Menu for Week Beginning 11.10.21:

We are pleased to be offering the following choices of hot dinners:

Monday: Sausage Roll and Diced Potatoes or Tomato Pasta. **Dessert:** Ice Cream

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese or Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges **Dessert:** Biscuit

Wednesday: Bubble Salmon or Pizza **Dessert:** Smoothie

Thursday: Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding **Dessert:** Muffin

Friday: Battered Fish and Chips or Cheese & Tomato Quesadilla or Jacket Potato. **Dessert:** Cold Desserts



For Parents of Hedgehogs, Ladybirds and Robins:

A letter from the EYFS teaching team was sent to your email inbox this afternoon regarding the reading books your children are going to begin bringing home from today. We hope you enjoy joining your child on their reading journey. 😊

Correction to Whole School Calendar:

An updated calendar will be sent home to families at the start of term 2, but we noticed an error in the one sent home on 10th September. The EYFS Stay and Be Festive event will be on Friday 3rd December at 2.15pm.

After School Club and Breakfast Club payments:

A reminder that accounts for Breakfast and After School Club were meant to be cleared by today. There are still several payments outstanding. Bookings for term 2 are due to open next week but if the existing debt is not cleared, sadly, you will not be able to book any further wraparound care until it is. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Coffee and Chat Reminder:

We are hosting a Coffee and Chat next Wednesday 13th October at 2.30pm in the school hall. Please do come along to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team to raise any questions, concerns, celebrations or ideas you may have. Please feel free to come along even if you don't have any questions as school staff often have some items we would like parent opinion on. If you are unable to make this date, but have some ideas about improving our school that you would like to put forward, please do email your feedback in advance of the meeting on Wednesday. You can send it to admin@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk and this will be passed on to the leadership team to discuss with the parents at the event. We look forward to meeting with you.

**Opportunity to join the Governing Body:**

Attached to this newsletter, you will find another copy of the letter that was sent out about our need for new parent governors. Alongside this is a nomination form. We would love to receive your application to be a parent governor by Wednesday 13th October. If you have any remaining questions about this role, please do contact Beth Evans, our Chair of Governors by emailing chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk Thank you!

IMPORTANT: Year 1 Water Meadows Trip Information:

Please can the Year 1 children wear **school uniform** on Wednesday 13th October for their trip to the Water Meadows.

In addition, Year 1 children will ALL do Forest School together on Friday 15th October so can come to school in their Forest School clothes on this day.

Thank you.

All classes still need parent helpers and volunteers for the school trip to take place. If you can help, please get in touch with the year 1 team. **Sadly, this visit may have to be cancelled if we do not receive enough offers of help.**

Thank you.

Clubs:

If your child is attending a club that requires payment, such as Spanish club, please may you ensure any outstanding payments are cleared. We are hoping to get the term 2 Club letter out next week to give families advanced notice of the opportunities being offered next term. Some of the current clubs will remain and be available for rebooking but there will be some different ones too. We hope your children have enjoyed the range of clubs on offer. Thank you again to the members of the staff team who have so kindly given up their own time to run a club for the children.

For Parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children:

Keep your eyes open for a letter about an upcoming visit to the Odeon in Salisbury as part of the Into Film Festival. This will take place on Thursday 11th November and the team will be looking for parent helpers to accompany the children. There will also be a permission link on the school gateway app for you to consent to your child attending this visit.



You are very welcome to join us this Sunday 10th October for an afternoon of fun, crafts, songs and tea! Suitable for toddlers and primary school aged children.

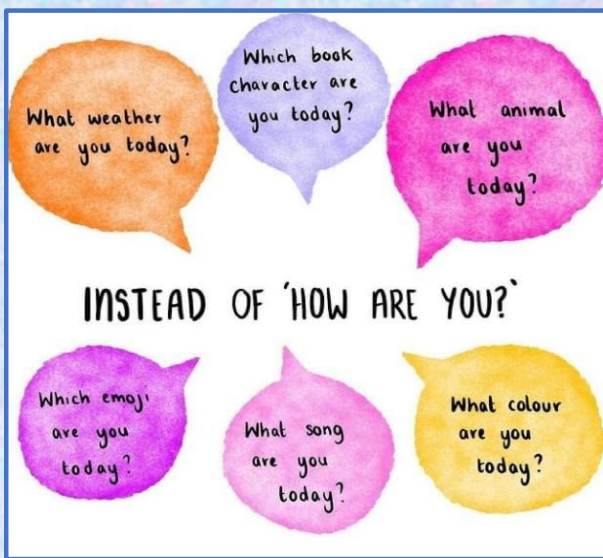
Timing : 3pm - 4.30pm

Venue : The Church Hall : Harnham

Our theme this month is 'We are all different!'

If you want to know any more, please do email pennyre.joyce@gmail.com for further information.

Revd Penny



INSTEAD OF 'HOW ARE YOU?'

Parent Support Advisor Contact:

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



Christmas Shoeboxes

On Wednesday, we welcomed Rich, from FSCI who talked to the children about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. For more information, see the attached leaflet with this letter, or by clicking on this link: <https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

Hope the Harnham Bear:

In our assembly this week, Hope the Harnham Bear shared an important message with the children; 'I can be different!'. Thank you for helping the children to remember this message.



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Just for Fun – Game of the Week:

Each week, we thought we might suggest a fun game or activity you can play at home with your child. These might have a theme; such as well-being, listening or thinking skills, or working memory but they are certainly intended to be something fun you can do together at home. Enjoy!

This week's game promotes good focus and concentration. It is called **Mirror, Mirror!** Stand face to face with your child, fairly close together. Lead some actions such as hands on your head, standing on one leg etc. Your child has to mirror you and match your actions exactly as a mirror image. Begin the movements slowly, then speed up once children are more confident. Swap over so that your child has a change to lead the actions and you have to be the mirror. You could do really small or really large scale movements.