



Newsletter 9

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to see all of the children embracing Anti-Bullying week in school in so many ways. Children have proudly worn odd socks to show how everyone is different and unique and should be celebrated. We have also created "Kindness Chains" in each class where the children say something kind about another member of the class, who then passes on the kindness by saying something kind about another child etc. These moments have been truly heart warming and special and have really shown just how wonderful the children in our school are.

Perhaps you will make a kindness chain in your homes this weekend?

We would like to thank all of the parents who have shown kindness to our staff this week too, by taking the time to say thank you and being patient to the changes we have had to make due to Covid-19. An update of which, is below.

Wishing you a lovely weekend – keep washing those hands,

The Harnham Infant School Team

Blog Updates:

Make sure you check Seesaw for the weekly blog post from the class teacher of your child's learning this week. You can upload to Seesaw any updates from home too! 😊

IMPORTANT information about Covid-19:

Following the letter that was sent out to all families on Wednesday evening, we have a continuously developing Covid-19 increase in our school. Therefore, we urgently request that you support us by following the guidelines that were set out in the letter. These are:

- Facemasks to be worn by parents whilst waiting in the playground before and after school.
- Socially distancing from other parents while you are waiting.
- Waiting in the designated area for each year group.
- Following the one-way system on site.

If your child, or a member of your family starts displaying a symptom of Covid-19, please book them a PCR test as soon as you are able.

Over the weekend, if your child goes for a PCR test and gains a positive result, or has a positive result from a LFT, please email requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk so that we can keep an eye on the number of cases, update our risk assessment and make any decisions needed ahead of Monday morning. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Celebration Assembly!

This week's celebrants are:

15th November 2021

Louis – Hedgehogs, Arlo – Ladybirds, Ruby – Robins, Sky – Bees, Matilda and Luke – Woodpeckers, Albie – Squirrels, Ara – Owls, Deryn – Dragonflies.

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

Unfortunately, Celebration Assemblies are now cancelled for the time being due to additional Covid-19 measures needing to be temporarily put into place. We will keep you informed when these are able to start again and we look forward to celebrating with more children and parents! Thank you for your understanding.

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



Menu for Week Beginning 22.11.21:

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

Monday: Sausage Roll & Potatoes or Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese. **Dessert:** Fruit Salad & Ice Cream

Tuesday: Creamy Chicken Pasta or Vegetarian Sausages and Mashed Potato **Dessert:** Chocolate Pudding

Wednesday: Chicken Curry with Rice or Pizza with Wedges **Dessert:** Oat and Sultana Cookie

Thursday: Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Vegan Mince and Potato Pastry **Dessert:** Rice Pudding

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips or Cheese and Tomato Quesadilla or Jacket Potato **Dessert:** Cold Desserts



Harnham Schools Association AGM and Drop In – 9th December 2021

Our HSA will be in the Junior School lodge (opposite the main entrance) on the 9th December between 6pm and 7pm – please pop in to see them and find out all about the fantastic things they do for our schools.

The virtual AGM will follow at 7.30pm and a link will come out closer to the time.

End of Term:

School will close on Friday 17th December at **1.05pm**. There will be no after school club available on this day. Following the Christmas Holidays, school reopens on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Year 1 Victorian Day 23.11.21 - Postponed

Year 1's history day to come to school as a Victorian child has been postponed. A new date will be published soon.

Wiltshire Year of Reading:

This week, the children enjoyed some zoom sessions with some popular children's authors. It was lovely to see them joining in with other schools across the county and continue to establish a love of books and reading. Please do keep reading at home with, or to, your child – it really does make a huge difference to their vocabulary, understanding of language, literacy and emotional well-being too. Perhaps you might enjoy visiting the library, reading picture books, chapter books, reading comics or magazines, reading books online or even listening to audiobooks. Above all, make sure you have fun!

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: 8 REASONS WHY READING IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

 Reading cultivates empathy and can even improve their social skills.

 Books invite them to think and problem solve, thus improving creativity.

 The stories of others can help them put their own life into perspective.

 Books allow them to escape into other realities and worlds.

 Reading can improve their memory and reduce the risk of falling behind.

 Reading for pleasure can lower their stress and promote relaxation.

 Reading can help development at school and reduce exam anxiety.

 Reading before bed can help them establish a regular bedtime routine.



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Wiltshire
YEAR of
READING

no matter how small,
kindness makes a difference.

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Wiltshire Police – Knife Amnesty:

Attached with this newsletter is a poster about Wiltshire Police's current "Bin the Blades" campaign. It is running from this week until 26.11.21. Please see the poster for further information.

Christmas Hamper Support from Salisbury Foodbank:

We have been contacted by Salisbury Foodbank who have some additional Christmas Hampers of non-perishable food available to be delivered to families who may benefit from this opportunity this Christmas. The school needs to apply for the hamper on your behalf, which are being allocated on a first come, first served basis. The hampers are non-means tested, nor dependent on receiving any benefits etc. If you feel your family would benefit from the Christmas Hamper (to be delivered on 23rd December to your door) then please email Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk who will request one for you. Please be assured of our discretion in the desire to ensure everyone has enough food this Christmas. Thank you.

Christmas Holidays FUEL Programme:

For families whose children attract the Pupil Premium Funding, you should have received an email from Mrs Pike last Friday regarding the FUEL programme being run in the Christmas Holidays. Spaces are filling up fast, but the portal remains open to apply for a space for your child until noon on 26.11.21

Children in Need Donations:

We hope your child has enjoyed Pudsey Bear Day. Just a reminder that you can still add a donation to the Children in Need Appeal via the School Gateway App. We look forward to sharing our fundraising total with you soon!



Christmas Post

Delivered only in the locations listed below.
30p a card using the Scout Christmas Stamps Post in the special boxes located throughout the area.
 Do not put in the Royal Mail



Last Day of Posting
Wednesday
8th
December
2021

30p
 5p of which will go towards



We cannot deliver cards outside of advertised area. Any such cards can be collected by arrangement. Tel 01985 850325

Cards can be posted at Salisbury District Scout HQ, Kingsland Road, Salisbury and various other locations throughout the area.



***Locations where cards can be delivered:**

Alderbury, Allington, Amesbury, Barford St Martin, Berwick St James, Bodenham, Boscombe, Boscombe Down, Bishopstons, Bowerchalke, Broadchalke, Britford, Burford, Burcombe, Charlton All Saints, Chilmark, Cholderton, Clarendon, Codford, Coombe Blissett, Dinton, Downton, Durrford, Durrington, East Grimstead, Ebbesbourne Wake, Farley, Figheldean, Finsdown, Ford, Fordingbridge, Fovant, Gomeldon, Great Wishford, Hale, Hampthorpe, Harnham, Homington, Hurdcott, Idmiston, Landford, Langfords, Larkhill, Laverstoke, Longhedge, Lopcombe, Lover, Morgans Vale, Netheravon, Nomanstand, Netherhampton, Newton Tony, Nunton, Odstock, Old Sarum, Oreheston, Pitton, Porton, Quidhampton, Redlynch, Salisbury, Shrewton, South Newton, Stapleford, Stoford, Stratford Tony, Tilshead, West Dean, West Grimstead, Whaddon, Whiteparish, Wilford, Willton, Winterbournes, Winterslow, Woodfalls, Woodford, Wythe.

If further Covid restrictions come in to place we may not be able to deliver before Christmas.

Scout Christmas Post:

Please see the poster ← regarding the Scout Christmas Postbox, which is open at the school office until 3rd December.



Are delighted to launch the 2021



Christmas Cards for Care Charities:

We have signed up to support 2 local charities this year with sending Christmas wishes to the older people in our community. The Christmas Care Home Cardathon are taking Christmas Cards to local care homes to put a smile on the residents faces. If the children would like to make a card at home, these can be brought into school for them to collect on 10th December.

In addition, we are also a "Santagrams" school. Santagrams deliver Christmas Wishes to people who are being cared for in their own homes this Christmas. They would welcome any pictures, puzzles, letters, book marks or crafts to give out to their clients. These can be festive themed or not, the aim is simply to make people smile and know they have been thought about this Christmas. The Santagrams elves are collecting from our school on 3rd December.

If you would like to get involved with either of these projects at home, please send in completed pictures, cards etc to the school office, where they are being collated. Thank you.

Just for Fun – Game of the Week:

This week's game promotes concentration, attention and fun! It is the traditional game of **SNAP!**

You may have some snap cards at home, or you can use other playing cards or sets such as Uno to play too. Divide the cards out by the number of players, take it in turns to lay a card down. If it matches the previously laid card, shout "SNAP" and the first one to say snap takes all the cards. The game ends when a player has won all of the cards.

We are a Santa-gram School

Home Instead.
To us, it's personal.

Get creative, embrace your inner artist, crafter, poet, or writer, and get involved

BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR

Could you be a Santa-gram Elf?

CAN YOU HELP US BRIGHTEN AN OLDER PERSON'S DAY AT CHRISTMAS WITH A 'SANTA-GRAM'?

We are looking for **pictures, drawings, puzzles, crosswords, cards, crafts, letters, craft kits, gifts, bookmarks ...** ANYTHING hand-made, printed or purchased that will fit in an A4 sized envelope and will help raise a smile and brighten someone's day ... and it doesn't have to be festive!

Deadline for contributions 01 December 2021

For more information, speak to our Chief Santa-gram Elf: Lara Champion – 01722 443559
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