



Newsletter 33

Blogs:

Don't forget to check Seesaw this weekend for the weekly update from your child's teacher of their learning at Harnham Infant School.

Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Families,

We hope you haven't melted in the extremely hot temperatures today! The children have been incredible and taken it in their stride, though many were looking forward to the paddling pools waiting for them at home.

It has been a busy week in school. The Senior Leadership Team have spent the week planning the school improvement priorities for the next year and 3 years using the feedback from the recent surveys and research from parents, staff and the Governing Body. We are very excited about these plans and working hard to continue to move the school forwards and ensure we are providing the best possible start to your child's educational journey.

Wishing you a lovely weekend – see you on Monday!

The Harnham Infant School Team

Fundraising Initiative - Photographs of Sports Day:

Sally Ross, one of our School Governors has a keen interest in photography and has taken some lovely photographs of the children and parents taking part in sports day. Very soon, you will receive a link to view the gallery of photographs, along with an email explaining how you can obtain a copy of the photographs in return for a donation to the school. We do hope parents will support this initiative, as we have decided we need to fundraise in order to purchase some new reading books for children so any money raised will go towards this.

Please note: you will only be able to obtain images of yourself or your own child.

Saturday Sweep tomorrow - CANCELLED:

Due to an extremely low take up of families booked in to help with the Saturday Sweep tomorrow, we have regrettably decided to cancel it. We will soon send out some dates for the next academic year to further develop our school environment and do hope that families will sign up and be part of it. We are very proud of the opportunities that our Forest School and outdoor learning spaces offer the children at Harnham Infant School but this is only possible if we can work together as a school community to maintain it.

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



Celebration Assembly:

Congratulations to the following children who were in Celebration Assembly on Monday morning:

Archie and Leela – Ladybird, Reuben – Hedgehog, Chloe and Henry – Robin, Hugh and Charlie – Bee, Phoebe, Jake and Arush – Woodpecker, Jacob and Darcie – Squirrel, Poppy and Ruth – Dragonfly and Kylie and Holly-Mae – Owl.

A huge well done to all of these children – we are so proud of you!

We look forward to celebrating with more children on Monday. Please note that celebration invitations to parents are sent out by email on Tuesdays and a reminder sent on the Sunday before. Thank you.

Menu for Week Beginning 20.6.22:

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

Monday: Pork Sausage Roll and Mashed Potato or Vegan Bolognese **Dessert:** Ice cream

Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets & Potato Wedges or Quorn and Vegetable Fajita **Dessert:** Shortbread

Wednesday: Chicken Curry and Rice or Pizza **Dessert:** Banana Flapjack

Thursday: Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Vegetarian Sausages **Dessert:** Apple Sponge

Friday: Fish and Chips or Vegetable Lasagne **Dessert:** Selection of Cold Desserts



Transition Update:

As we head towards the summer holidays, we thought it might be useful to let parents know of things that have happened each week to support the children's transition to the next year group.

This week, our Year 2 children visited Harnham Junior School for an afternoon. Everyone had a wonderful time and they are looking forward to repeating this experience on Friday 1st July, in the afternoon. These visits are in addition to Bump Up Day and are designed to increase children's confidence and excitement about going into Key Stage Two. It was also lovely for some of the current year 3 children to pop back to Forest School for a visit!

Also this week, we have hosted our New Entrants Welcome Meeting for the Reception Classes of 2022. This was hosted on Zoom and we had a brilliant turn out. It was lovely to see so many new faces and some familiar ones too!

We have also now recruited a full complement of teachers for the next academic year. We are hoping to be in the position to let parents know who the next year's teacher is going to be very soon. However, the outgoing schools where the teachers are going to be leaving have not yet told their parents and school community so it is not fair for us to announce their names and class placements just yet. Thank you for your understanding and patience with this.

Food boxes:

If there are families who are struggling and going without food in order to provide or pay for other things, please do let us know. We have a supply of food parcels in school that we are able to give out to help families who need them. If you would like one, please get in touch with Mrs Pike, who would be very happy to help.

lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Please be assured your communication will be handled with total discretion and our full support. Thank you.

Lunchtime focus:

This week, you may have noticed children coming home with a different sticker at the end of the day. We have started a series of new lunchtime focus rules. This weeks is:

"Thank you for being polite to everyone". Do listen out for children's manners at home too – we hope they remember their pleases and thank yous!

Reminder – Class Photographs:

Just a reminder that orders for class photos are being collected on 27th June. Do make sure you don't miss out if you wanted to purchase a copy.

Teacher Training Days for 2022-2023:

We are now in a position to confirm the remaining dates for our TD Days for next academic year. They are:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Wednesday 19th October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Friday 30th June 2023

Monday 3rd July 2023

Forest School in Warm Weather:

Just a little reminder that children do need to wear long sleeve tops and trousers, even in hot weather to go to Forest School. This is for their safety and protection. We do understand that it is hot and so wearing shorts is very tempting, but the children can always get changed afterwards and we will have other precautions in place to make sure they do not overheat, such as drinking plenty and remaining in the shade.

Headlice:

We have been made aware of some cases of these little crawlies doing the rounds again. Do check your child's hair carefully over the weekend and treat accordingly. Many thanks.

Weather:

Should the sunshine and hot weather continue, please do remember to send children in to school with a sun hat and water bottle. It would be a great idea to apply a long lasting sun cream at home before children come in to school too. Thank you for your support.

Year 2 Stay and...:

Year 2 children are hosting a Stay and... for parents on Friday 24th June at 9.00am. This will take place in the school hall and is themed "Stay and be a Costume Designer". All parents are welcome and the team would especially welcome any donations of chiffon / silk material, sequins, gems etc. Thank you very much in advance for your support.

Maths Mastery – Opportunity for Parents:

You will recall Mrs Sowerby sending out a parent survey to find out demand for a workshop from a Maths Mastery Specialist to go through some recent developments in the Maths curriculum. We were thrilled with the response and have arranged for an external professional, Nathan Crook, from NJC Ed Maths Ltd, to deliver a workshop for parents on **Tuesday 5th July between 6.00 and 7.00pm**. This will take place via zoom and is free for families to attend. If you would like to attend, please book your place via the **School Gateway App – in the payments section**. Please note – there is no cost but it is being used for sign up only. The link to attend the zoom will be sent to you on the day. We do hope there will be lots of you there and you will find this a worthwhile event to support you to help your children at home. Thank you to Mrs Sowerby for organising this opportunity.



Save the Children Bears Project:

Harnham Infant School have again been chosen to name the bears for the Save the Children Teddy Bear Hunt in Salisbury this summer! We were so excited and so thrilled to do something wonderful in the local community and enjoyed having Su from Save the Children visit us last week. Our EYFS and Year 2 children have worked together to name over 70 bears for you to spot when you take part in the trail – we wonder which one will be your favourite? Thank you to Mrs Allexant for coordinating this project, which has already brought a smile to many faces!

Message from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service:

Dear parents and carers;

Whilst we are all enjoying the hot sunny weather, these conditions do mean the fire risk increases and a wildfire alert has been issued. This means that, should a fire start outdoors, it could spread quickly and easily due to the hot and dry conditions.

Here are a few things you can do to stay fire safe while out and about:

Avoid having fires in the open or having BBQs in the countryside (disposable BBQs are banned in many parts of Dorset due to the fire risk).

Extinguish smoking materials properly and dispose of them responsibly.

If you see a fire in the countryside, get to a safe place and call 999 to report it immediately. If possible, use “what3words” app to give an accurate location.

Never try to tackle the fire yourself.

If you are having a BBQ at home, make sure it is well away from sheds, trees and fences and you have a bucket of water or sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies.

If your children are older and more independent, please talk to them about the dangers of fire and fire play

Please visit [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service \(dwfire.org.uk\)](http://dwfire.org.uk) for further information and advice

In this warm weather, the water is often cool and inviting. Please talk to your children about the dangers involved in jumping into water, including cold water shock, hidden objects and tides and currents.

Remind them, if they are in water and get into trouble to float on their backs, arms and legs out like a star. [Cold Water Shock - Water Safety Tips - Know The Risks \(rnli.org\)](http://Cold Water Shock - Water Safety Tips - Know The Risks (rnli.org))

We hope you have a lovely weekend, enjoying the weather and staying safe.

Thank you for your help

Assistant Chief Fire Officer Andy Cole - Director of Community Safety

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

News from the Harnham Schools Association:

The HSA currently have two fundraising initiatives on the go. There is a school disco planned (parent helpers needed) and a pizza and cookie (at home) night. Please see the posters below for further information. You can sign up for the Pizza and Cookie kits to make at home using the School Gateway App – under the clubs section, where you will find a relevant option for your order.

Thank you for supporting the Harnham Schools Association who work really hard to raise funds for both the Infant and Junior Schools.



PIZZA & COOKIE EVENT

FRIDAY 1ST JULY

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (**regular or vegan**), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.





HSA

SUMMER DISCO!

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THURSDAY 30th JUNE

HARNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL

YEARS 1-6 ONLY

YEARS 1&2	5:15 - 6:15
YEARS 3&4	6:30 - 7:45
YEARS 5&6	8:00 - 9:15

ENTRANCE FEE £2.50

PARKING: Safety of all children is our utmost priority. Please park in the cricket field and/or Parsonage Green to avoid traffic jams. Permit holders only in Saxon Road and Hollows Close. Please be considerate to all residents.

CLOTHING: Please ensure all jumpers, cardigans and jackets are taken home. We do not have a cloakroom and cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

SPENDING MONEY: Glowsticks, drinks and good items will be 30p each. Please ensure your child brings a sensible amount of money and kept in a safe place i.e. a zipped purse or wallet. We cannot accept responsibility for any loss.

SECURITY AND SAFETY: We cannot guarantee all sweets are nut/allergy safe. Please stay with your child or let one of the helpers know if there might be a problem.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT THE DISCO ENTRANCE TO THE REAR HALL DOOR OFF OF THE PLAYGROUND. THEY MUST EXIT VIA THE SIDE PLAYGROUND HALL DOOR. TO AVOID CONGESTION PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY. CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE UNACCOMPANIED.

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WE NEED YOU





NO MOBILE PHONES

We rely on parent volunteers and the good behaviour of the children to make the evening fun, but more importantly **SAFE**. We need volunteers to assist with selling refreshments and keeping a watchful eye on the children. If you think you can help with any of the above year group times please email harnhamschoolsassociation@gmail.com or leave your details at the school office.

New Sponsorship:

Harnham Infant and Junior schools are delighted to announce a new partnership with Cote & Castle Estate Agents, an independent, local business operating within the Salisbury Area. An ethos centred around supporting local, Cote & Castle have partnered with us to offer support and fundraising opportunities for the schools, as well as a referral scheme to invest commission back into the schools.

If you have any property related needs you would like to discuss with a professional, please make use of this fantastic offer from Cote & Castle and contact James who can chat through your requirements regarding your current home, or any future-plans, all while supporting our school and investing in your children's futures.

"I am excited to begin this partnership with such fantastic local schools, supporting however we can, investing in the next generation. My fiancé is a Primary School Teacher, so I know first-hand just how far this support can reach, and where the needs of such schools are likely to be. Supporting local community groups is something we are all passionate about, and we look forward working closely with your PTA to help further your children's education and to offer support wherever and whenever possible."

– James Martin

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