



Newsletter 27

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school and to the start of term 5. School has been bubbling with excitement this week as the children enjoyed telling us their 'best bits' of their Easter holidays and starting their new topics of the term. It is wonderful to see the sunshine making a good appearance too, though it has been chilly in the mornings – do make sure children have appropriate clothing that they need – coats are still a good idea but a sun hat would be beneficial too. Thank you.

There is a lot of information in this school newsletter so do take some time to have a thorough read through. As always, if you have any comments, questions or feedback, do get in touch with us via the school office.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend – see you on Tuesday!

The Harnham Infant School Team

Blogs:

Don't forget to check your child's Seesaw for a blog post from the class teacher about their learning at school this week. 😊

Wesley Court:

A local resident has asked us to ask parents not to park at Wesley Court when you are dropping off or collecting your children from school. This is parking for residents only. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day 2022:

Today a letter has been sent home about our school Sports Day on 7th June. We do hope you can join us!

Dojo Rewards:

Congratulations to **Ladybird** Class who have received 4,000 dojo points. The ladybirds have chosen to have a movie afternoon on **Friday 13th May**. Ladybirds are also welcome to bring a small, favourite snack to have during the movie – no nuts please.

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



Parent Permission for Videos:

We would like to produce some short video clips for the new reception children who are joining us in September. Over the next couple of weeks, we would like to capture some footage of current Harnham Infant School children in Forest School, at lunchtime, doing PE, at Breakfast and After School Club, during playtime and in the classrooms. These videos will be shared via Seesaw. We do have a list of children who we already know we do not have permission for videos and they will not take part, but if you would prefer your child not to be included, please let Mrs Pike know lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Request from EYFS:

Please may EYFS have any cereal boxes once they are finished with at home? Thank you!

Celebration Assembly :

Congratulations to the following children who were in celebration assembly on Monday this week: Imogen and Pippa – Hedgehog, Willow – Ladybird, Rocco and Jack – Robin, Elsie – Squirrel, Arush – Woodpecker, Ava – Bee, Tobey – Owl and Niamh and Elliot – Dragonfly. We are so proud of you all! There will be no Celebration Assembly next week due to the Bank Holiday but keep your eyes on your email inbox on Tuesday for the children who are going to be celebrated on Monday 9th May. We look forward to parents being able to join us.

Menu for Week Beginning 2.5.22:

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

Monday: School Closed due to Bank Holiday

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



Staffing News:

On Tuesday 3rd May, we welcome back Miss Spellar from her maternity leave to take up her position as teacher for the Bees class. We are looking forward to having her back in the team and are sure that, very soon, it will feel like she has never been away! Mrs Bacon has done an incredible job of teaching the Bees in her absence and, although she will no longer be in class full time in this capacity, thankfully, Mrs Bacon will be completing some cover work for the Summer term.

In addition, it is with sadness that we need to inform you that we have received resignations from 2 of our teachers who will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term.

Miss Jessica Swaine is leaving us after 5 years at Harnham Infants. Miss Swaine has recently moved house to the Hythe area and is, understandably, unable to continue with such a long commute each day. Miss Swaine has been a wonderful teacher in both Early Years and Year 2 during her time with us and has shown such hard work, dedication and commitment to the children, parents and staff here. We shall miss her very much!

Mr Adam Geal is also leaving us this Summer. Although Mr Geal has only been with us for a year, he has brought such a sense of fun and adventure to children's learning, putting them at the very centre of everything he does. Mr Geal is moving to London with his partner and we would like to wish him all the very best for the future.

Whilst we have plenty of time to say our goodbyes, this of course means that we will need to begin recruiting staff for September. We will keep parents informed as and when we have further information for you.

Wraparound Care Notices:

We have had some parents booking places at Breakfast and After School Club at the very last minute and then cancelling or not turning up. Whilst we understand that emergencies do happen, please do not use this facility as a "back-up plan". We need to ensure that our staffing ratios are in place for each session, therefore meaning that sessions that are not attended will be charged anyway.

Please also ensure that you pay your bills and book spaces on time. Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Shaw, Wraparound Care Leader, lshaw@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Holiday Requests:

We have received an unprecedented amount of holiday absence request forms for the Summer Term. Holiday cannot be authorised unless in very exceptional circumstances, so will be unauthorized and may result in a fixed penalty notice from Wiltshire Council. Whilst we are grateful that parents are being honest with us about where you are going and for how long, and of course we advocate the importance of family time together, please be mindful about the potential impact on your child's progress and attainment and that they may miss some key transition times ahead of joining a new class or school in September 2022. Thank you.

Updated Calendar Dates Attached :

In the email with this newsletter attached, you will also have received an updated calendar of events for the Summer Term. Updates and changes are recorded in red for you. Please check this carefully.

Dates for next week include:

Year 2 – Wednesday 4th May, 9.00am – Stay and Be a Mathematician in Forest School. Please may parents come dressed for Forest School.

Year 2 – Thursday 5th May, 3.20pm – SATs information session for parents. A crèche will be provided for your children while parents attend this short meeting regarding the end of Key Stage One assessments.

Speaking kindly to staff:

We would just like to remind parents to ensure that they speak to our staff with kindness and consideration at all times please. We are also human beings with the same thoughts, feelings and emotions that you have. We are here to help and support you and your children in any way that we can but this must be within an atmosphere of teamwork and respect. Thank you.

Student Welcome:

Next week, the Year 2 Owls are welcoming a new student teacher, Stephanie Derham, to their classroom. We hope that she will enjoy her time with us and know that the children, staff and parents will quickly make her feel part of the Harnham family.

Shipping Containers:

Miss Dorrington has an idea...

School would like to have a shipping container which we could use for an additional learning space for subjects linked to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). If any parents have any knowledge, advice and expertise of where we can obtain a shipping container, as well as the logistics or how this can be set up, used and decorated for use at school with the children, please do get in touch with Miss Dorrington, who would be delighted to hear from you. head@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Keeping Children Safe Online:

It has come to our attention that children may be accessing potential harmful videos online, that may appear perfectly innocent at first. A character called "Huggy Wuggy" may sound innocent and not cause any alarm at first but in actual fact has been linked with a very scary bear that is inappropriate for children to watch. Please continue to make sure that you are monitoring what your children are accessing online. Thank you.

Spaces for September 2022:

During the school holidays, we were excited to receive our list of children who are coming to join our school family in September. Our transition plans are already in motion for these families but we do have some spaces remaining in the year group. If you are aware of a family who did not receive a preferred choice of school or who still need to apply for a school place, do let them know they can contact us.

Free Event: →

We have received the following message from the Wessex River Trust about an event you might like to attend:

Wessex Rivers Trust are proud to be running a free event for World Fish Migration Day, in Salisbury city centre on Saturday 21st May 2022. The event will educate families about the wildlife found in our local rivers through interactive games, scientific experiments and crafts. Please help us promote this event by forwarding the attached flyer to your pupils and their families.

Reminder ahead of September:

We just wanted to remind parents again that, from September 2022, we will not be accepting rucksacks in school. They take up too much room in the cloakroom and do not fit on the pegs which causes mess and potential trip hazards too. Books bags and drawstring PE / Forest School bags will be sufficient. Thank you in advance for your support.

If you need help:

We know and understand from the media that families may be struggling financially at the moment to make ends meet due to rising costs of even the essentials. If you are finding things hard, please reach out as there may be something we can do to support you. For example, school have access to some food parcels that we can give to offset some of your other costs. Please be assured that there is never any judgement or shame involved and if you need any help, please get in touch with Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk



WORLD FISH MIGRATION DAY

Family Fun Day
Saturday 21st May 2022
10am-3pm
The Maltings, Salisbury

Information from Stagecoach, Salisbury: →

We have received a request to share the following information from Stagecoach with you:

The Team at Stagecoach Performing Arts Salisbury are very excited about our Summer Term! To coincide with the Queen's Jubilee, we are dedicating this term to BEST OF BRITISH and look forward to sharing our work with families in an end of term celebration! There's no better time to join us for a two-week trial at Stagecoach where children learn life skills such as confidence, resilience and teamwork whilst having lots of fun and building new friendships.

At Stagecoach, we provide a creative platform that enables children to express themselves through singing, dancing and drama. We are OFSTED registered which means that we are able to accept childcare vouchers and we also offer half price sibling discounts in our Main Stages sessions. Our registers are open for new students, please visit www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury to enrol on a two week trial! Classes are held at Greentrees Junior School, Bishopdown on Fridays and Saturdays. Class sizes are limited.

CLASS TIMES / DAYS

Early Stages (4-6 years) - A two week trial costs £25

Fridays, 4.15-5.45pm

Saturdays, 9.30-11am, 11.15am-12.45pm, 1.45-3.15pm

Main Stages (6-18 years) - A two week trial costs £50

Fridays, 4.30-7.30pm

Saturdays, 10am-1pm, 2-5pm



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Saturday Sweep Up:

Now that Spring is here, we have noticed that our school grounds could do with a bit of a spruce up! We will be hosting a Saturday Sweep Up on Saturday 21st May, from 10.00am until 12.30pm. We would love it if families have any spare time to come and support us to get some jobs done around the school environment so that we can keep it neat, tidy and fit for purpose to ensure the children get the very best for their learning. Thank you in advance!

Reading:

Please keep reading with your child at home, it really does make all the difference.

