



Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Families,

Term 4 is now well underway and it has been a lovely week of learning. Children are working really hard and many, many stickers and Headteacher / Deputy Headteacher awards have been given out! Well done everyone!

Today, we celebrated World Book Day and all of the children and teachers looked wonderful in their costumes. We are sure there will be lots of photos for you to enjoy on the class blogs. There are further details and information on the next page too about how you can continue the reading celebrations at home!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
The Harnham Infant School Team

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Blogs:

Please do log in to Seesaw for the weekly update from the class teachers containing learning for the week, important notices and some photographs too. You can upload from home too! 😊

Dojo Rewards:

Congratulations to **Badger** Class who have reached their next 1,000 dojos. Badgers have voted for a movie afternoon as their reward on Tuesday 7th March and are welcome to bring in popcorn snack to enjoy if they wish.

Request from Year 2:

If you have any cereal boxes (or similar) for Year 2 children to use for their Art projects this term, please may you send them into school? Thank you!

Parent Consultation Evenings:

Our next set of Parent Consultation Evenings are fast approaching on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March, (or Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th for Woodpeckers only). Class teachers are really looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and next steps. Please stay tuned to your email inbox to find a letter for you with details about how you can book your appointment. Many thanks.

NEU Teachers Strike Action:

As you will be aware, there is ongoing industrial action scheduled for **15th / 16th March** where teachers may decide to go on strike. We will aim to give as much notice as possible if classes are going to need to close on these days. Thank you for your patience during this time. Please remember that this action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by the NEU regarding teachers' pay and lack of funding in education. As a school, we are fortunate to have so many brilliant, and hard-working, teachers, we know they do not undertake industrial action lightly, and we hope that the Government can resolve this matter as soon as possible.

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 on the Celebration Bench this week.

Ellis – Robin, Jake – Hedgehog, Irina – Ladybird, Esme – Woodpecker, Bradley – Squirrel, Cody – Owl and Leon – Dragonfly. Well done to you all!

We are looking forward to celebrating with more children on Monday! Invitations to parents are sent out on a Tuesday via email with a reminder on the Sunday afternoon. We do hope you can join us.

Menu for Week Beginning 6.3.23

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

Monday: Sausages and Mash or Nacho Bites and Diced Potatoes with Vegetables **Dessert:** Ice Cream

Tuesday: Chicken Katsu Curry with Rice or Roasted Vegetable Pasta **Dessert:** Lemon Drizzle Cake

Wednesday: Bubble Salmon or Pizza, Potato Wedges and Vegetables **Dessert:** Shortbread

Thursday: Chicken or Quorn Pieces & Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Veg **Dessert:** Chocolate Brownie

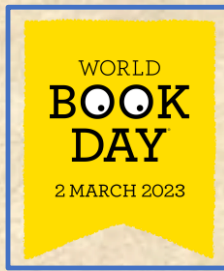
Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips or Macaroni Cheese **Dessert:** Selection of Cold Desserts



World Book Day!

Everyone has had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day! The children (and staff!) looked amazing in their costumes and have enjoyed exploring books and stories together. World Book Day is all about reading for enjoyment and pleasure – both at school and at home. Click on the link here to find lots of ideas of things you can do at home to celebrate reading. This includes colouring and cooking!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/>



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Make time to read

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WORLD BOOK DAY

Sharing stories together

Children love spending time looking at books with adults. It makes a big difference to their futures to **spend 10 minutes a day sharing a story**. There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin. Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:

- I wonder...**
Ask open questions about how characters are feeling or what might happen next or why things are in the illustration.
- Bring the book to life...**
Make faces, use voices, include actions – have fun together!
- That reminds me of...**
Make personal connections.
- What have you seen there?**
Follow their interests.
- That's made me feel...**
Let your child know how the events of the story have affected you.
- Oo look at that!**
Let them know what you have noticed.
- Again, again...**
Re-reading is a great source of comfort for children – and a chance to spot things that you didn't see first time round. Challenge yourself to spot something new each time.

This guide is based on the work of The Open University. For further tips and advice on how to enjoy sharing and reading stories together, visit their website [here](https://www.open.ac.uk/worldbookday) for helpful videos and resources.

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Share a Story Corner:

Click this link to enjoy a World Book Day story with your child: <https://youtu.be/JFB9eg9iDAs>



Free Audiobooks:

You can find free audiobooks for your child to listen to, too! As well as free audiobooks being available if you are a Yoto user. Click here to listen: <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

FUEL Programme:

For families of children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, you will have today received an email and video message regarding the free FUEL Easter Holiday Camp for your child to take part in. It is running for 4 days from Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April, 10am – 2pm. Bookings are now open and will close on 22nd March. You can find out more by clicking this link:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure/fuel-programme>



Message from Wiltshire Together:

From March 2024 the Children's Centre services offer will change from 0-5 to Family Hubs 0-19 (25 if child has SEND) delivering Family Help and incorporating Best Start for Life.

We would like to know what parents think about how this should be delivered, please share this survey Family Help Jan 23 widely to parents through newsletters and social media channels. There will also be face to face events for those who would rather speak with someone: You can access the survey by clicking on the following link:

[Family Help Survey Link](#)



Reminder: Dates for the next few weeks:

Whole School:

13.3.23 and 15.3.23 – SEND (My Support Plan) review meetings

17.3.23 – Red Nose Day

28.3.23 and 30.3.23 – Parents Evenings (28.3.23 and 29.3.23 for Woodpeckers)

EYFS

13.3.23, 2.00pm – Stay and ...STEM

Year 1

15.3.23, 2.00pm – Stay and...STEM

Year 2

16.3.23, 2.00pm – Stay and...STEM

31.3.23 – Castle themed day.

Year 2 Visit to see 'The Lion King':

We are delighted to let you know that the Year 2 trip to London to see The Lion King at The Lyceum Theatre is going to go ahead. We have had many many family members interested in attending alongside their child. This means that names will need to be pulled out of a hat in order to make it fair. There will be further information to follow very soon.

SEND Review Meetings:

If your child is on the SEN register at Harnham Infant School, you may have received an email from Mrs Pike this week regarding some upcoming review meetings on 13th, 15th and 16th March. Please check your email carefully for further details. If your child is on the SEN register and you did not receive an email, please do not worry. This is because your child's provision and next steps can be reviewed as part of the upcoming parents evening meetings. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day 2023:

Friday 17th March is Red Nose Day! Children are invited to come to school on this day in non-uniform (wearing something red if they would like to) in exchange for a donation to support the Comic Relief charity. Donations can be made on the School Gateway App. In addition, we have a small supply of 2023 Red Noses for sale. They cost £2.50 each and will be available from Monday. If you would like to buy one (or more), you can pay via the School Gateway App. This will be first come, first served and we will deliver the Red Nose to your child in school. Thank you for your support.



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