



Newsletter 3

Message for Year 1

Parents:

Please may the Year 1 children bring a bucket to school next week?

This could be any bucket – seaside buckets, gardening buckets, car-washing buckets etc. Please send them to school with the children on Monday morning. Thank you in advance!

Blog Updates:

Don't forget to check Seesaw for the latest blog updates.

Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Families,

What a beautiful sunny day it has been today! It has been lovely to see the children making the most of the weather, enjoying their Forest School sessions, outdoor playtimes on the field and lots of outdoor play at After School Club too!

This week, the Governing Body have had their first meeting of the year. Mrs Beth Evans was elected as Chair for another year, along with Mr Denis Casey as Vice-Chair. We would like to thank all members of the Governing Body for their hard work and commitment to the school. We will soon be looking to recruit some new governors to the team so do have a think if you would like to be involved. Being a governor is a real opportunity to make a huge impact on the lives of the children and is deeply rewarding.

We have welcomed back Mr Paul Lailey from Trustworthy Services to complete First Aid training with some members of staff too. He has been very complimentary about the staff team here being so helpful and kind, which is always lovely to hear. Kindness is our school value this term so the children have been working hard on this in their values lessons. They have been practicing being kind to each other, taking part in some drama activities to turn unkind situations into kind ones and thinking about ways other people are kind to them. Perhaps they could tell you about it at home?

After 3 full weeks back in school the children are starting to feel tired now so we hope you have a wonderful, restful weekend together,
The Harnham Infant School Team

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:

13th September 2021

Imogen – Bees, Abel – Woodpeckers, Isla-Rose – Squirrels, Tommy – Dragonflies, Freddie – Owls.

20th September 2021

William – Hedgehogs, Nevaeh – Ladybirds, Gabe – Robins, Zoe – Bees, Arty – Woodpeckers, Max – Squirrels, Tommy – Owls, Anwar – Dragonflies.

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

If parents are attending celebration assembly with a younger child or sibling, please may we politely request that if they are becoming noisy, distressed or upset, that you take them out of the hall to avoid distracting the other children. Thank you for your help with this 😊

We look forward to celebrating more children next week!

Clubs:

Our enrichment clubs are now in full swing and we have received many compliments about the range of clubs on offer for the children. From Inner Peace, to games, forest school, languages, dancing, singing and much more! We just wanted to take this opportunity to thank the members of school staff who are giving up their own time to run these clubs for the children, for free, and to provide them with these exciting and engaging opportunities. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team of professionals in our school. Thank you! This current set of clubs are running until October half term, when they will be reviewed and another opportunity to get involved will be made available.

Menu for Week Beginning 27.9.21:

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

Monday: Chicken in BBQ sauce with Rice or Macaroni Cheese **Dessert:** Ice cream

Tuesday: Burger in a Roll or Vegetable Quiche **Dessert:** Biscuit

Wednesday: Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake or Pizza **Dessert:** Apple Iced Bun

Thursday: Sausages or Quorn Fillet and Yorkshire Pudding **Dessert:** Chocolate Brownie

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry or Jacket Potato **Dessert:** Cold Desserts

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



Parents Evening:

A letter was sent out via School comms on Wednesday evening about booking your appointment for parents evening on 4th and 6th October. Please follow the instructions contained in the letter to book yourself in for your appointment with your child's class teacher. They will be delighted to meet with you to celebrate your child's learning attitude and progress at the start of this academic year. There will be an opportunity to look at their books as well.

Parents will need to wear a face mask (unless exempt for medical reasons) while moving around the school building. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

If you would like to meet with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator – Mrs Pike, please do email her separately to make an appointment. inclusion@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk She will be very pleased to meet with you.

Pupil Data Forms:

We are still missing some pupil data forms for some of our new children. The office will be sending home paper copies for you to complete and return to us as soon as possible please. This is vital so that we have contacts in case of emergencies. Thank you.

Bike to School Week:

27th September to 1st October is Bike to School Week. This week-long event across the UK is to encourage families to cycle and scoot to school. It's a great way to celebrate the huge benefits an active school run brings. We would like to actively encourage children (and parents) to participate in Bike to School week for the enormous benefits on your health and wellbeing! We will also be talking about this in school and completing some related activities. Why not send us your biking or scooting photographs on Seesaw? We'd love to celebrate you taking part!

Message from Wiltshire Council:

Although we are always keen to encourage pupils, families and staff to choose active and sustainable modes to travel to school, we'd like to remind everyone that electric scooters are not currently legal for use on the roads, cycle paths or pavements in the UK. Current legislation considers electric scooters to be motor vehicles and subject to the same requirements for licensing and insurance as motorbikes and cars and currently only permits their use on private land with the permission of the landowner. The same legislation also applies to other 'powered transporters' including Segways, hoverboards, go-peds (combustion engine-powered kick-scooters), powered unicycles, and u-wheels.

Contacting Governors:

If you would like to know more about the Governing Body, you can email Beth Evans, our current Chair of Governors, who would be delighted to hear from you. chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

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 creative thinking and speaking skills. It is called **How does it all end?** Give your child a sentence starter from the list below. Can they think of an interesting ending to the sentence? This could be something real, imaginary, funny or silly!

Sentence starters:

On Saturday I had a great surprise when...

We were eating lunch when...

I answered the door and...

We were driving in the car when...

I heard a loud bang and saw...

The person turned around and...

When I entered the building...

You could make up different endings for the same sentence starter and choose the funniest! Or you could create your own sentence starters for each other.