



## Newsletter 11

### 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 follow soon to join the meeting online.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Families,

December is here and the Festive feeling is filling the air! The sound of the Nativity songs is ringing down the corridors as rehearsals are in full swing. We are sure that EYFS parents are in for a real treat when they come to watch our youngest learners perform this traditional story.

Today, we also had some visiting elves come to school. They came to collect the 'Santagrams' that had been made by the children for the local people who are living alone this Christmas. We are sure that our offerings will certainly make them smile.

Every class has enjoyed a visit to Santa's Little Wonderland this week too. We have received so much positive feedback from everyone who went with the children and the children loved seeing Santa too! Everyone behaved beautifully and represented our school so well. We are so glad there is so much to do in our city and that we can get there so easily to enjoy it.

It's certainly time for getting excited about Christmas! We have heard tales from the children of elves causing mischief at home and the lights and trees are starting to pop up too. We are aware that this season can become very busy and the same goes for school life too, so please do come and ask us if there is anything that you are unsure about.

With the end of term fast approaching and a new term on the horizon, it is also a reflective time of year too. We have this week, reflected on and reviewed our School Improvement Action Plan. It has been wonderful to see how the things we have put in place are having such a positive impact on the children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team

### Dojo Point Rewards:

Congratulations to the Bees class, who have earned 2,000 dojo points and have chosen to enjoy a Christmas movie together on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, in the afternoon.

### Blogs:

Don't forget to check Seesaw for the latest updates and photographs from your child's class teacher.

### Thank you:

We need to say an enormous thank you to the host of parent helpers who have accompanied the children on their visits to Santa's Little Wonderland over the last 2 days. We hope you have enjoyed a small piece of the magic and know that we are so grateful as these trips simply couldn't go ahead without you. Thank you also to the staff team for taking the classes, completing risk assessments and making sure everyone had a lovely time! What a perfect way to begin the festivities at school.

### 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](mailto:psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk) or by telephone 07595217569



### Menu for Week Beginning 6.12.21:

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

**Monday:** Spaghetti & Turkey Meatballs or Cheese & Onion Pasty with Wedges **Dessert:** Smoothie

**Tuesday:** Bubble Salmon & Diced Potatoes or Tomato Pasta **Dessert:** Love Cake

**Wednesday:** Chicken & Vegetable Fried Rice & Curry Sauce or Pizza **Dessert:** Orange Biscuit

**Thursday:** Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding or Vegetarian Toad in the Hole **Dessert:** Chocolate Brownie

**Friday:** Christmas Dinner Day - Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet **Dessert:** Chocolate Crackle Cake



### Photographs

Thank you to Sally Ross, parent and governor who has taken photographs for the school which have been used as a fundraising opportunity. The photographs are a superb quality and parents who have donated to the school fund will be sent their photograph orders over the weekend. We hope to repeat this initiative in the Spring term as the feedback has been very positive. Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Postbox:

The school Christmas postbox will be starting up on Monday if any children are writing / making Christmas cards at home. Please make sure each envelope is labelled clearly with the recipient's name and class and our school elves will empty the postbox each day, quarantine the cards and deliver to the children. The Postbox will be found every morning at the front entrance to the school, outside if the weather is dry or just inside the front door if it is a wet morning. Thank you.

### Curiosity Cube / Design & Technology Requests:

If you have any examples of technology at home that is broken or unused that you don't mind children investigating and taking apart, our EYFS team would love to receive them. Please send any items into school, thank you.

### Reminder:

Please keep following the one way system and wearing face coverings while on school site. Thank you.

### Head Lice:

These little crawlies have made a recent appearance again, so please do check your child's hair carefully over the weekend and treat as necessary. Thank you.

### End of Term:

School will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at **1.05pm**.

### Do you have?

Mrs Jackson, our Curriculum Leader for History is wondering if any families are able to help with resources to compliment our history topics. She is especially looking for examples of old typewriters, dial phones, tape players etc. If you know of, or have any of these items hidden away anywhere that you would be willing to donate to school, we would be very grateful. Thank you.



### Coffee and Chat – New Date:

We are sorry we needed to postpone the planned Coffee and Chat date from this week due to staff shortages. This will now take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. We are sorry that this also needs to happen online due to our current covid measures but we do hope parents will join us to raise any questions or share their ideas with us. A zoom link will be emailed out closer to the time.

### Take Over Tuesday: ←

This week, Harnham Infant School had an opportunity to "take over" the Instagram page of ABCdoes – a well known Early Years professional, Allister Bryce-Clegg. Throughout the day, he shared some photographs and captions of the learning provision at our school. This was a great success as many supportive comments came from other schools and early years settings around the country. We received many new followers and you can find us on Instagram (@harnhaminfant). A huge thank you to Mrs Sowerby for organizing the Take Over Tuesday! It is great to showcase just some of the amazing learning that is happening at Harnham Infant School.



### Nexus Fostering:

Nexus Fostering Agency have asked us to send the following message to families:

Could you foster?

Would you like to find out how you can provide a family home to children in your area? Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Gloucester, who are urgently seeking full-time foster carers willing to foster older children and siblings. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer in Wiltshire and surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email

[foster@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:foster@nexusfostering.co.uk).

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## TUDOR CHRISTMAS

11 & 12 December 2021



INDOOR BOUNCY  
TUDOR CASTLE

COSTUMED  
FALCONER

REPLICA FEAST

TUDOR  
BLACKSMITH

STROLLING  
MINSTREL

TUDOR WARFARE  
DEMOS

HISTORIC FOOD  
EXPERT

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# could you foster?



we urgently need  
foster carers  
in your area



We can help you to provide a young person with a stable, secure home.

Call us on 0800 389 0143

Visit us at [www.nexusfostering.co.uk](http://www.nexusfostering.co.uk)

## ASTRELLA PRIMARY STARS

*This Christmas at Bemerton St John School, Lower Road, Salisbury, SP2 9NW.*

**THREE** Exciting Opportunities in One Place!!!!

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd December

**Just £10.00 per child/per day!!!**

**Includes BREAKFAST FOR ALL CHILDREN and FREE SCHOOL MEALS for those entitled to them!!**

### Football Fun Factory

Games, Skills Sessions, Premier League Transfer Window, Daily Quiz to Win Prizes and more...

Join the Astrella Academy of Football coaching team and learn new skills as well as make new friends in an exciting and fun environment all with a ball at your feet. Dribbling, Skills and Shooting all covered.

### Active Sports Club

Individual and Invasion Games, Learn the Fundamental Movements to play any Sport and an opportunity to learn how to Coach.

Want to learn how to play a variety of sports and build your confidence and understanding of how your body can move? Our Active Sports programme includes **Hockey, Tennis, Cricket, Rounders, Gymnastic Activities, Dodgeball, Handball and Netball** as well learning from the coaches how to design and lead your own session.

### Dance & Drama Programme

Emotions, Body Language, Build Confidence, Friendship's.

Come along and learn how your Body Language shows how you feel and how our Emotions play a part in our everyday lives. Write and star in your own performance. Activities designed to build self-esteem, confidence and communication skills. Listen to music and learn about different Genres, Artists and understand where these tunes and cultures came from!!!

**Open to all children in Years 1-6. To book your child on any of these exciting programmes or if you'd like to learn more please call/text 07735335263 or visit [www.astrellacoaching.co.uk](http://www.astrellacoaching.co.uk)**



"Being kind to yourself is one of the greatest kindnesses," said the mole.

## Spring term-time tennis 2022

Can we tempt you to join our group tennis courses that run in-line with school term-times?



The next course begins W/C 10th January 2022

Suitable for girls & boys aged 4-18yrs

If you are NEW to the coaching, we offer a TASTER session so players can get a feel before committing to the full course.

Courses start from £70

There is no question, it is a tricky time to do activities outdoors so we focus on movement, footwork & fitness, to keep players warm. For parents the clubhouse is open for you to watch.

To find out more or book visit:

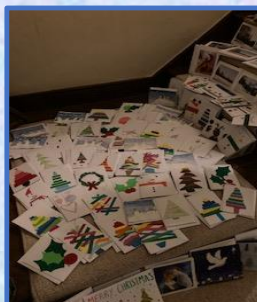
[www.salisburytenniscoaching.co.uk](http://www.salisburytenniscoaching.co.uk)

All our coaches are DBS checked & LTA qualified



## Christmas Cards for Care Charities: Christmas Cardathon

If you are looking for something to do at home this weekend, you could make a Christmas Card that is going to be sent to one of the local Residential Homes. These are being collected by a local charity on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance for your support.



Are delighted to launch the 2021



## Just for Fun – Game of the Week:

This week's game promotes trust, imagination, concentration and cooperation. It is called **Robots!**

Nominate either yourself or your child to be the robot. The other person must give specific instructions to guide the robot e.g. walk forward 3 paces, turn left, take 4 side steps, reach up high, sit on the floor etc. Have fun giving instructions and guiding each other to complete specific directions!

## Toy Swap Opportunity:

Attached to the email with this newsletter, as well as below, you can find information about an opportunity to take part in a Toy Swap locally this Christmas.

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# STEP 1

DROP OFF TOYS



DROP OFF TOYS THAT ARE CLEAN, WORKING AND SAFE DURING THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

12PM – 2PM SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER  
12.30PM – 2.30PM MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER  
9AM – 2.30PM TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER  
9AM – 2.30PM WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

**& COLLECT  
YOUR  
VOUCHER!**

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ROAD, SALISBURY, SP2 7QA



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# STEP 2

PICK UP TOYS

COME TO QUENCH TO REDEEM YOUR VOUCHER AND PICK UP TO 5 PRE-LOVED TOYS YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE!

**SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER  
10AM – 12PM**

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