



Newsletter 22

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to start our whole school assemblies again this week since the lifting of some restrictions. The children have been amazing; sitting beautifully, listening carefully and joining in enthusiastically with singing! It is such a joy to all be back together again!

Today, we had a meeting with an external professional from Wiltshire Council and she said "I love the way the teachers talk about the children." Quotes like this mean so much to us and prove what a special place we believe our school is. The passion, determination and desire for every child to reach their potential, whether academically, emotionally and socially is evident throughout the school. We are looking forward to our Science Week next week and seeing how this will inspire the children. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families,

The Harnham Infant School Team

Blogs:

Do make sure you check Seesaw for this week's blog post about the children's learning this week, along with some photographs too. We hope you find these helpful.

Celebration Assemblies – Parents Invited:

We are so excited to welcome parents back to Celebration Assembly on a Monday morning. Invitations are sent out via email on a Tuesday, with a reminder on the Sunday ahead of the assembly the following day. Do look out for your email when it is your child's turn to sit on the Celebration bench. 😊

Clubs:

Following our 'light touch' offer of clubs this term, we are beginning to investigate / sort the clubs to be offered during term 5. If any parents have any ideas for a club that we could offer, please get in touch with Miss Dorrington.

head@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Attendance:

The Educational Welfare Officer has been in school this week. Although there has been understanding applied regarding the impact of Covid on children's attendance, there are still a large amount of children whose attendance has fallen below 90%. Therefore, attendance letters will be sent out in the next few weeks, along with invitations for some parents to attend a SAM (School Attendance Meeting). Parents will be invited to a meeting to see how school can support parents with their child's attendance.

Parents Evening:

Thank you for completing the booking form. A timetable confirming your appointment slot will be sent out early next week. The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you.

Dojo Rewards:

We have some dojo rewards to catch up on from the "Wind Day" before half term.

The **Woodpecker** class are going to have their army base, princess, unicorn, castle building day on **Friday 18th March**.

Children can come to school in their Forest School clothes as usual.

The **Bee** class will be having their pyjama day (with optional slippers for the classroom) on **Thursday 17th March**.

We hope you enjoy your rewards!

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



Menu for Week Beginning 14.3.22:

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

Monday: Sausages and Mash or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry **Dessert:** Fruit Salad and Ice Cream

Tuesday: Lemon & Herb Chicken with Cous-Cous or Macaroni Cheese **Dessert:** Fruit Crumble and Custard

Wednesday: Vegetable Goujons or Pizza with Potato Wedges **Dessert:** Freshly baked Gingerbread

Thursday: Turkey Meatloaf, Mash and Veg or Vegan Cottage Pie **Dessert:** Jam Sponge

Friday: Fish and Chips or Cheese and Tomato Omelette **Dessert:** Selection of Cold Desserts



Harnham Infant / Blue Peter Badges:

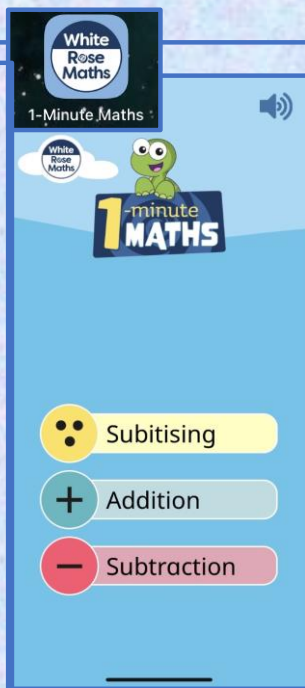
Following Miss Dorrington's independent challenge earlier in the school year, children's pieces of work and their badges are starting to be awarded as part of our whole school assemblies. There are quite a few (which is fantastic) so it may take several weeks. Once they have all been celebrated, we will let you know through the school newsletter so that you can get in touch if you feel we have missed your child. Thank you for your support.

Mystery Readers:

There are plenty of opportunities for any parents and grandparents to be a "Mystery Reader" in school. This initiative has been really successful and children have loved the surprise of having a special guest come in to read them a story! **You can book your place on the school gateway app for any Monday afternoon at 2.45pm** between now and the summer holidays. The children (and staff) look forward to seeing you!

Free App Recommendation – 1 Minute Maths:

There is an app by White Rose Maths called 1 minute maths, which is free to download and supports learning of the maths curriculum in a fun and engaging way. Children can play timed games and work towards beating high scores. There are some pictures here so you can see what it looks like. Enjoy!



25 Reads for 25 Years of World Book Day:

Whilst there was a celebration of Book Week in last week's newsletter, we just wanted to thank all of the children and families who took part in reading 25 books to celebrate 25 years of World Book Day! We had an amazing 55 entries to this competition and children were awarded a certificate during Monday morning's assembly! The winner of the prize draw was Rory from Owls class, who took home some stories, sticker books, pens and a bookmark. Well done to everyone who took part, It is so great to see you enjoying your reading. 😊

FREE Holiday Activity Programme:

For families in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, there is an opportunity for your child to attend a free holiday club in the Easter holidays. Please look out for an email from Mrs Pike that will tell you more about the programme and how to apply for your child's place.



Birthday Assembly:

Now that school assemblies have started again in the hall, we have started to celebrate the back log of birthdays since November, in order to ensure that every child gets the opportunity to sit on the birthday bench. These things are very important to the children! Therefore, once we feel we have caught up, we shall let you know and invite any children or parents who think they have been forgotten to get in touch. Thank you.

Young Carers Action Day:

On Wednesday 16th March, it is Young Carer Action Day. A young carer is any child under the age of 18 who has a caring responsibility for someone – it could be a parent, grandparent, sibling or other relative. Young Carers often take on additional responsibilities such as dressing the person they look after, cooking, cleaning, shopping, collecting prescriptions, which is a lot to take on for a child. It is thought that 1 in 5 children are Young Carers. In school, we are raising awareness of this important role by hosting an assembly and having discussions in the classroom too. There are sources of support for any Young Carers so if you feel that your child may be a Young Carer, please do get in touch with Mrs Pike to find out how we can access some further support and help for your family. lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk





Would you like to be thrown in a den of Lions? I wouldn't!
Find out what happened to Daniel at Messy Church on....
Sunday 13th March at the Church Centre



3.00-4.30 including tea. Contact Revd Penny for details
pennyre.joyce@gmail.com or just come along.

Message from FSCI – Shoebox Appeal: →

Thank you to the pupils, families and staff of Harnham Infant School for your wonderful donation of shoeboxes to our 2021 Christmas Box Appeal! Our amazing supporters donated a total of 7,934 boxes to the appeal, and spread a lot of joy throughout Bulgaria, where the presents were distributed in December. Please find a thank you certificate attached, and please do pass on our thanks to the children and parents who took part.

We could see what the Christmas boxes meant to the people who received them. The fact that a stranger cared enough to send a present, and the way in which the Christmas boxes were prepared never failed to make an impact. You can see Christmas boxes being distributed on our [YouTube channel](#).

Dog Poo:

Please pick up after your dogs. On one morning this week, we picked up 2 abandoned bags of dog poo from the grassy area at the front of the school. Please remember to clean up after your dogs and take the poo away from the school site. Thank you.



6 Benefits of Play

For Children

- SOCIAL**
Playing with others supports negotiation of group dynamics, collaboration and compromise
- EMOTIONAL**
Children can learn to cope with emotions in a situation they can control, as well as practising empathy and understanding.
- PHYSICAL**
Being active supports with balance, gross and fine motor skills and coordination
- COMMUNICATION**
Play lets children practise the language skills they have learnt and build on their vocabulary
- COGNITIVE**
Play supports thinking, reading, remembering, reasoning and attention.
- CREATIVE**
Being imaginative allows children to form unique ideas and solutions to challenges

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Christmas Box Appeal 2021

We want to thank everyone at Harnham Infant School. Your wonderful donation of 38 shoeboxes to our 2021 Christmas Box Appeal helped to spread joy to thousands of boys, girls, families and communities in Bulgaria. Well done!

Thank you!

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