



## Newsletter 8

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Families,

It has been another busy week in the life of Harnham Infant School! In addition to the usual day to day learning activities and lessons, this week we have hosted Year 1 and Year 2 parents for Stay and do Maths and Stay and Remember respectively. These have been well supported and it is lovely to see so many parents getting involved in their children's learning. Thank you to all those who attended and for following our covid guidelines too.

It's not only the children who develop their skills in our school too. This week, our lovely lunchtime staff have all been learning new games to play with the children and the teachers have been involved in some coaching sessions too, reflecting on their practice and working hard to increase opportunities for your children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
The Harnham Infant School Team

### Blog Updates:

Make sure you check Seesaw for this week's blog entry. You can find out about what the children have been learning this week and how you can support them with this at home.

There are always some lovely photographs to share with you too. Don't forget you can share exciting things from home with us on Seesaw too! 😊

### A Visit from Perform:

We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Outer Space](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Harnham Infant School if they come along for a free trial session before Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **HARN011221** or book online at [perform.org.uk](http://perform.org.uk).

### Celebration Assembly!

This week's celebrants are:

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Benny – Hedgehogs, Nina – Ladybirds, Imogen R – Bees, Alex – Robins, Winnie – Squirrels, Alfie – Owls, Jim – Dragonflies.

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

We look forward to celebrating more children on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November! Invitations to parents are sent via email on Tuesdays and a reminder on the Sunday before too. 😊

### HSA Annual General Meeting:

The AGM for the HSA (Harnham Schools Association) is being held online on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The HSA are in need of more members, particularly a chair, treasurer and a secretary and would warmly welcome anyone new who would like to get involved in fundraising for the Infant and Junior Schools.

### Coats:

This weather is getting chillier and wetter and we have a number of children still coming to school with no coat. Please can all children bring a coat to school, even if it looks dry, as the weather can be changeable and we would hate to miss our learning outside and playtime! Thank you for your support with this.

### Well done:

Miss Dorrington was feeling very proud of all of the Year 1 and 2 children today as a member of the public had commented on how well behaved the children were on their school visit to the cinema yesterday and how well they represented the school. Well done everyone – a dojo point for you all!

### Menu for Week Beginning 15.11.21:

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

**Monday:** Spaghetti & Turkey Meatballs or Cheese & Onion Pasty with Wedges **Dessert:** Fruit & Ice Cream

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

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

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

**Friday:** Fish Fingers & Chips or Vegetable & Bean Burrito **Dessert:** Selection of Cold Desserts



**Reminder:**

Next week is Anti-bullying week and everyone is invited to wear Odd Socks to school to launch the week on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. This reminds us that we are all individuals and our differences are to be celebrated. The children will take part in Anti-bullying activities throughout the week. Thank you.

**Welcome:**

We are very lucky to have 2 student teachers working with us this term until the end of January 2022. Miss Miranda Douglas is working in Owls class and Miss Hannah Walker is working in Dragonflies class. We love having students and welcoming them to our fabulous school community – do give them a wave if you see them.

**Emails:**

As you know, communication between home and school is really important to us. However, teachers are primarily teaching and looking after your children and so, they do not always see their emails straight away. Please do not be offended if you do not get an immediate response, we will get back to you when we can. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Thank you:**

We would like to thank all of the parent helpers and volunteers who accompanied year 1 and 2 on their visit to the cinema this week. We really appreciate you giving up your time to support the children (and teachers) with this trip.

**Thank you:**

We have recently acquired two Design and Technology benches from Trafalgar Secondary School in Downton, free of charge. We think they look great in our Science Lab and will be really useful to support children's learning and skills across the curriculum. Thank you to The Trafalgar School for their generosity, it is much appreciated.



# PRIVATE FOSTERING ARE YOU CARING FOR SOMEBODY ELSE'S CHILD?

If you're not a close relative and the child\* has been living in your home for 28 days or more, you must let us know as we can provide support and advice.

\*child = under 16 or under 18 for a child with disabilities



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**Volunteers Needed:**

Please see the poster ← regarding volunteering. The Downton Covid Clinic is especially looking for people to help at the moment. Thank you for considering this.

**Children in Need 2021:**

Just a reminder that children are invited to wear spotty clothes or any of their own clothes for Children in Need Day 2021. Donations to the charity can be made through the School Gateway App. Thank you.

**Christmas Shoeboxes**

Any Christmas Shoeboxes for the FSCI appeal are due in by 9.00am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, as they are being collected shortly after this time. Thank you for supporting this cause.

**Just for Fun – Game of the Week:**

This week's game promotes concentration and fun! It is called, **Handwriting!** Ask your child to close their eyes and hold out their hand. Write a letter sound or short word on the palm of their hand with one finger. Can they identify the letter or word correctly? Swap roles and see who is able to score the most points.

**Volunteer now to support COVID-19 vaccination**

**Let's get the jobs done!**

Vaccination Steward Volunteers are needed every day throughout England, but now more than ever.

For more information or to sign up and help fight COVID-19, please visit: [nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk](https://nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk)

If you are already a volunteer please keep checking for shifts.



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**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



**The Fuel Programme – Holiday Club:**

If your child is in receipt of the pupil premium grant, Mrs Pike will be sending you an email containing information about how you can access a free holiday club from 20-23<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Holiday Club in Salisbury:**

Barracudas have asked us to advertise their school holiday club. → Please visit their website for further information, including early booking discounts.

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