



## Newsletter 12

### Blogs:

Each week, your child's class teacher writes a blog post and uploads it to Seesaw, along with some photographs from the week. Do log in and take a look. 😊

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Families,

We have made it to the end of the Autumn term! Everyone has worked so hard and the staff, children (and parents) are certainly ready for a break.

Today, we say "Bon Voyage" to Mrs Ainley as she takes early retirement to enjoy a narrow-boat adventure. We shall miss her very much and hope that she takes lots of special Harnham memories with her.

This week has been fantastically festive! Christmas Party day was a real treat. Calls of "this is the best day ever" were heard in the hall and it wonderful to see everyone having a lovely time. A special thank you to the lunchtime team for helping everything run so smoothly. There have also been lots of dojo treats, smiles, a snow machine, science experiments and even a special message from Father Christmas.

May we take this opportunity to wish all of the children, parents, staff, governors and friends of Harnham Infants a lovely fun-filled holiday! See you in January!

The Harnham Infant School Team

### Challenge from Miss Dorrington's Assembly:

In my assembly this week, I set the children a challenge. I asked them to complete a piece of creative work independently and then to bring in in after Christmas. This could be a poem, a story, some artwork, a model, a recipe, or an interesting letter telling me something the children have done linked to their hobbies and interests. As our school value this term is independence, it is really important that as much as possible this is the children's work.

For Year 2, I will then send this work off to Blue Peter, so that the children can earn their Blue Peter badge. To enable me to do this, I need to send some personal information (child's name, DOB and home address) along with the work. If you would like your child to be involved in this, please may you give permission on the school gateway app, under the payment section (no payment will be taken).

For the Year R and 1, they are trying to earn a special Harnham Infant School badge as unfortunately, they are too young to apply for a Blue Peter badge.

I am looking forward to receiving the children's independent work by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

### Rev. Penny visit:

We would like to thank Reverend Penny for coming in to visit us this week and supporting our learning in RE. Reverend Penny spent time with each class talking about the Nativity story and it's importance to Christians. We are so grateful that she kindly gave up her time to come and be with us, thank you!

### 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



### Attendance letters:

Following a recent visit with the Education Welfare Officer where a full register check was completed, families where the children's attendance is less than 90% will be receiving a letter in the next couple of week. It is a Wiltshire Council requirement that these letters are sent out, even if we are aware that reasons for absence were authorized.

### Menu for Week Beginning 3.1.22:

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

**Monday:** Bank Holiday

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

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

**Thursday:** Turkey Meatloaf with Mash or Vegan Cottage Pie **Dessert:** Jam Sponge

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



<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Christmas Obleck with Abbey!</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Giant gingerbread decorating with Abbey!</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Christmas bauble craft with Jess!</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Christmas who am I?</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Christmas quiz!</p>
<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Fluffy candy cane slime!</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Christmas paper snowflakes with Katie!</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Standing penguin decorations!</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Snowball race!</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Reindeer brownies!</p>

**Thank you:**  
Thank you to the families who sent in Christmas cards for the care homes to spread some joy this festive season 😊

**Request from Year 1:**  
If any families have any old mobile phones or telephones at home that they no longer need, year 1 would be very grateful for them. This is because they would like to create a Superhero Call station in their classrooms! Thank you in advance.

**Year 1 and 2 - Superhero Day – first Friday back:**  
Children in Year 1 and 2 are going to have a Superhero Day to launch their new topic next term. This will be on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January** and children are invited to come to school dressed as a superhero. This could be a fictional character or a real-life superhero!  
If you are a parent with a 'hero' job and would like to contribute to the Superhero Day, teachers would be very grateful if you wouldn't mind sending any photographs or videos of you talking about, or doing your job, to share with the children. Please may these be uploaded to your child's Seesaw account by 5<sup>th</sup> January? Thank you very much in advance for your support.



**Stagecoach Workshops:**  
Stagecoach still have some spaces remaining for their workshops next week if you would like to join them. →

**Christmas Activity Camp:**  
We have received the following email from Barracudas holiday camps. ←  
*We run school holiday activity camps in your area and had a record number of local children enjoying Barracudas this year.*  
*Whilst we're not operating any camps this Christmas, we're pleased to be running our free 'Virtual Camp' again this Christmas. These have proved to be popular in the past and we're keen to help out again, making the holiday more enjoyable for kids and easier for parents. We have a number of resources from activity videos to fun activities for children to try on their own at home.*  
*We wanted to send the details over to you so you can share with your parents to help them this half term.*  
*Our timetable of events is below so you can easily add to your newsletters, website or social media platforms.*  
*Here's a link to our free Virtual Christmas Camp page with access to all the resources and activities:* <https://www.barracudas.co.uk/activities/xmas-virtual-camp/>

**CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

Stagecoach  
Salisbury and Amesbury

## CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS 2021

Our two day workshops for 4-18 year olds on 20/21 December will be overflowing with performing arts fun that will keep our students active and entertained for two full days! Workshops are available to all, you don't need to be a regular student to join us and no previous experience is necessary!

**20 - 21 DECEMBER 2021**

<p><b>WINTER WONDERLAND</b></p> <p>Age: 4 - 6 year-olds Time: Mon - Tues, 9.45am-3.45pm Cost: £75 (€65 for siblings) Venue: Greentrees Junior School, SP1</p>	<p><b>FESTIVE FUN</b></p> <p>Age: 6 - 18 year-olds Time: Mon - Tues, 10.00am-4.00pm Cost: £75 (€65 for siblings) Venue: Greentrees Junior School, SP1</p>
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Creative Coaches For Life

**Clubs:**

There will be no after school enrichment activities in week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> January. Clubs will resume the following week and a letter with the offer of clubs and how to book will be sent out in the holidays.

If you have outstanding payments from clubs this term, please pay the debts so that you will be able to choose another club for your child for term 3. Thank you.

**Progress Videos:**

On your child's Seesaw account, you will find a video recorded by the class teacher for your child about their progress over the Autumn term and their next steps for improvement. We hope that you have found these valuable in giving you information about your child's achievements and ideas for how to support their learning at home. Please do leave a comment to let the class teacher know that you have seen the video. Thank you.

**Christmas Jumper Day:**

Thank you so much for the kind donations via School Gateway for Christmas Jumper Day. We have raised £231.00 for Save the Children. Thank you!

**Harnham Community – thank you:**

Earlier this week, we sent out an email inviting any parents who felt they may struggle over the Christmas holidays to get in touch with us so that we could help. We then also had some parents contact us to ask if they could help by sending in a donation. We have been overwhelmed with support from some parents who have made a donation on the school gateway app, so thank you so much for your kindness and demonstrating what a wonderfully supportive school community we are all part of. Wow!

**For Year 2 Parents:**

We are sorry that we have not been able to open our doors to Year 2 parents as usual. If you have not already done so, please do visit our School website to find out more about our school – particularly the Transition page (link below).

[Transition Year 2-3 — Harnham Junior School](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have regarding transition.

**Thank you:**

Thank you for all of your kind wishes, cards and gifts for Christmas. We are all so grateful and feel very lucky to work with such generous families. Thank you very much.



*Merry  
Christmas  
& Happy  
New Year*