



Newsletter 7

Blogs:

Please do log in to Seesaw for the weekly update from the class teachers and information about the learning in your child's class and some photos too. You can also upload things from home too! 😊

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school and to Term 2. It is set to be a busy term as the festive season approaches and there is a lot of fun and learning to be enjoyed along the way! This week has ensured the term is off to a brilliant start, even if the weather has been a little less brilliant! We have welcomed in our host of parent helpers and volunteers to support in the classrooms. It is so lovely to have so many and they really do make a big difference, particularly to children's reading progress and development. It was also very special to hear the hall buzzing with excitement this afternoon as the Year 1 children hosted their Grandparent Tea Party!

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and that, if you are attending any Bonfire and Fireworks events, that you stay safe and warm and have a lovely time!

See you on Monday,

The Harnham Infant School Team

End of Term 2:

On the last day of term, **Friday 16th December**, school will finish early at **1.10pm**. Please make arrangements to collect your child after lunchtime. Thank you.

Poppies:

We have Poppies and a range of Poppy Merchandise (snapbands, zip pulls, pencils etc) for sale on behalf of the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day. Each afternoon next week, these will be on sale after school in the car park. See you there!

Emails:

As you know, parent communication is very important to us at Harnham Infant School. We are pleased to be able to share email addresses for classroom teachers so that parents are able to go directly to the class teacher rather than through the admin office. However, teachers are also busy teaching so please do be patient if you do not always get a reply straight away. Thank you.

Stay and... NEXT WEEK:

Next week, there is a Stay and Song of Sounds session for every year group. The children and teachers have been busy preparing and would like to see as many parents there as possible.

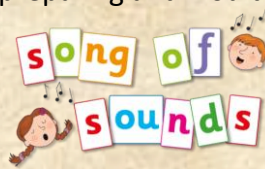
Here are the dates:

EYFS – Thursday 10th November, 9.05am

Year 1 – Tuesday 8th November, 9.05am

Year 2 – Wednesday 9th November, 9.05am

Please remain on the playground at drop off and we will get you signed in before going up to class. We look forward to seeing you.



Celebration Assembly:

Congratulations to the following children who were on the Celebration Bench on 17th October:

William – Robin, Jasper – Hedgehog, Jude – Bee, Jensen – Squirrel, Franklin – Woodpecker, Jack – Owl, Charlie – Badger and Annabelle – Dragonfly. Well done to you all!

Congratulations to the following children who were on the Celebration Bench this week.

Jenson – Ladybird, Imogen – Robin, Lottie – Hedgehog, Nevaeh – Bee, Annabel – Owl, Jack – Badger and April – Dragonfly. Well done to you all!

We are looking forward to celebrating with more children on Monday.

Invitations to parents are sent out on a Tuesday via email with a reminder on the Sunday afternoon. We do hope you can join us.

Menu for Week Beginning 7.11.22

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

Monday: Sausage Roll with Diced Potatoes or Vegan Bolognese **Dessert:** Ice Cream

Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets with Potato Wedges or Vegetable and Bean Burrito **Dessert:** Victoria Sponge

Wednesday: Pasta and Meatballs or Pizza with Diced Potatoes **Dessert:** Shortbread

Thursday: Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding or Vegetable Goujons, Potatoes and Veg **Dessert:** Apple Sponge

Friday: Fish and Chips or Baked Bean and Cheddar Cheese Quesadilla **Dessert:** Selection of Cold Desserts



Mystery Readers:

Mystery Readers have started on a Monday afternoon at 2.45pm. This is a great opportunity for you to surprise your child by turning up to read the end of the day story to the class. If you would like to take part, please sign up using the school gateway app, in the clubs section to book yourself in.

Currently, there is space on Monday for a Mystery Reader in Dragonflies, Squirrels, Owls and Woodpeckers. The children would love to see you!

If you are a working parent and are unable to make a Monday afternoon but would like to be a Mystery Reader, there is an option to record a video of yourself reading a story, which you can then email to the class teacher to share during the Mystery Reader slot.

Whether in person or virtually, we are looking forward to you sharing your stories with the children. 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 or by telephone 07595217569



Reminder: Dates for the next few weeks:

Whole School:

11.11.22 – Remembrance

Week beginning 14.11.22 – Road Safety Week / Anti-bullying week

16.11.22, 5.30pm – Key Stage One Disco

18.11.22 – Children in Need

EYFS

10.11.22, 9.05am – Stay and Song of Sounds

Year 1

8.11.22, 9.05am – Stay and Song of Sounds

Year 2

9.11.22, 9.05am – Stay and Song of Sounds

Coming Soon – Toy Sale / Christmas Jumper Sale:

We are making preparation to hold a 2nd Hand Toy Sale to raise money for the school within the next few weeks – date to be announced. If you are having a clear out, please keep in mind that we will soon be taking donations of quality 2nd hand toys.

The toy sale will happen alongside a further New 2 You 2nd hand uniform sale – where we would like to extend this to Christmas Jumpers too in time for Christmas Jumper Day. Further details to be announced but if your children have Christmas Jumpers that they will not be able to wear this year, do save these too.

Thank you for your support.

Calendar dates:

In the email with this newsletter, you will find an updated calendar of events for parents. Any changes to the previous version sent out in September are in blue so you can see them.

We are yet to finalise dates for Christmas Dinner and Christmas Parties with the school kitchen but will ensure we update you with these once we know more.

Birthday Party Invitations:

We are noticing an increase in requests for teachers to be handing out Birthday Party invitations. We would politely request that parents and children make every effort to do this on the playground at drop off and pick up please. This will avoid taking time away from learning and not disappointing children who have not been invited. Thank you for your support with this.

Reading at home:

Each week, your child's reading record is checked and the number of reads is recorded. For every 5 reads, your child receives a "Strive for Five" ticket, which is put into a prize draw every half term, where the winner receives a book to take home. Please make every effort to keep reading with your child as often as possible. It really does make all the difference with their learning and development.

Christmas Shoeboxes:

Don't forget if you would like to create a Christmas Shoebox for the FSCI Appeal, these can be brought into school by Friday 18th November, You can find out more information about the appeal here: <https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/>



Christmas Box Appeal



News from Harnham Schools Association:

Thank you to the families who took part in the Autumn raffle run by Cote & Castle this week. There were some amazing prizes on offer and this has helped to raise some funds for the schools. A huge Thank You to Cote & Castle for their supporting and linking with the HSA. Please don't forget that if you are looking to move and therefore sell your house through Cote & Castle, they will donate part of the fee to the HSA. The HSA committee met this week to discuss upcoming events where your children can have fun and raise money for the two schools at the same time.

Wednesday 16th November, 5.30-6.30pm – School Disco for Key Stage 1

Volunteers are needed to run this event. Please sign up using this link:

<https://volunteersignup.org/WLML8>

Thank you to the helpers who have already come forward. At the moment, the disco does **not** have sufficient volunteers to run. **If you can help, please do.** If there are not sufficient helpers, this event is not viable to run and will be cancelled.

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Fair

Volunteers are needed for setting up, clearing away and running stalls. If you are able to help please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/H48W7>

Further promotional materials and information about these events will follow so please look out for these.

Further information about a special event for EYFS will be coming soon.

Please note that the **Winter Market** has had to be **postponed** due to lack of stall holder availability.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the HSA for their commitment, hard work and passion to support the schools and provide much needed funds to support the children's education. Thank you!



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on all product
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and click

Parent Order Portal >

Login details for the portal
will be issued via leaflet.

My Child's Art:

Your child will have come home with a leaflet this week regarding some Christmas (or other) art work that they have produced and the opportunity to purchase items such as mugs, cards and other unique gifts. Harnham Infant School will receive 20% of all funds raised and there is 10% off products if you order before November 11th. You will need the details on your child's leaflet to log in through the website and place your order. Thank you for supporting us.



Early bird discount for
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10% OFF
ALL PRODUCTS FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY!

Use code: **Harnham** during checkout

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Valid for 2 weeks from the portal opening date - not the date that you see this promotion. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed.

HSA Sponsorship / Offer:

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