



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Families,

We had a lovely Christmas Jumper Day today. The children looked incredible in all their festive clothes and we don't think we spotted too many doubles! Thank you for joining in with the fundraising for Save the Children. The donations are still open on the School Gateway App and we'll look forward to sharing with you how much money has been raised. Children also enjoyed a Christmas dinner today, with particular thanks to the HC3S Catering team. This, along with the Nativity performances this week mean we really are in full swing of the festivities now and the end of term is drawing closer.

Next week is looking set to be another busy week with Christmas parties and dojo rewards (see below) and possibly even a (virtual) visit from the Big Man himself! We are sure everyone will have a wonderful time and then be suitably tired and ready for a restful Christmas holidays.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
The Harnham Infant School Team

### Dojo Point Rewards:

Congratulations to the following classes who have reached 2,000 dojo points and have chosen their next whole class reward.

**Owls** – have chosen to bring a game (no electronics please) on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** for a celebratory games morning their classroom on the last day of term.

**Dragonflies** – have chosen a “free-play” morning filled with arts and crafts, toys (from school) and activities of their choosing on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Hedgehogs** – have chosen to bring a small toy or teddy to school on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Robins** – have chosen to wear pyjamas to school and bring a small teddy on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Ladybirds** – have chosen to do some baking on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. They will be making gingerbread or snowmen biscuits. (They would like to eat their biscuits as part of the Christmas party in the afternoon too!)

Well done to all of these children for working so hard! We hope you enjoy your treat!

### Staffing Update:

We are very sad to say that Mrs Ainley will be leaving us at the end of this term. She is heading for an exciting adventure on the canals of the UK (not that we are at all jealous!). During her time with us, Mrs Ainley has been a fantastic class teacher in both EYFS and Year 1, she has lead English across the school and been a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We will miss her very much indeed but are sure you would like to join us in wishing both Mr and Mrs Ainley a very happy (early) retirement together!

Miss Beth Butler will be teaching the Hedgehog class from January and we know you will all join us in welcoming her officially to the Harnham family. Miss Butler is a familiar face to the children and staff already, so do come and say hello!

### 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 13.12.21:

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

**Monday:** Sausage Roll & Potatoes or Tomato Pasta **Dessert:** Fruit Salad & Ice Cream

**Tuesday:** Sausages or Vegetarian Sausages and Mashed Potato **Dessert:** Chocolate Pudding

**Wednesday:** Christmas Party Day!

**Thursday:** Roast Beef or Quorn Fillet and Yorkshire Pudding **Dessert:** Rice Pudding

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





### **Superhero Day – new date**

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!

### **End of Term Reminder:**

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

### **Nativity Collection:**

EYFS parents enjoyed 3 performances of EYFS Nativity Play this week. We never charge for our tickets but we do always have a collection for a chosen charity. This year, we have chosen to support Breast Cancer UK and so far, the nativity has raised £127.94. Donations can still be made via the School Gateway app if you would like to. Thank you for your support.

### **Thank you:**

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

### **Toilets:**

We are so sorry but we are unable to allow parents and younger siblings to use the school toilets due to the ongoing Covid-19 Risk Assessment in place. We will try to ensure all children have the opportunity to 'spend a penny' before they leave school too. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Christmas Postbox:**

The school Christmas postbox is now open if 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. Please note the final day for this will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December so that cards can be quarantined and distributed in time.

### **The Poppy Appeal:**

We are pleased to let you know that we raised £177.25 for The Poppy Appeal thanks to your generous donations.

### **News from the Governors:**

The Full Governing Body met this week and we are delighted to welcome 4 new parent governors to the team. Welcome to Mr Andy Green, Mrs Rebecca Broadley, Ms Sarah Faulding and Mr Matthew Trigg. We are very excited about their skills and experiences to bring to the team and are thankful for their support in working to improve our school to make it the best it can be for your children.

### **Coffee and Chat – New Date:**

We are having a Coffee and Chat on Monday morning at 9.15am. Please do join us if you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss about our school. The meeting will take place on Zoom and a link will be sent out in advance of the meeting. Thank you.

### **Update from HC3S regarding School Lunches:**

*Please see the message from HC3S below*

*Throughout the pandemic, we've always had the safety of our customers and colleagues at the forefront of our minds. Having reviewed our current situation we want to write to you with an update regarding meal arrangements for the return to school and college in January 2022.*

*Regretfully, our staffing situation remains challenging, both with recruitment and sickness levels which are expected at this time of year. Our two priorities are to take effective steps to keep staff, students and pupils safe; and to deliver the best, as near normal, lunchtime experience. This means that we will endeavour to provide our daily choice of hot two course meals, both non-meat and meat. However, where staffing issues occur, our operational managers will liaise with those schools to discuss and agree how best to adapt the meal service where it is needed.*

*We believe these priorities support each other and that this plan of action will be in the best interests of pupils, students and colleagues. We rely on upon your support and are appreciative of you working with HC3S.*

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**Character Competition: ←**

We have been contacted by an author who has asked us to share this poster with you. A competition is also open to see if children can design a new character to be part of the series. There is more information about this in the attachment emailed out with this newsletter.

**WINTER WELLY WALK**

Wrap up warm and explore your surroundings... What can you find?

**HSA Event: Winter Welly Walk:**

The wonderful Harnham Schools Association met last night to have their AGM and to come up with some new fundraising ideas for both the infant and junior schools. They would love to encourage families to go for a sponsored Winter Welly Walk over the Christmas holidays. There is a letter attached to the email with this newsletter, along with a sponsorship form and a scavenger hunt of things to find along the way. Please do contact the HSA if you have any questions about this event or if you would like to join the committee and would be interested in supporting at future events next year.

**Update from Children's Centres:**

Please see the posters → regarding 2 courses that the children's centre are going to be running again from January. For further information, please do contact the centre.

**Donations for Families:**

At this time of year the children's centre often have people contacting them wanting to donate items to families. They have created an Amazon Wish list to share with the community, as there was such a positive response last year. All the toys are aimed for babies/younger children as this seems to be the gap when receiving donations. Here is the link to the list: South <https://amzn.eu/iN17EiG> - for families living in the Salisbury area

**Just for Fun – Game of the Week:**

This week's game promotes questioning skills. It is called **Who am I?** Decide on a famous person or character who your child will know well. You could write it on a sticky label and attach it to them so that they can't see it if you want to. Children need to ask questions in order to identify who they are. E.g. How old am I? Am I a cartoon character? Do I live in Disneyland? Etc. You could vary this by only asking yes or no questions or by limiting the number of questions children can ask before making a guess. Have fun!

For Mums with children aged 0-5 yrs

**You and Me, Mum**

A 10 week course for Mum's who have experienced domestic abuse, to help them understand the effects on themselves and their children.

For more information and to book your space call Wiltshire Children's Centres: 0800 970 4669

For parents of children aged 0-5 yrs

**The Freedom Programme**

A 10 week course for parents who have, or think they may have, experienced domestic abuse. The course aims to help recognise the early signs of abuse.

For more information and to book your space call Wiltshire Children's Centres: 0800 970 4669