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Blogs:

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

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Families,

Brr! We sincerely hope you are managing to stay warm in this cold weather. Although it is chilly, it certainly does add to the anticipation and excitement of this festive season. This week, we have been treated to a fabulous Nativity performance of 'Wriggly Nativity' by our amazing EYFS pupils. They sang their hearts out and had everyone dancing along! It was wonderful to see the smiles on all the parents' faces too – well done to all of the children and a huge thank you to the staff!

Behind the scenes, this week has been largely about Governor meetings and a finance audit! We are pleased to say all has gone well and the structure and organisation of Harnham Infant School has shown again how we successfully provide a great place for children to enjoy, explore and learn.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
The Harnham Infant School Team

Coffee and Chat:

Just a reminder that there is an opportunity for a Coffee and Chat with the Senior Leadership Team on Tuesday 13th December at 9.05am. Please sign in at the school office. We do hope to see you there!

Dojo Rewards:

As we come to the end of term, many classes are reaching their next 'thousand' dojo points and earning their class reward. Class rewards for next week are as follows:

Owls – bring a toy to school (no games consoles) on Thursday 15th December

Woodpeckers – wear own clothes and bring a game to school to play with your friends (no electronics please) on Thursday 15th December

Dragonflies – watch a movie with some popcorn on Tuesday 13th December.

Squirrels – have a dressing up day on Thursday 15th December. Congratulations to all of these classes! We hope you enjoy your rewards!

Christmas Cards:

Don't forget that we have a Christmas Postbox if the children would like to write and post their Christmas cards. Cards need to be clearly labelled with child's name and surname, as well as class on the envelope. Cards can be brought in anytime until Thursday 15th December. 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



Celebration Assembly:

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

Sylvie – Ladybird, Lucas – Robin, Szymon – Hedgehog, Joshua – Bee, Rex – Woodpecker, Elsie – Squirrel, Phoebe – Owl, Bailey – Badger and Joshua – 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 12.12.22

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

Monday: Sausages or Nacho Bites with Chips and Beans **Dessert:** Ice Cream

Tuesday: Chicken Katsu Curry with Rice or Roasted Vegetable Pasta **Dessert:** Lemon Drizzle Cake

Wednesday: Christmas Party!

Thursday: Roast Turkey and Sausage or Vegetable Parcel, Potatoes and Veg **Dessert:** Christmas Biscuit

Friday: Fish Fingers or Vegetable Goujons, Chips and Peas **Dessert:** Chocolate Crackle Cake





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Mr Lawrence will be live via www.radioodstock.org.uk between Monday 19th December and Thursday 22nd December from 10am to 1pm. On Friday 23rd December he will be live between 4pm and 6pm plus live again on Christmas Day from 12 to 4pm.

There will be Christmas music from St Mark's Junior School, Greentrees Primary School, Harnham Infant School, Winterbourne Earls Primary School, Wyndham Park Infants School and the Cathedral Choir plus live guests and requests from the hospital's children's ward.

For EYFS Parents:

Due to the Christmas Party Day next week, the children in Hedgehogs, Ladybirds and Robins will be going to **Forest School** on **Thursday** next week, instead of Wednesday. Thank you.

Reminder: Dates for the next few weeks:

Whole School:

- 14.12.22 – Christmas Party day – letter to follow
- 15.12.22 – Christmas Dinner
- 16.12.22 – School finishes for children at 1.10pm.
- 3.1.23 – Teacher Training Day – School Closed for Pupils
- 4.1.23 – Children return to school

Christmas Parties and Christmas Dinner:

Christmas Party Day – Wednesday 14th December – children do not have their usual school dinner on this day but are provided with party food (sandwiches, sausage rolls etc). Children can wear their party clothes to school on this day. **Please note that a separate letter will be sent out about this.**

Christmas Dinner – Thursday 15th December – Christmas Dinner is provided in place of the usual school dinner on this day.

Cost of Living:

We have put together a document which outlines some potential sources of support during the current cost of living difficulties. This was sent to your email inboxes yesterday but you can also find a copy on the school website by clicking this link: <https://www.harnhaminfants.org.uk/helpandsupport>

Please keep supporting your child with their reading at home. It really does make a difference to their educational attainment.

FREE



Christingle fun time for families.

All Welcome.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Harnham Parish Hall, Lower Street, Harnham.

Sunday 11th December

3 to 4.30 pm

For further information contact Jean Mercer at [0799 0582238](tel:07990582238) or jean.sandways@gmail.com

The Parish Office at [07925 108856](tel:07925108856) or harnhamparish@btinternet.com



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My Child's Art – Thank you!

Thank you to those parents who ordered from My Child's Art recently. Your orders have meant that £140 has been raised for our school. So, thank you!

Illness update:

Just a reminder that an email was sent out yesterday with up to date advice regarding concerns about Scarlett Fever and Group A Streptococcal infections. Please do take the time to familiarise yourself with this.

Wiltshire and Swindon organisations have joined forces to bring you the following update:

Wiltshire and Swindon organisations are joining forces to highlight what financial abuse can look like in a relationship - and how to get help.

The organisations will be using the national 16 Days of Action for raising awareness of domestic abuse. This year is focussed on improving the understanding of financial and economic abuse, by sharing messages and promoting access to support.

Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire Police, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner and charities Fearless (previously known as Splitz), Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service, Nelson Trust, and the hospitals in Swindon and Salisbury are all participating.

Financial abuse is a legally recognised form of domestic abuse and often occurs in the context of intimate partner violence. It involves the control of a partner or ex-partner's money, finances and things that money can buy, such as clothing, transport, food and a place to live. Not having access to your own money, feeling trapped in an abusive relationship but worried how you'll survive financially - can all have a significant impact on individuals and families. The current cost of living crisis can intensify this.

The campaign highlights the different types of financial and economic abuse and where people can find advice and support when leaving an abusive relationship. It also advises how people can help if they suspect a friend, colleague or family member is being abused.

Wiltshire charity Fearless shared an example of how a family escaping domestic abuse worried about the economic impact of leaving. A mum with young children was concerned that reporting her partner for abuse would lead to him no longer paying rent or child maintenance. Fearless worked with her to provide debt advice, arranged police intervention for the fraudulent loans taken out in her name and provided benefits advice. Along with community support Fearless ensured she could enjoy a Christmas with her children.

A Fearless spokesperson said: "Although that Christmas wasn't financially the way it had been before, the client reported back to say that this was one of the best Christmases that they had ever had as they hadn't had to rely on her ex-partner for anything and they had had a peaceful and calm Christmas and New Year spent together without the worry of violence or abuse."

Schools can also highlight the current campaign to their school community.

Delivering relationships educations, for all ages, can also help promote positive relationships and address abuse.

The BBC provide some resources for KS3/4 that raise awareness of Domestic Abuse, including the different types of abuse and their characteristics.

People who are experiencing domestic abuse can contact:

Wiltshire:

Weekdays call Fearless 01225 775276

Out of hours helpline 01225 712880.

In an emergency dial 999



Message from School Nursing Teams regarding Children's Flu

Vaccinations:

The childhood flu vaccine is offered to school age children and it has been delivered in school to certain age groups as follows:

Primary Age flu has been offered in schools from Sept to 16th Dec

Secondary Age flu is being offered in schools from 5th Dec to 31st

Jan

However, If a child has missed the school offer, parents can contact GP to avoid delay if the child is vulnerable or can they follow the below option:

All other children : if absent or consent deadline missed - Contact Single Point of Access 0300 247 0082 or email

vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Please note you MUST prebook - cannot walk in.

Locations of regular clinics is Millstream Medical Centre, Salisbury.

Reminder:

If you have a child in year 2, you will need to apply for your place at Harnham Junior School (or any other Year 3) by 15th January 2023. Similarly, if you have a younger sibling or know of another family with a child due to start school in September 2023, applications for school places also need to be completed by 15th January 2023. Here is the link <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

Children's Live Nativity

Come and join us for our fun-filled Christmas family event. There'll be live animals, Christmas carols, drama, games, minced pies, sandwiches and a chance to think about about the meaning of Christmas.



Where and When?

SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL
SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH 3:30-5:30PM

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Come and join us for our Carols by Candlelight Service.

There'll be a festive atmosphere, Christmas carols, minced pies, mulled wine and a short talk about the real meaning of Christmas.

Where and When?

South Wilts Grammar School
Sunday December 18th 7pm