



Newsletter 20

Blogs:

Please do log in to Seesaw for the weekly update from the class teachers containing learning for the week, important notices and some photographs too. You can upload from home too! 😊

Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Families,

We hope you had a lovely half-term break! Welcome back to school and the start of term 4. It is going to be a busy, fun and exciting one. All of the year groups this term are learning through topics related to traditional tales and there is already a buzz in the classrooms of motivated and enthusiastic children. We are looking forward to many things this term – the Year 1 show, parents evenings, Stay and... sessions, book days and even banquets! We are hopeful for plenty of Spring sunshine and celebrations too!

Just a little reminder to please keep on reading at home with your child. It really does make a difference, enhance their vocabulary and developing confidence and empathy skills too. Plus, raffle tickets in the Strive for Five prize pot are always a winner too! Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team

Updated Parent Calendar:

In the email with this newsletter attached, you will also find an updated calendar of dates for parents. The changes are written in green so they are easy to see. Thank you.

NEU Teachers Strike Action:

As you will be aware, there is ongoing industrial action scheduled for 2nd, 15th and 16th March. On the last 'Strike Day' we were able to keep the school fully open, with the caveat that this may not be the case on subsequent strike days. **As yet, we are not in a position to give a final update with regard to 2nd March.**

However, we can tell you that, as it **currently** stands the **following classes** will remain **open** next **Thursday 2nd March. Owls, Bees, Squirrels, Woodpeckers, Hedgehogs, Robins and Ladybirds.**

We will confirm with you about the remaining 2 classes as soon as we possibly can. Thank you for your patience with this.

Celebration Assembly:

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

Edie – Robin, Lottie – Hedgehog, Milly – Ladybird, Freddie – Bee, Ruby – Woodpecker, Benedict – Squirrel, Dorothea – Owl, Agatha – Badger and Victoria – 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.

Clubs:

We are lucky to have a range of clubs on offer this term. After the initial booking-in rush, we are now in a position to open up all extra-curricular clubs where there are spaces to children who may already be in a club but would like to join another one. There are plenty of spaces available so do book your child in using the School Gateway App.

CHANGE OF DATE - World Book Day:

Officially, World Book Day is next Thursday 2nd March. However, due to not knowing whether the school will be fully open yet, we have decided to postpone this by a day. **Therefore, we will now be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March.** Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character on this day and will take part in some fun book-related activities. The school library will be open after school if you would like to pause and share a story with your child.

Please note Year 2 Forest School will be cancelled.

Menu for Week Beginning 27.2.23

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

Monday: Burger or Cheese and Onion Slice with Potato Wedges **Dessert:** Ice Cream

Tuesday: Chicken Meatballs in BBQ Sauce with Potatoes or Tomato Pasta **Dessert:** Iced Vanilla Sponge

Wednesday: Fishcake and Sweet Potato Wedges or Pizza with Crinkle Wedges **Dessert:** Shortbread

Thursday: Roast Pork & Yorkshire Pudding or Vegetable Goujons, Potatoes & Veg **Dessert:** Chocolate Cake

Friday: Fish Fingers & Chips or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Rice **Dessert:** Selection of Cold Desserts



Office Hours:

Just a reminder that the school office hours are from 8.45am to 3.30pm daily. This includes the telephones, although of course you are very welcome to leave a message or send an email outside of these times as well. If you are waiting at the front door, please be patient as it may be that the admin team are on the phone or have been called away. They will get to you as soon as they can. Thank you.

Parking:

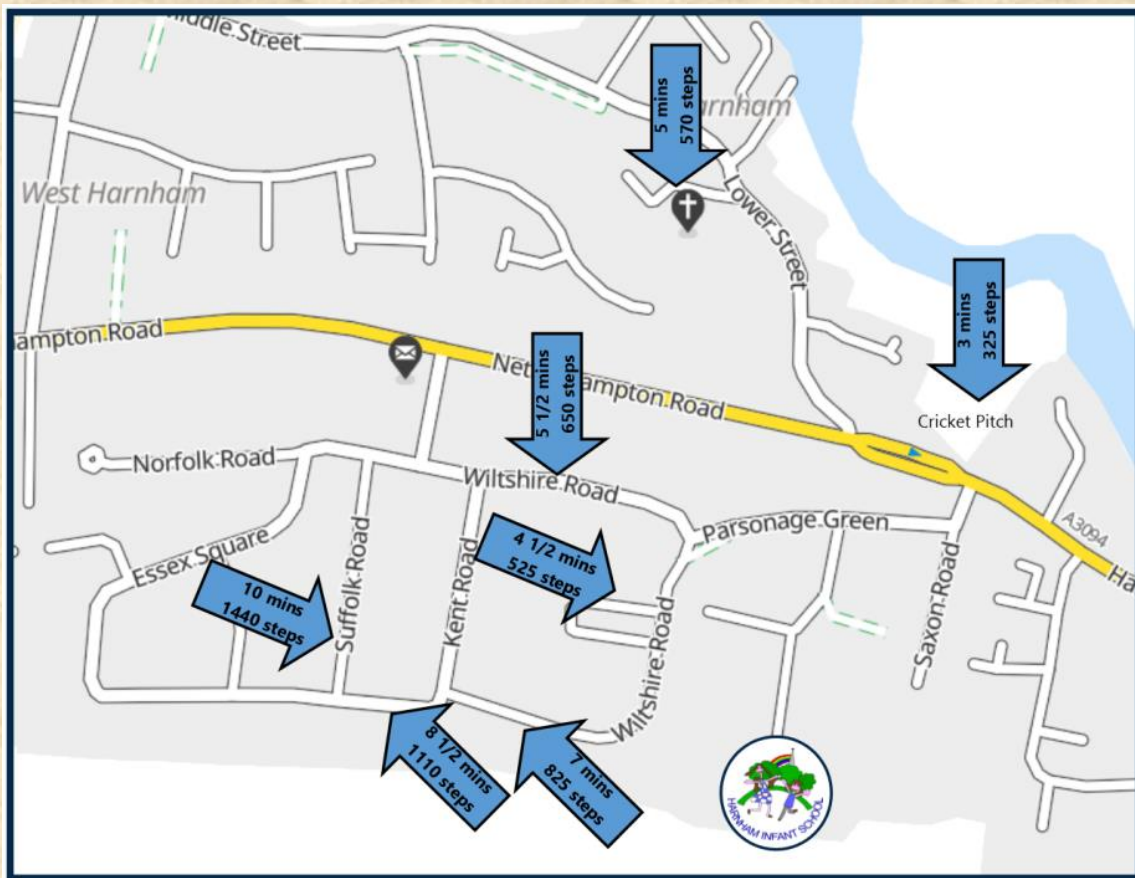
Earlier this week, an email came out from Mrs Batchelor outlining the ideas to support parents with the issue of parking around school site. One of the main parts was a map showing where you are able to park and the approximate distance from school. A copy can be seen here. Please also familiarise yourself with the information contained in the email so that we can keep the families and wider community safe at all times. Thank you. →

Mobile Phones:

Please remember that we are a mobile phone free site. Therefore, parents should **not** be on their mobile phones in the playground. Please keep them in your pockets or bags. 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



FUEL Programme:

The FUEL Programme is running again this Easter holiday for children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant (free school meals). It will run for 4 days from Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April, from 10am – 2pm at Five Rivers Leisure Centre in Salisbury. Each day, children get to take part in a range of activities as well as receive a nutritious meal. Mrs Pike will be sending out further information to eligible families soon. Alternatively, you can click here to find out more.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure/fuel-programme>



Reminder: Dates for the next few weeks:

Whole School:

- 1.3.23, 9.00am – Parking Working Party
- 3.3.23 – World Book Day**
- 13.3.23 and 15.3.23 – SEND (My Support Plan) review meetings

EYFS

13.3.23, 2.00pm – Stay and ...STEM

Year 1

15.3.23, 2.00pm – Stay and...STEM

Year 2

16.3.23, 2.00pm – Stay and...STEM

31.3.23 – Castle themed day.