



## Newsletter 6

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of term 1! This week has been as busy as the last 6. We have welcomed some important community visitors in to talk to the children, been on school visits, practiced writing and persuading, noticed patterns in numbers, learned about Christian stories in RE, created a band in music and applied our value of the term 'kindness' into thinking about how we can be kind to, and look after, ourselves too.

The Full Governing Body met this week, which was the first meeting that had happened face to face since March 2020. It was wonderful to be back in the school hall together and explore our priorities for development for this academic year and how we are planning to achieve them. We are very fortunate at Harnham Infant School to have a dedicated body of volunteers who genuinely want the best outcomes for the children in this community.

Next week, the teachers have training days on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday linked to Maths, No Outsiders, Safeguarding, Achievement for All and Wellbeing too. We are sure it is going to be a really productive time. Then, we are all looking forward to a good rest over half term, so that we are ready for the excitement of term 2 and the countdown to Christmas!

Hope you all have a lovely, restful half term holiday,  
The Harnham Infant School Team

### Blog Updates:

Don't forget to log in to your child's Seesaw account for the weekly blog from the class teacher and to find out what they have been learning about and ideas for supporting at home.

### Forest School:

Following half term, the **Dragonflies** class Forest School session will be moving from a Tuesday to a **Wednesday**. Thank you.

### Thank you:

The Squirrels, Woodpeckers and Bees enjoyed their visit to the Harnham Water Meadows this week. The children and staff would like to thank the parent helpers who supported this visit, for accompanying them and ensuring that the children were safe and had a great time! Thank you! 😊

### Celebration Assembly!

It is wonderful to be able to hold our celebration assemblies again and to invite parents to come in and see their child receive an award. Our recent celebrants are::

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Matilda – Hedgehogs, Henry – Ladybirds, Freya – Robins, Imogen – Woodpeckers, Finley – Bees, Lottie – Squirrels, Charlie – Owls, Oscar – Dragonflies.

**A huge well done to all of these children. We are so proud of you all!**

We look forward to celebrating more children on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November! Invitations to parents are sent via email on Tuesdays and a reminder on the Sunday before too. 😊

### Murphy:

A special well done to Murphy (and Miss Dorrington!) for passing their Puppy training course with flying colours! We are all very proud of you!



### Menu for Week Beginning 1.11.21:

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

**Monday:** Sausage Roll & Potatoes or Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese. **Dessert:** Fruit Salad & Ice Cream

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

**Wednesday:** Chicken Curry with Rice or Pizza with Wedges **Dessert:** Oat and Sultana Cookie

**Thursday:** Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Vegan Mince and Potato Pastry **Dessert:** Rice Pudding

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



### Kindness donations:

Throughout Term 1, we have been focusing on our school value of Kindness. We have recently had an assembly from Maria at Salisbury Foodbank and we would really like to put our kindness into action for our local community. Foodbank need some donations to support their work providing food for local families. On the right → you will find a list of items that the Foodbank are in short supply of. If you and your child would like to bring in one of these items, please send them into school by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. We will collect them all together and ensure they get delivered to the Foodbank. Thank you for your support.

### Enrichment Clubs:

We are hoping to send the letter out regarding enrichment clubs during Term 2 for Year 1 and 2 children shortly. However, the booking system will not open until next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October. This is to give you time to consider the range of clubs available and their cost (if there is one) before booking your child in.

Please note that if you have not fully paid up your clubs from this term, you will be unable to book into any next term until your debt is cleared.

We hope your children are enjoying the range of clubs on offer and the additional opportunities this provides.

### WE ARE SHORT OF

(URGENT) LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

RICE 500G

SMALL BOTTLES OF SQUASH

UHT MILK

DRIED MILK

COFFEE

MASH POTATO

SPONGE PUDDING

PACKET PUDDING, ANGEL DELIGHT

CHOCOLATE BARS

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

TINNED FRUIT

JAM

TINNED VEG

TOOTH PASTE

WOMEN'S DEODORANT

MENS DEODORENT

SHAVING GEL

SHAMPOO

CONDITIONER

## Ideas to Get Children Outdoors

choose your favorite



BLOW BUBBLES



PLAY BALL



DECORATE ROCKS



FLY KITES



MAKE A BIRD FEEDER



RIDE BIKES OR SCOOTERS



DO MESSY ARTS AND CRAFTS



PLANT FLOWERS



PREPARE A PICNIC LUNCH



BUILD CARDBOARD FORTS



HAVE A WATER BALLOON FIGHT



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GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT



MAKE AN OBSTACLE COURSE



DRAW WITH SIDEWALK CHALK

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### Year 1 / 2 Cinema Trip:

A letter has been sent out regarding Year 1 and 2 visiting Salisbury Odeon Cinema on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, in the afternoon as part of the Into Film Festival. Please don't forget to give permission for your child using the School Gateway App. All classes are looking for parent helpers to support this event. If you are able to help, please speak to, or email, your child's class teacher.

### Christmas Shoeboxes

Please don't forget to bring in any completed Christmas Shoeboxes for the FSCI appeal shortly after half term. For more information, see the attached leaflet with this letter, or by clicking on this link:

<https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

### 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



### Photograph Survey:

Last weekend, a link was sent out to all parents regarding an opportunity to purchase photographs. If you haven't already, please do click on this link to respond to the survey. We are looking forward to taking this initiative forwards, thank you for the positive response received so far.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oiJAfbKsxxK0IQENP\\_WB2wLgcWZebQ\\_JLpYedJ64QL-5UOFQ0TIM3NUw4S0MyNzg2NkJDNVkzWEM5Vi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oiJAfbKsxxK0IQENP_WB2wLgcWZebQ_JLpYedJ64QL-5UOFQ0TIM3NUw4S0MyNzg2NkJDNVkzWEM5Vi4u)

### Parent and Community Volunteers:

After half term, we will be pleased to welcome volunteers into school to support the children through reading and other activities. If you signed up to do this and have attended the Safeguarding training, you should hear from Mrs Pike today via email regarding the classes and slots to come in and support.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving up your time to support the children. It really does have an enormous impact and we are so looking forward to having you in school with us.

### For your diaries - Children in Need 2021:

We are looking forward to joining Pudsey Bear on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need. On this day, children are invited to come to school dressed in spotty clothes (or any of their own clothes if they prefer) and donations to the Children in Need appeal can be made via the School Gateway App. We are also hoping to sell some Pudsey Bear accessories too in order to raise money for their very important cause.

### Thank you:

Our sincerest and heartfelt thanks to the visitors who have supported EYFS this week in their People Who Help Us topic. The children have loved their visits and asked some thoughtful questions – some even forming future aspirations!

### Lastly...

We would just like to wish you all a happy and restful half term holiday! See you on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November!

### Just for Fun – Game of the Week:

Each week, we thought we might suggest a fun game or activity you can play at home with your child. These might have a theme; such as well-being, listening or thinking skills, or working memory but they are certainly intended to be something fun you can do together at home.

Enjoy!

This week's game promotes good listening and concentration, plus being energetic! It is called,

#### **Jump to the Beat!**

Listen carefully to some music, this could be any genre you like but something with a good strong beat. Practice moving in time to the rhythm of the music, matching movements to the beat. Practise walking, marching, running, skipping, hopping, jumping and tiptoeing. Can your child think of other ways to move? Discuss with them whether they like the music, how it makes them feel and whether it is enjoyable.

