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Blogs:

Don't forget to check your child's Seesaw account for a blog post from the class teacher about their learning at school this week. We hope you find these useful. 😊

Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Families,

We have come to the end of another busy week at school. Everyone is working hard, showing much resilience (our school value this term) and reaping the rewards of doing so. This week, in addition to the normal teaching and learning day to day, we have also had our next round of pupil progress meetings as well as a Full Governing Body meeting. These have been really positive and really show how we are determined to ensure that every child receives the best possible education at our school.

This feels like a quite a busy newsletter with a lot of important notices, especially about our Jubilee celebration plans – please see the next page for details of what is happening and when.

Have a lovely weekend – hope to see you at the Saturday Sweep tomorrow,
The Harnham Infant School Team

TOMORROW – Saturday Sweep Up:

We would like to encourage families to get involved in our Saturday Sweep Up tomorrow from 10.00am – 12.30pm at school. Please let us know on the school gateway app – in the clubs section, if you are planning on attending, so that we can get an appropriate number of refreshments! There is always a lovely atmosphere at these events as we work to get our school environment looking ship-shape. You will find a poster about this on the next page – we look forward to seeing you there!

Annual Progress Reports:

Progress Reports will shortly be coming home to you. If any parents require a separate copy, please would you let the school office know by emailing admin@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk Thank you.

Dojo Rewards:

Congratulations to the following classes who have earned their next dojo reward.

- **Woodpeckers** have chosen a “You choose” day on **Friday 27th May**. Woodpeckers can choose to come to school in pyjamas, own clothes, fancy dress or bring a teddy. They will also choose their learning for the day!
- **Dragonflies** and **Owls** have chosen a movie afternoon on **Friday 27th May**. They will be watching “Aladdin” in cinema style in the hall. Further information is available on Seesaw – please check this carefully.

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 in Celebration Assembly on Monday morning: Harrison – Ladybird, Katelyn – Hedgehog, Poppy – Robin, Victoria and Leon – Bee, Amelia – Squirrel, Nina and Peter – Woodpecker, Edie and Freddie – Dragonfly and Archie – Owl. A huge well done to all of these children – we are so proud of you! Please note that there will be **no celebration assembly on 23rd May**. We look forward to celebrating more children on Monday 6th June. Invites will be sent out before half term and a reminder on the Sunday afternoon before. We look forward to seeing you.

Menu for Week Beginning 23.5.22:

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

Monday: Pork Sausage Roll and Mashed Potato or Vegan Bolognese **Dessert:** Ice cream

Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets & Potato Wedges or Quorn and Vegetable Fajita **Dessert:** Shortbread

Wednesday: The Big Jubilee Lunch – Street Party

Thursday: Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Vegetarian Sausages **Dessert:** Apple Sponge

Friday: Fish and Chips or Vegetable Lasagne **Dessert:** Selection of Cold Desserts



Reminder - Plans for the Queen's Jubilee:

Next week is our special week of Jubilee learning and celebrating, in collaboration with our friends and colleagues at Harnham Junior School. Each year group from Year R to Year 6 are focusing on a particular decade in the 70 years of Her Majesty's Reign. Learning will be based around these decades through the week and a class museum set up on **Thursday 26th May**. Children will then, during the afternoon, tour the decades and experiences the museums across the school site. **Parents are also invited to share our work** by visiting the museums after school if you would like to. They will remain open **until 4.00pm** and possible routes and maps will be provided. (Of course, you are welcome to just go to your child's classroom if you would prefer).

In the Infant School, our allocated decades are as follows:

EYFS – 1990s

Year 1 – 2000s

Year 2 – 2010s



On **Wednesday 25th May**, children are invited to **come to school dressed in clothes from their decade, or dressed in red, white and blue or even dressed as the Queen if they prefer**. We are also going to attend a street party with the Puddleducks and Junior School children at lunchtime and have a sing song together. In order for your child to take part, we need you to **sign up using the School Gateway app – payments section by Monday 23rd May**, ordering your child's preferred choices of the menu opposite. There is no charge for this event but we do need your order. It would help us if you could let us know if you are intending to provide a packed lunch for your child as well, so please do put this as your response on School Gateway too. We do not want anyone to miss out or go hungry so your prompt response with this is much appreciated.

In addition, if you have any **union jack or red, white and blue bunting, or union jack flags or decorations** that you would be happy for us to borrow to decorate our street party, we would be very grateful. The teachers would also be grateful for any examples of **technology** from their decades to display in their class museum – see post on the next page. Please send any donations into the school office. Thank you for your support.

We are so excited about this community event and hope that it will create memories for the children of this significant event in British history. We will take plenty of photographs of these events and the learning through the week to share with you and also with the local press.



SATURDAY SWEEP UP

Saturday 21st May 2022

10.00am - 12.30pm

We invite you the families of Hamham Infant School to join staff and friends of the school in tidying and planting within our school grounds.

We need your help to maintain and improve our outdoor learning environment which your children really enjoy. We are sure your children will have enthusiastically talked about Forest School, learning outside and we are sure you have seen for yourselves how lucky we are to have such exciting grounds.

Here are some of the things we are hoping to achieve:

- Strengthen fences and willow arch.
- Restock our insect hotel with interesting bits and use a strimmer make it accessible to the children.
- Clear the pond to enable pond dipping!
- Trim bushes and willow.
- Plus lots more!

Everyone is welcome - children, Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandpas for all, or just part, of the session. Although we will be working hard, we always have a fun time at these events! If you have any tools at home that may be of use, please do bring them along.

(secateurs, wheelbarrow, strimmer, post rammer, sledge hammer etc)

All year groups enjoy Forest School and outdoor learning so please join the teaching staff and governors and come and help!



Refreshments will be available and we look forward to seeing you.

Please sign up on the clubs section of the school gateway app

Request from the HSA:

The HSA are looking for some additional volunteers to help run stalls etc. If you think you can help, please contact Jennie Lynch, HSA chair on

harnhamschoolassociation@gmail.com

Perform 4 Schools:

We were lucky to be visited this week by Perform 4 Schools who completed some free drama workshops with the children. In the email containing this newsletter, you will also find flyers from Perform, offering you a discount if you would like your child to take part in their club.

Perform do offer some reduced rates and support for low income families so please do not be put off from enquiring for a space for your child. Alternatively, if your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, please do speak to Mrs Pike who might be able to help.

Shipping Container – can you help?:

Miss Dorrington is wondering if there are any parents or friends of the school who know anything about shipping containers and how we could go about sourcing one for use in school. We would like to create a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) centre for the children to use in the school grounds. If you can help, please contact Miss Dorrington directly:

head@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Cost of Living Crisis:

As we have heard in the media this week, the cost of living is soaring and we recognise that this may make life tricky for some families. If you are in need, please do reach out as there may be something we can help with. For example, we can offer food parcels to offset some of your other expenses. Please be assured that there is no judgement, no means-testing and no shame, all we want to do is help. You can contact Mrs Pike on lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk Please be assured of sensitivity and confidentiality.

Teaching Staff Appointments:

We are delighted to tell you that we have appointed Miss Beth Butler and Mrs Sarah Bacon as permanent class teachers at Harnham Infant School from September 2022. Both of these teachers are well known to the children and are an incredible addition to the staff team. They have such passion and drive to deliver the best possible education for the children in their care. We are sure you will congratulate them on their successful appointments.

We are still recruiting to complete our staff team for September so will let you know further information once it is available. Once the teaching team is complete, we will be able to make decisions regarding classes and placements for September and will, of course, release this information to parents when it is available.

WANTED – Can you help?

As part of our history learning for the jubilee next week, the teaching team are looking for examples of technology and how it has changed through the decades. If you have any technology from the 90s, 00's or 10's that you are happy for the classes to borrow, please may you send it into school? Examples would include old game boys, cassettes, VHS, old mobile phones etc. This is to support the classes putting together their museums for Thursday afternoon. Please note children will not be permitted to play with it or take it apart in any way and we promise to return all items. Thank you for your support.

EYFS – School Nurse Visits for medical checks:

Just a reminder to parents of children in Hedgehogs, Ladybirds and Robins that we are expecting the School Nursing team to come in to visit the children on the 24th, 25th and 26th May. Thank you.

Reminder – Coffee and Chat:

The Senior Leadership Team would be delighted to meet with any parents who would like to come to Coffee and Chat on Wednesday 25th May at 2.30pm in school. This is a forum if any parents have any questions or concerns they would like to raise as well as SLT to gain valuable perspective from parents too. We look forward to seeing you! 😊

Wraparound Care:

Just a polite reminder that if your child is booked into Breakfast or After School Club and subsequently not going to attend for any reason, please would you let the team know not to expect them? Miss Lisa can be contacted on lshaw@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Rucksacks:

Just a reminder that school will not permit any rucksacks to be brought to school from September 2022. Children's book bags and a drawstring PE and Forest School bag will be plenty. The cloakrooms are not big enough to accommodate rucksacks. Thank you.