



Newsletter 31

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. Don't forget you can upload from home too! 😊

Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Families,

And just like that, term 5 is over! It has been a wonderful term with lots of learning and memories being made. We would like to say a particularly big well done to all of our Year 2 children who have worked so hard in their SATS tests, we are so proud of their resilience, effort and amazing attitude to learning.

Next week is National Volunteers Week. As we won't be in school, we would like to thank the incredible team of volunteers and community helpers who regularly come in to school to support the children (and teachers!) with their learning. You make such a difference – thank you!

Next term will begin the countdown to the summer holidays! Term 6 is always incredibly busy with trips, shows, fairs, discos, transition to new year group activities and leaver's events too. We will ensure that all details are shared with you as we journey through the summer together, but in the meantime, we would like to wish you a lovely half term holidays!

Enjoy the sunshine,

The Harnham Infant School Team

HSA Newsletter:

In the email sent out with this newsletter, you will also find a separate newsletter from the HSA. This gives exciting details of their fundraising initiatives as well as celebrating the totals that have been raised this academic year. Do take a look. Thank you, as ever to the HSA team who work so hard to support both of the schools.

Year 2 Lion King Trip:

The Year 2 trip to see The Lion King at The Lyceum Theatre, London is approaching quickly now. The final payment for children is due on 2nd June. Please may all outstanding balances be cleared so that we can pay the theatre. Many thanks.

Dojo Rewards:

Congratulations to the Woodpecker Class who have achieved 4,000 Dojo Points! They have chosen to watch a favourite film and wear their home clothes on Friday 16th June. Further details on Seesaw. Well done Woodpeckers.

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

Progress Reports:

Your child will have brought home with them their progress reports today. If you requested an additional copy, please note these are being put in the post today so should arrive soon. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

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

Hayden – Ladybird, Nawwarah – Robin, Elizabeth – Hedgehog, Mae – Woodpecker, Finlay – Bee, Oliver – Badger, Imogen – Dragonfly and Abel – Owl. The Sports Award was won by Nirbhrit – Robin. Well done to you all!

We are looking forward to celebrating with more children on Monday 5th June. Invitations have been sent out and there will be a reminder on the Sunday before.

Menu for Week Beginning 5.6.23

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

Monday: Sausages & Mash or Vegetable Goujons and Diced Potatoes with Vegetables **Dessert:** Ice Cream

Tuesday: Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry and Rice or Cheeseburger with Wedges **Dessert:** Shortbread

Wednesday: Ham Carbonara or Pizza with Diced Potatoes and Vegetables **Dessert:** Trifle

Thursday: Roast Beef or Quorn Pieces & Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes & Veg **Dessert:** Chocolate Pudding

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetable Quiche **Dessert:** Banana Flapjack





BOOK & FANCY DRESS COSTUME EXCHANGE

AFTER SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2023

Simply drop off at either school your unwanted but unbroken books and any clean and unbroken fancy dress costumes by **9.30am on Wednesday 7th June**

Then come along after school that same day, make a **donation to the HSA** and **pick up a pre-loved book or fancy dress costume** to enjoy!

CASH ONLY!
SO DON'T FORGET YOUR COINS!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising. This can lead to materialistic attitudes, an increased desire to have the latest products, and influencers have built huge followings around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the line between genuine recommendations and self-promotion. Young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This information can fall into the hands of cyberstalkers or even predators. It's important to be empowered by live streaming, which gives young people a time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have their controls buried in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them, including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that 'real life' isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often selected, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which celebrates their imperfections and struggles as well.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert

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HARNHAM HUB FEST!

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Saturday 17th June, 3-9pm
Lower Street Parish Hall

LIVE MUSIC FROM: Nory-J & Somehow I'm Home

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS ON SALE
SUPPORTED BY THE OLD MILL HOTEL

£5 Entry Fee
Under 12s free. Secure your place on Eventbrite or pay on the day

Reminder: Dates for the next few weeks:

Whole School:

- 6.6.23 – Sports Day – letter has been sent out
- 7.6.23 – Book and Fancy Dress Costume Exchange after school
- 8.6.23 – Reserve Sports Day
- 28.6.23 – HSA School Disco (Y1/Y2)

EYFS

- 7.6.23, 2.00pm – Stay and Be an Athlete
- 15.6.23 – EYFS trip to Moors Valley – letter being sent out separately

Year 1

- 14.6.23, 2.00pm – Stay and Be an Athlete
- 21.6.23 – Bees trip to Wagamamas – letter to follow
- 22.6.23 – Woodpeckers trip to Wagamamas – letter to follow
- 23.6.23 – Squirrels trip to Wagamamas – letter to follow

Year 2

- 14.6.23 – Trip to see The Lion King in London
- 21.6.23, 2.00pm – Stay and Be an Athlete

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