



Newsletter 1

Thank you:

Thank you to the amazing HSA team for creating little welcome packs for the families of children starting in EYFS. They were well received and brought a smile to many faces.

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome back to this new academic year and our first school newsletter too. This newsletter is full of snippets of important information so please do take the time to sit and read it carefully.

As we come to the end of the first full week, we just wanted to tell parents how proud you should be of your children for the way they have come in to school, settled quickly and applied themselves to their new environment, new adults and new learning. It has been a brilliant start to the Autumn term and we have many exciting curriculum plans for the weeks, months and terms ahead. We are looking forward to journeying with you in taking the next steps in your child's education.

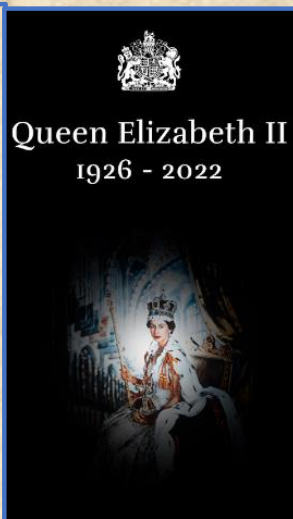
As ever, if you have any questions, comments, concerns or celebrations, please do share them with us via email or in person, we would love to hear from you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team

Queen Elizabeth II:

Our continued thoughts are with the Royal Family through this period of national mourning following the death of Queen Elizabeth II yesterday. Her majesty was an inspiration to us all, remaining faithful throughout her reign and demonstrating what true service and dedication looked like. Attached with this newsletter, you will find a letter from the Parish Churches in Harnham detailing local arrangements for those who wish to pay their respects.



Mobile phones:

We would like to remind you that we are a mobile phone free site. Please do not use your mobile phones or devices on school site. This poses a safeguarding risk, therefore, do not be offended if a member of staff challenges you about this. Teachers will not release children to you on the playground if you are using your mobile device at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Calendar of Dates for this academic year:

We are busy putting together our calendar of dates and events for this academic year. Once this is finalised, it will be shared with parents. This is to give parents as much notice as possible. We will endeavour to keep any changes to a minimum once the calendar has been sent out.

In the meantime, here are some immediate dates for you for the next couple of weeks:

EYFS

Friday 30th September, 3.30pm – Parent Information Session

Thursday 6th October, 9.05am – Stay and Play

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Tuesday 20th September, 3.30pm – Parent Information Session

Wednesday 5th October – local walk around Harnham (letter to follow)

Friday 14th October, 9.05am – Stay and Feast!

YEAR 2

Thursday 22nd September, 3.30pm – Parent Information Session

Tuesday 18th October, 9.05am – Stay and Be an Eco Warrior

Menu for Week Beginning 12.09.2022

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

Monday: Burger in a bun with Potato Wedges or Macaroni Cheese **Dessert:** Ice cream

Tuesday: Spaghetti and Turkey Meatballs or Vegetable Goujons and Diced Potatoes **Dessert:** Oat Biscuit

Wednesday: Caribbean Chicken Fillet with Rice or Pizza **Dessert:** Crackle Cake

Thursday: Roast Pork or Vegetarian Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes and Veg **Dessert:** Carrot Cake

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



Blogs and Seesaw codes:

At the end of every week, teachers write a blog post and upload it to Seesaw to share with parents. Please do check over the weekend to make sure you can see these for your children. The blog posts give information about curriculum coverage for the week, ideas for things you might like to do at home as well as any important notices for the following week.

Every child's Seesaw code was sent home earlier this week, so please do make sure you can log in and let your child's class teacher know if there are any problems.

If you have multiple children in the school, we regret that it is not possible to look at multiple Seesaw accounts at once, without logging out and in again. We have contacted Seesaw about this but as yet do not have a solution. Some households have said that they use multiple devices for siblings in their household. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Forest School Days:

Just a reminder of Forest School Days this term.

EYFS – Wednesdays

Year 1 – Thursdays

Year 2 – Fridays

On Forest School Days, your child is invited to come in to school in their home clothes that you don't mind them wearing in the woods. Legs and arms do need to be covered and the children will wear their wellington boots that they keep in school for this too. Thank you.

Parking:

This is a daily struggle and this academic year has started no differently. We would like to remind parents that Saxon Road is a permit access only road and parents should not be driving up or parking in the school car park. This includes if your child attends breakfast and after school club. Please respect the rules of the road and do not be offended if you are challenged on this important safety reminder.

In addition, please be mindful when parking elsewhere locally. We have had some very distressed residents come and visit us to complain about parents parking illegally and worse still, being very rude to residents. We do ask that you are considerate and neighbourly and play your part in keeping this community safe and peaceful. Thank you.

Pupil Premium Grant – is your child eligible?

With the changing economic situation and cost of living crisis, we wanted to ensure that we are doing everything we can to help our families. Please check whether your child may be eligible to receive the pupil premium grant. This is a pot of money that comes to school to be spent on your child. It is also known as "Free School Meals" which is confusing because all infant children are already entitled to free hot meals each day. However, this is a separate thing. If your family qualifies due to receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Then please do apply online using this link:

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/free-school-meals> to receive the pupil premium grant. Paper application forms are also available from the school office. Please be assured that all applications are handled with discretion. If you are unsure if you qualify or not, it might be worth a try as this is £1365 per year that we can use to pay for your child's uniform, pay for trips and visits, pay for after school clubs, pay for breakfast club and many other things. It may also mean you receive support in the school holidays to pay for food or attend free holiday clubs. If you have any questions, or would like any further information, please do get in touch with Mrs Pike. lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Reading - Strive for Five:

As you know, Harnham Infant School places high value and importance in the role of listening to your child read at home. Children have school books which they bring home to share with you. This is important in developing children's vocabulary, oracy, understanding of language, and learning about the world around them – not to mention the shared special time between parents and children too.

We are changing the way that levels of reading at home are recorded at our school, whilst retaining our "Strive for Five" strapline. We would like to encourage all families to read with their child at home as much as possible, each time, recording in the school reading record. Each week, school staff will check how many times the children have read at home. For every 5 reads, children will be issued with a "Strive for Five" ticket in a raffle. This does not mean that you have to read 5 times per week to gain a ticket, but for every five reads, even if this takes more than one week. Obviously, if you read more times than this, your child will gain additional tickets to go into the termly prize draw. At the end of each term, a winning ticket is pulled out of the raffle and the winner receives a special prize. Thank you for supporting your child by reading at home.

Celebration Assembly:

We are looking forward to beginning our Celebration Assemblies again this year. Each week, teachers will nominate a child from their class to receive a special award. Parents are invited to attend as we congratulate children on their achievements. Celebration Assembly happens each Monday morning at 9.05am and invitations are sent to parents each Tuesday via email, so do keep your eyes on your inboxes. We look forward to sharing your children's achievements with you.

EYFS Notices:

Please may any outstanding forms and information be returned to the school office. There are a number of families yet to complete their pupil data form and also permission slips for things like photographs to be taken of your child. Thank you for your help with this.

Year 1 and 2 staff on the playground in the morning:

It has been wonderful to welcome the families and children back to school for the start of this academic year. Currently, each morning, your child's class teacher comes to the playground to greet you. However, we have noticed that this takes them out of class and delays the starting of some very valuable teaching time. Therefore, once the children have settled into their new classes and routines, not all class teachers will come to the playground but a member of staff from that year group team, on a rotational basis, will be there to welcome all of the children and take any messages from parents to the relevant members of staff. You can, of course, speak to the members of staff on duty on the gate too. Teachers will be back onto the playground at the end of the day when dismissing children to go home, should you wish to speak to them about anything.

Can you help?

Year 1 are looking for donations of any small world toy animals. If any families are having a tidy up and have any spare, please do send them into school. Thank you in advance.

Starting a new school. Things to do:

- Buy uniform
- Get school shoes
- Check pre-school vaccinations are up to date

Pre-school vaccinations are:

- 2 doses of MMR
- 4 in 1 pre-school vaccination

Protect yourself, protect others

Protect your child with childhood immunisations

Your child will be making lots of new friends when they start school and could be at risk of catching preventable diseases if they haven't had all their childhood immunisations.

If you are not sure your child has had all their routine immunisations, check their personal child health record (red book) or contact your GP practice.

For a checklist of the vaccinations and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations

Wiltshire Council

Attendance:

We are legally bound to track your child's attendance and this is regularly monitored and reviewed by the Education Welfare Officer (EWO). The EWO is now having a current push on, not only those who are persistently absent, but those who are persistently late too and not getting to school on time. Please note that the school gates are shut at 8.55am and if you arrive after this time, you will need to take your child to the school office and they will be marked in as late. Thank you for making every effort to ensure your child is in school on time.

Volunteering in school:

We love having parent helpers and volunteers at Harnham Infant School. Once the children have settled into their new classes and routines, we will be inviting volunteers to come and be part of our learning once again. If you are a parent, grandparent or friend of the school and you would like to volunteer to support the children in school, please look out for a letter being sent home from Mrs Pike early next week. Many thanks.

Census Day:

Census Day is where the government collect information from the school and use this to determine the level of funding in our budget. This term, Census Day is on 6th October. On this day, we need as many children as possible to have a hot school dinner, as this is one of the measures they use to determine our funding. We will keep you informed of the menu for this day and appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

Authorised Adult Forms:

The school office are sending home another copy of the authorised adult forms with the children in year 1 and year 2. Please may parents complete and update these, returning them to the school office as soon as possible afterwards. Thank you.

First Aid:

Just a reminder that if your child hurts themselves or has an accident at school, you will be notified of this via our online 'Meditracker' system. Please do check your email inbox for any notifications. Of course, if there is an emergency, we will telephone you instead.




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We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



Online Safety for Parents and Teachers – elevated risks

Online Exploitation and abuse

- The internet has made it easier to build relationships online.
- Offenders can find out a lot about individual children before they make contact by looking at things a child has posted.
- Once an offender has contacted a child on a platform, they can very quickly move from these platforms to a private, unmoderated chat

'The internet lasts forever' is a popular saying, but it is not necessarily true – particularly for indecent imagery of children. The internet watch foundation (IWF) can remove criminal content in just two hours. Through engaging with international agencies, they locate the server the image is hosted on, and then take action to remove content.

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command – CEOP

CEOP is part of law enforcement. It helps keep people safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. CEOP are unable to respond to reports about bullying, fake accounts or account hacking. When you make a report to CEOP it will be read by a Child Protection Advisor, who will get in touch to discuss what you have reported, and what will happen next.

Risks on most common platforms:

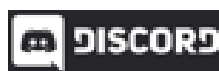
- **Roblox, Discord, Steam:** multi-platform moderation is hard. Evidence of extremist content and users creating community spaces.
- **WhatsApp:** Significant disinformation/fake news sharing. Encrypted platform lends to anonymity
- **Tik Tok, Twitter, Instagram:** Pornographic content, platforms hard to moderate, Twitter algorithms amplify negative voices.
- **YouTube:** Large platform content moderation nearly impossible. Significant amounts of extremist content. Strong algorithms.



I am a child or young person



You can change who you would like to see information for here



How can CEOP help me?

Extremist Content Online

The online space has allowed already diverse groups to merge around different issues, as well as accelerating communication and growth. The internet provides extremist groups to reach new audiences and build communities.

Extremist content exists on all social media and gaming platforms. You can report extremist content [here](#).

- Extremist content is often shared through jokes and memes or using references to pop culture. This means that readers can become desensitised to content or interact with content online without knowing it is from an extremist group.
- Extremist content often uses half-truths, fake news, and emotional manipulation to generate attention and interaction.

Get support for Online Sexual Exploitation and Grooming:

[CEOP](#) – get help and report

mash@wiltshire.gov.uk – make a safeguarding referral

999 – call 999 if you witness a crime being committed.

Access support for concerns about vulnerability to radicalisation:

If you are concerned about someone in the school setting please speak to your school's safeguarding or Prevent lead

[ACT](#) – if you are concerned about a friend or family member you can contact Action Counters Terrorism

Or you can contact the local Prevent team at:

PreventSW@avonandsomerset.police.uk or the local authority Prevent lead at: preventqueries@wiltshire.gov.uk.