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Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Families,

We are nearing the end of term 3 now, somehow feeling that time is going quickly as this will then be half way through the academic year! This week has been another busy and productive time with the children working hard in their learning activities and modeling good learning behaviours too. The evidence is clear by the amount of classes reaching another dojo point milestone and earning their class rewards (see below).

Of course, it is not only the children who have been working hard. The Full Governing Body met this week too to reflect on school improvement priorities and our progress towards them. We are very lucky to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated set of governors who ask challenging and insightful questions. This means we can continue to ensure the children 'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
The Harnham Infant School Team

Blogs:

Do log into Seesaw to see latest blog updates from your child's class teacher about the learning and achievements of the classes this week. We hope you find this useful. 😊

Dojo Rewards:

There are a number of classes who have reached the next dojo milestone. Special congratulations to the following classes:

Robins – have chosen to have a fancy dress day on Friday 18th February. If families need any support with dressing up clothes, please speak to Mrs Jackson.

Hedgehogs – have also chosen to have a dressing up day on Friday 18th February. 😊

Bees – have chosen to have a pyjama and teddy day (with optional slippers for the classroom) on Friday 18th February.

Woodpeckers – have chosen an army base, unicorn, princess castle building day! Children can come to school in their Forest School Clothes as usual.

Owls and Dragonflies – have chosen to celebrate together with a joint Disco party on Friday 18th February. Children are invited to come to school in party clothes that day and bring a teddy to dance with if they would like to!

Well done to all of the children for their continued hard work. We hope you enjoy your rewards!

Half Term Free School Meal Vouchers:

For parents whose children receive the Pupil Premium Grant, your vouchers for the free school meals for the half term holiday have been sent out to your email inboxes today.

Food parcels available for half term:

We may have some additional food parcels available for families who feel that half term may be a struggle for them financially. If you feel you would benefit from some support, please get in contact with Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk letting her know how many adults and children are in your house. Please be assured that your email will be received and responded to with total discretion, we just want to make sure that families who need some support can access it, where at all possible.

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



Menu for Week Beginning 14.2.22:

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

Monday: Sausages and Mash or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry **Dessert:** Fruit Salad and Ice Cream

Tuesday: Lemon & Herb Chicken with Cous-Cous or Macaroni Cheese **Dessert:** Fruit Crumble and Custard

Wednesday: Vegetable Goujons or Pizza with Potato Wedges **Dessert:** Freshly baked Gingerbread

Thursday: Turkey Meatloaf, Mash and Veg or Vegan Cottage Pie **Dessert:** Jam Sponge

Friday: Fish and Chips or Cheese and Tomato Omelette **Dessert:** Selection of Cold Desserts



Book Week:

Today, a letter was sent out to all parents about our plans for Book Week at Harnham Infant School. Please do read it through carefully. If you would like to get involved, particularly if you would like to be a mystery reader, please do get in touch with Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk. As it is the 25th birthday of World Book Day, we are also launching a challenge for children to read / share 25 books between now and Friday 4th March. There will be certificates and a prize draw for all children who take part. Paper copies of the grid to record your reading are available from the school office. Thank you.

Shout out / Thank you:

EYFS have enjoyed a special Chinese Feast as part of their learning about Chinese New Year. We would like to thank Wagamama's for their kind donations towards this!

Driving on Saxon Road:

Yet again, there are an increasing number of parents who think they are able to break the rules and drive up Saxon Road or park on it when driving their children to/from school. This is the case even for breakfast and after school club times. Please, please respect the law that makes Saxon Road permit only for the **safety** of all of the children and families involved.

Request from EYFS:

The Hedgehogs, Ladybirds and Robins teachers would like the children to bring in to school a small plastic bottle next week. They are going to be making calming, sensory bottles. Thank you for your support.

Can anyone help?:

Year 1 are wondering if anyone has any sets of the game "Guess who?" that they are no longer using and would be happy to donate. They do not have to be full sets in order to support the year 1 children with their learning activities. Thank you in advance.

Please be mindful:

We would just like to ask that parents be mindful about what they are saying when discussing school and especially mentioning particular children in public. We have had a parent come to us very upset this week due to a conversation that had been overheard by others about their child. Whilst this did not happen on school site, it is only right that we ask parents to be mindful in what they are saying and ensuring that it reflects our school values of kindness and respect. Thank you.

Parenting Advice:

Wiltshire Council have sent us this very helpful link with some quick read articles about a whole host of subjects such as tricky mealtimes, anxious children, separation, using praise and rewards, friendship issues, body image and many others. You can find them here:

https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Sprint1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parenting-smart

HSA 200 Club:

Last week with the newsletter, we sent home an application form for any parents who would be interested in joining the monthly lotto "200 Club" organised by the HSA. This form has now been updated and you will find a copy in the email attachments sent out with this newsletter. Thank you.

HSA Half Term activity pack: ←

HSA have launched a new fundraising initiative where they are putting together a Half Term Activity Pack for your child at the bargain price of £3.50. You can order one using the School Gateway App. Please may orders be completed by Monday 14th February so that the HSA have enough time to make the activity packs and quarantine them before sending them home. Thank you for your support!

Family First Aid:

Just a reminder for those families who have signed up that the Family First Aid session will take place in the school hall tomorrow from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

A lovely way of supporting your school and giving the children some fun things to do over the half term break.

includes
Quizzes, games, activity
challenges, scavenger hunt

HSA
HALF TERM
ACTIVITY
PACK
£3.50 each

A payment option will be available on the school pay systems. The packs will be given to your children at the end of term.

Thank you for your support. We and your teachers look forward to hearing about all the fun things you get up to!

Half Term Activity Days – Premier Sports: → Premier Education are running a 2 day activity camp at the Downton Memorial Hall on 23rd and 24th February. If you are interested in your child taking part, please visit this link

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/24107-748548/>



**Premier
Education**

Holiday Activity Camp @ Downton Memorial Hall Wed 23rd and
Thur 24th February 2022



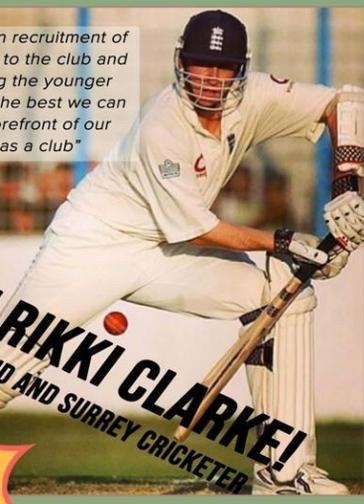
To Book NOW Visit <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/24107-748548/>



MASTERCLASS TASTER SESSION

Sunday 13th March 2022
Lifestyle fitness, Durrington

"Focusing on recruitment of new players to the club and developing the younger generation the best we can be at the forefront of our minds as a club"



FREE

NEW PLAYER SESSIONS:

7-11 YEAR OLDS 10.15AM - 11.45AM

12-15 YEAR OLDS 12.00PM - 1.30PM

Contact shrewtoncc@outlook.com to book



This **Sunday 13th February**

3 - 4.30pm at the Harnham Parish Hall

Come and join us and find out about

Noah and his Ark.



School Values Video:

If you are interested in finding out more about our School Vision and Values, do visit this page on our school website, where you will find a video that explains how our school values are central to everything that happens in our school.

<https://www.harnhaminfants.org.uk/vision-ethos-and-values>

National Science Week:

Next term we will be celebrating National Science Week between the 14th and the 18th of March. The theme of this year's Science Week is Growth and 'Smashing Stereotypes'. We would like to reach out to all parents or family members who may have a job in a scientific or STEM field (Vets, engineers, biologists etc) that would be able to come in on either Monday 14th or Friday 18th March to share their understanding of being a scientist with our children.

Could any volunteers please contact Miss Swaine with the day they are available and for more information! Thank you! jswaine@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

