



## **‘Enjoy, Explore and Learn’**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Dear parents, family and friends,

It was lovely to welcome Pudsey Bear in to school this morning to see all of the children. (Photo included on the school blog) Thank you for supporting Children in Need by purchasing the Pudsey ears, wristbands and supporting the non-uniform day today. It is so good to show the children how we can support other children who may need some help and be part of a national initiative.

This week, we have started our development of Growth Mindset in our school. The children enjoyed the first in a series of special assemblies which taught them about changing the power of words from ‘I can’t’ and ‘I won’t’ to ‘I can’ and ‘I will’ and how just by doing this can open up so many more opportunities for learning. This links to our school value this term of ‘independence’ and giving children the ownership of their own learning attitudes and choices. We have had some very interesting observations and discussions with the children about doing things for themselves, but this doesn’t mean not asking for help when you need it.

We have also seen a huge increase this week in children taking part in the ‘Golden Mile’ to increase their activity, health and fitness level. Now that we have access to the online programme which calculates each class progress, we have seen many many miles completed this week! The total miles ran or walked this week is included later in the newsletter.

Please do look at the class blogs for an update of individual classes learning this week. Mrs Pike and I have been thrilled to have so many children bring their excellent work to show us. It is clear everyone is working hard and coming on leaps and bounds.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Congratulations to Theo – Ladybird, Elliot – Robin, Niko – Bee, Arthur – Woodpecker, James – Squirrel, Charlie – Dragonfly, Frankie – Owl and Lana – Badger who were on the celebration bench on Monday. Well done to all of you!

### **Dojo points**

<b>Ladybird</b>	103
<b>Robin</b>	228
<b>Woodpecker</b>	58
<b>Bee</b>	84
<b>Squirrel</b>	79
<b>Badger</b>	531
<b>Owl</b>	43
<b>Dragonfly</b>	64

This table is not intended to show 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place or a winning class total. Instead, it shows the number of Dojo points that the class has received this week.

Congratulations to the Badgers who have now reached 2,000 dojo points. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Badgers would like to come to school in their Pyjamas with their teddies to enjoy a film with a popcorn snack. Well done Badgers!

Congratulations to the Bee class who have now reached 2,000 dojo points. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Bee class would like to come to school in dressing up clothes. Well done Bees!

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**Congratulations to the Woodpecker class who have reached 1,000 dojo points. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Woodpeckers are going to celebrate by watching a film and enjoying a popcorn snack. Well done Woodpeckers!**

#### **Attendance figures this week**

The attendance figures for this week are:

<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97.70%</b>
<b>Ladybird</b>	95.77%
<b>Robin</b>	98.80%
<b>Woodpecker</b>	95.42%
<b>Bee</b>	96.40%
<b>Squirrels</b>	99.05%
<b>Badgers</b>	100.00%
<b>Owls</b>	97.00%
<b>Dragonfly</b>	98.97%

**Well done to the Badger class, who have achieved 100% attendance this week! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Badgers next week.**

#### **Golden Mile**

We have started taking part in The Golden Mile. The Golden Mile is a safe, simple and measurable health and physical activity initiative and every pupil can get involved by walking, jogging or running around the playground (our golden mile track). The Golden Mile is all about encouraging everyone to lead a healthy and active lifestyle, not about who is the sportiest or crosses the finish line first. It's engaging, rewarding and thoroughly heart-warming to see children so motivated to increase their activity level and boost their fitness.

Total miles achieved this week across the school:	137.54
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#### **The week ahead**

Occasionally, teachers will be out of school, for example, if they are out on courses or other professional development activities. We thought it may be helpful to parents if they have an advance notice of whether there might be a different teacher in a classroom on a particular day. (Obviously this does not take into account teachers being off sick)

Monday afternoon	Mrs Jones	Mrs Newsam covering
Monday afternoon	Miss Swaine	Mrs Heagren covering
Tuesday	Mrs Jones	Mrs Newsam covering
Tuesday	Mrs Ainley	Mrs Heagren covering
Friday	Miss Hibberd	Mrs Bacon covering

#### **Reading at Home**

As a school, we have an expectation that children read to an adult at home at least 3 times per week. We are monitoring the number of children who manage this and celebrate with them by rewarding them with 2 dojo points. Please may we remind you that children need their reading record in school every day as adults in school listen to the children read too. Thank you.

<b>Ladybird</b>	12/26	46%
<b>Robin</b>	18/25	72%
<b>Woodpecker</b>	12/24	50%
<b>Bee</b>	13/25	52%
<b>Squirrel</b>	16/21	76%
<b>Badger</b>	17/29	59%
<b>Owl</b>	17/30	57%
<b>Dragonfly</b>	16/29	55%

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<b>Whole School</b>	121/209	58%

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to everybody who supported the Poppy Appeal by purchasing a poppy and/or merchandise. Your support is very much appreciated.

### **Harnham Junior School closure days**

If you have a child at Harnham Junior school, you will have received the letter from Mr Coles explaining about the closure days in December. On these days Harnham Infant school will remain open and Infant children will be expected in school as usual.

### **Safeguarding update**

On the website, you will find a copy of our Child Protection policy. As part of our whole school yearly review, I would like to include parent consultation and voice on how we handle Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures at our school. If you are happy to read the policy and email any feedback, suggestions or improvements to the school office, I would be very grateful. Thank you.

### **Volunteer Safeguarding**

If you are currently volunteering to help support learning in our school, whether listening to children read, supporting Forest School etc, please may I ask you to ensure that you have attended the Safeguarding training session. We ran 3 dates during term 1, which many people were able to come to but would like to offer the following dates for anyone who is yet to attend:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9.05am.

Please email the school office to confirm your attendance at either session, which will last approximately 45 minutes. Many thanks!

### **Year 1 Cinema Reminder – Monday**

The year 1 children are going to the cinema to see 'Peter Rabbit' on Monday. Please may we ask children to be in school promptly at 8.45am as they will be leaving to walk in to town at 9.00am. Thank you!

### **Spare leggings / joggers – girls**

Would you be able to help with our collection of spare clothes at school? If children fall over at Forest School, get wet in puddles etc when they fall over they often need a change of clothes to stay warm and dry for the rest of the day. If you have any spare leggings or jogging bottoms, particularly for our girl collection, that you would be happy to donate, please would you send them in to school? Many thanks.

### **Christmas box appeal**

Once again we will be supporting the Christmas box appeal. Christmas boxes will be sent to children in Eastern Europe. It means so much to these children, who have so little, to receive a Christmas present, please do help if you are able to. Please follow the following link to help if you can. <https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/>. Please find attached a leaflet with further information. If you would like a hard copy of this, then please pop into the school office. All boxes need to be in school by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Scout Christmas Post**

The Scout Christmas post box is now in reception and the office will be selling stamps at 30 pence each. Attached is a flyer with all the details of the delivery area. The last day of posting is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – please come to school in a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours (red/green/gold) in exchange for a small donation. The Junior school bus are taking donations of outgrown Christmas jumpers that people may purchase in the run up to Christmas jumper day.

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### **School hall hire**

We are delighted to be able to offer the school hall out to hire, which is available to hire during the evenings and weekends. Any enquiries should be made to Mrs Salberg – school business manager – [sbm@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk). Thank you.

### **The class of 2020!**

Will your child be four years old before the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 or do you know a child who will be? If so it is time to apply for a school place. Please apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### **Year 3 children – September 2020**

All current Year 2 children will need to apply for a Year 3 place at Harnham Junior school (or any other Year 3). Please apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### **PSA**

Our Parent Support Advisor is Chris Lister. Chris works every Tuesday and Wednesday and can be contacted on 07595217569

### **TD days**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### **Letter sent out this week:**

- Playground squad – letters
- Letter from the HSA

### **Upcoming dates**

#### **EYFS dates**

26.11.2019	9.05am	Stay and do Phonics – parents invited
11.12.2019	9.15am	EYFS Nativity Performance
12.12.2019	2.15pm	EYFS Nativity Performance

#### **Year 1 dates**

18.11.2019		Into Film Festival to see Peter Rabbit
26.11.2019	Morning	Year 1 Learning Walk around Harnham.
3.12.2019	9.00am	Stay and make a Christingle

#### **Year 2 dates**

28.11.2019	9.05am	Stay and do Reading – parents invited (Date change)
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#### **Whole school dates**

29.11.2019	3.30pm	Christmas Fair
04.12.2019	9.05am	Coffee and Chat with SLT
04.12.2019		HSA School Disco
17.12.2019		Christmas Party
18.12.2019		Christmas Dinner

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher

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