



'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Tuesday 22nd October 2019

Dear parents, family and friends,

The end of term 1 has arrived – and what a term it has been! The children have settled in to their new classes and routines, getting to know their new teachers and even making some new friends whilst studying their new topics. We have seen some brilliant learning over the last 7 weeks, many headteacher awards, certificates and dojo points have been given out as the children have learned new skills, challenged themselves and tried their best in all learning situations. Children have also been building on their personal and social skills through our new school values, most notably this term through their kindness to each other and to the staff. We are very proud of them all.

Of course none of this is possible without the dedication and commitment of every single member of school staff who work so hard for the children. I'm sure you all agree they deserve a good rest this half term before the Christmas countdown begins!

One lady who has a busy half term planned is Miss Blair, who is getting married this Saturday. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Blair and her fiancé Dean, a very happy day together. We look forward to greeting her as Mrs Sowerby when we all return to school on 4th November.

Celebration assembly

Congratulations to Otilie – Robin, Oscar – Ladybird, Theo – Squirrel, Phoebe – Bee, Jude – Woodpecker, Imogen – Badger Harriet – Owl and Isabelle – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench last week. Well done to you all!

Dojo points

Ladybird	30
Robin	171
Woodpecker	134
Bee	103
Squirrel	222
Badger	224
Owl	32
Dragonfly	63

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

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	96.03%
Ladybird	96.15%
Robin	94.00%
Woodpecker	98.33%
Bee	94.40%
Squirrels	96.19%
Badgers	98.28%

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Owls	91.33%
Dragonfly	99.31%

Well done to the Dragonfly class, who have achieved the highest attendance this week. Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Dragonflies next week.

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)

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.

Ladybird	16/26	62%
Robin	20/25	80%
Woodpecker	15/24	63%
Bee	18/25	72%
Squirrel	11/21	52%
Badger	17/29	59%
Owl	13/30	43%
Dragonfly	22/29	76%
Whole School	132/209	63%

New Menu

Following the half term holiday, there is a new menu for the hot dinners. Children will have brought home a paper copy in their book bags for your information but an electronic copy will also be available on the school website or the HC3S website.

Change of new menu

On **Tuesday 5th November**, in celebratory style of Bonfire Night, the school kitchens have kindly said they would like to change the dinner for that day. Children will be able to have Bangers and Mash (or vegetarian bangers and mash) and for dessert, a rocket ice lolly!

The Jolly Postman

Next term, the children in EYFS will be enjoying a topic about 'The Jolly Postman'. If any families have any postal themed toys or books for the children to access and use, we would be very grateful.

Forest School – Friday 8th November

Please note that there will be no forest school for Bees and Dragonflies on Friday 8th November, as some junior school children are taking part in a forest school day of their own with Mrs Robinson. We hope they have a lovely time.

Flu vaccinations

Just a reminder that the Flu vaccinations for children will be on the first day back after half term, on Monday 4th November. If you are yet to register your child for the vaccinations, here is the information we were sent originally to help you.

Dear parents & carers,

Nasal flu vaccination – Electronic consent

*As last year, the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to **all Primary aged children**. This will*

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take place between October - December 2019 across Wiltshire/BaNES/Swindon and as last year, the consent will need to be completed electronically.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes 7 – 14 days prior to the session in school. This link is secure, please **carefully** select your child's school from the drop down menu and this will ensure that the consent is in the right place. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

If your child is medically vulnerable, early clinics will be available please contact the team to book in on 0300 247 0082.

If you have any difficulties or queries with this process please do not hesitate to contact the team on 0300 247 0082.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Welcome

We would like to welcome the student teacher, Chris Lee, who is on his first teaching practice at Harnham Infant School. Mr Lee will be working with Dragonflies class until Christmas and we are sure he is going to have a very successful term with us. Do say hello if you see him in the playground.

School photographs

Please may all orders of school photographs be returned to school by Wednesday 13th November. Children should have already brought their proof photograph home for you to see.

EYFS parents pick up

At the end of the day, please may Robins and Ladybird parents wait slightly to the right, towards the metal shed and the playground markings. This is because it has been increasingly difficult for Miss Spellar and the Bee class to come down the steps and see where their parents are.

Well done

Congratulations to the following children who completed this summer's library challenge; Space Race.

Harriet A, Finlay B, Amelia B, Daniel B, Henry B-G, Olive C, Henry C, Alex D, Emilia D, Oscar E, Florence F, Noah G-R, Theodora G, Jasper H, Maddie H, Carys H, Theo H, Rosanna K, Beatrix L, Monty L, Daniel M, Jacobo M, Esme M, Lewis N, Rex R, Lucie R, Phoebe R, Isabelle S, Lily S, Edward S, Madison S, Oluwatosin T, Joel T, Oliver W-S, Edward W and Chloe W.

We are very proud of you all!

Safeguarding Request

May we politely remind parents / grandparents / carers that they are not permitted to access school site without signing in at the front office or being escorted by a member of school staff. We have had several cases of parents popping in to school to look for lost items and things, which in principle is absolutely fine but without staff knowledge creates a safeguarding risk, for example, we wouldn't be able to account for everyone in the case of fire.

If you need to go in to school for any reason, please make sure you check with any member of school staff first, this includes before and after school care too. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Lunchboxes

Just a gentle reminder that, if your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, to please be mindful of the contents. Recently, we have noticed some children bringing full size chocolate bars. If chocolate spread is being given in sandwiches, please may you also check the ingredients carefully as these often contain nut products. We do have children in school with allergies and the school is a nut free zone. Thank you for your cooperation.

School hall hire

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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. Thank you.

The class of 2020!

Will your child be four years old before the 1st 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. The deadline for applications is 15th 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. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020.

PSA

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

In the Community

Celebrate Voice Festival

Celebrate Voice is an award-winning music festival coming to the centre of Salisbury from 25th October 2019 - 2nd November 2019. It will take place in a unique pop-up venue - The Wilsons Piccolo Theatre that will be built on the Guildhall Square Salisbury, giving the festival a prominent central setting for this year's celebrations. There are reduced price child tickets available for the evening celebrity opera, jazz, folk, cabaret, music theatre and comedy events, and a daytime programme of family events including storytelling, a baby opera, sing-a-long bands, children's theatre as well as local acts to celebrate our community. More information and tickets available from www.celebratevoice.co.uk

TD days

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Thursday 25th June 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Letter sent out this week:

- Playground squad – letters

Upcoming dates

EYFS dates

26.11.2019	9.05am	Stay and do Phonics – parents invited
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Year 1 dates

18.11.2019		Into Film Festival to see Peter Rabbit
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Year 2 dates

07.11.2019		Into Film Festival to see Wonder Park
14.11.2019	9.05am	Stay and do Reading – parents invited

Whole school dates

04.11.2019		Flu Vaccinations
WB 11.11.2019		Anti-bullying week
15.11.2019		Children in Need – details to follow
29.11.2019	3.30pm	Christmas Fair
04.12.2019	9.05am	Coffee and Chat with SLT
04.12.2019		HSA School Disco

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

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Thank you for a great term. Have a great half-term holiday.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher