

Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe this week has been shorter than usual due to the Bank Holiday on Monday! It seems we have been just as busy in 4 days! The children have been working so hard and celebrating much success with their learning, responding to challenges, using their Growth Mindsets and embodying our school value of this term, Resilience. We are so proud of them all.

Our Early Years children have been busy learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and also investigating odd and even numbers using pieces of Numicon to help them. In addition, they have been working on using speed and agility in PE by playing some fun games!

In Year 1, children are busy designing and making models of cars, learning and writing an advertisement for a car as well as investigating the numbers 11-19. It is clear how much they are enjoying their transport topic - especially getting to play with real car parts.

The storytellers in Year 2 have been busy creating their own story maps of Rumpelstiltskin and learning the story off by heart. They have also used technology to research and find out about castles and in maths, have been finding ways to use coins to make a given amount of money.

You will find some great photographs of the children's learning on Seesaw and some other updates from the class teachers. Please do take a look and ask your children about their learning so you can celebrate with them too.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team



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Blog Updates:

Don't forget to log into Seesaw to see the latest blog entry for your child's class. Do let us know if you need your child's code sent to you or any help to log in. For children in EYFS, the teachers are using Seesaw to record your child's learning at school too. Feel free to have a look and leave us a comment. ☺

HSA News:

The Harnham Schools Association met for their AGM last night and elected their Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for the year. They also discussed some fundraising ideas for the near future.

The HSA put out a survey, which if you have not yet responded to, they would be very grateful for your input before midday on Monday. Click on the link below to find it.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Nf_tgDLBGU-PM_iLjY00MOaeapB9GBDgbwWHCycHxBUMTE0QzhVUIpXUIRLTDg3TTk4WEM0WFdKQj4u

Water Bottles:

Please may we request that your child's water bottle that they have in the classroom each day only contains water. We have seen an increasing number of children with squash or juice in their bottles, which is against school policy. We would be very grateful for your support with this. Children have access to their water bottles at all times and are regularly reminded to have a drink. Thank you.

Students:

We are really enjoying having students with us from the University of Winchester to undertake some training on their journeys to becoming teachers. Today, we wished a sad farewell to Miss Beth Butler and next Friday we will wish the same to Miss Hayley Downes. We would like to thank both of these students for their commitment to our school and hope they really enjoyed their time with us. We are sure they are both going to be brilliant teachers.

This week, we also welcomed Miss Chloe Bellamy on placement in Owl class for the Summer Term and Miss Amber Dickerson and Miss Elsiea DeBeer into Ladybird Class for a shorter paired placement in Early Years.

Menu for Next Week:

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

Monday: Sausage and Mash or Pasta and Tomato Sauce

Tuesday: Chicken Curry or Free Range Omelette

Wednesday: Hand made Fishcake or Pizza

Thursday: Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Vegetable Puff

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetable Lasagne

If you need help with anything or need some support, please email:

requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk



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

**Meet the Governors.....**

This week we would like to introduce Fawn Sowerty.

As you know Fawn is the Badgers class teacher and head of Year 2 and joined the Governing Body as an associate governor in November 2020.

**Free School Meals in May Half Term:**

The Government have committed to funding Free School Meals during the half term holiday in May for those children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant. As in previous school holidays, we will provide a Tesco voucher to each child who is on the Pupil Premium Grant List at Harnham Infant School. We will contact the families who qualify when these are ready to be collected from the school office.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Pupil Premium and whether your family might qualify, please get in touch with Mrs Pike. Thank you.

lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

School Gateway:

If you haven't already, please download the School Gateway App to receive text messages from school.

**BE KIND
TO EVERYONE,
INCLUDING
YOURSELF.**

Golden Mile:

This week, your children have fun 102.36 miles during our Golden Mile daily runs. Well done everyone! What a great way to stay fit and healthy!

Harnham Infant School Alumni:

We received this wonderful news from a parent this week about a previous Harnham Infant School pupil: "You may not remember, but you very kindly allowed my daughter, Elara, to start trumpet lessons whilst she was still in Harnham Infant School. We remain so grateful for your kindness in facilitating this. She is 9 years-old now and has recently passed both grade 8 trumpet and tenor horn (also playing saxophone, piano and drums) and has a place to start in The Royal College of Music junior academy in September!" We would very much like to congratulate Elara on her success!

Reminder: Volunteering in School:

We are delighted to welcome back our amazing team of parent volunteers in to school following the May half-term holiday. This could be to support children by listening to readers or carrying out learning activities with them. We wanted to let you know this now so that we have got time to plan a schedule of support and complete any necessary paperwork so that we can be ready to go straight away on 7th June, subject to DfE guidance of course. Due to the length of time inactive, we may need to carry out a new DBS check and everyone will need to have completed the Safeguarding Training too. We would also require you to take part in regular Lateral Flow Testing and obviously ensure you follow Covid guidelines on site too. If you are still interested in volunteering in school, please send Mrs Pike an email to let her know your availability. Due to year group bubbles, you will only be able to support in one year group to begin with, though this will be reviewed as restrictions continue to ease. Mrs Pike is looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance for your support.

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**Full time meals:**

Don't forget you can find some lovely recipes endorsed by Tom Kerridge and Marcus Rashford aimed at supporting families on a tight budget. Here is a link to find their Instagram account.

<https://www.instagram.com/fulltimemeals/?hl=en-gb>