

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear Families,

We do hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. Our continued thanks and admiration go to all the keyworker parents, friends and family members who are working so hard to keep the country safe and operational at this time. Everyone at home is "doing their bit" too so thank you. Of course, we are all hoping for the continued decline in the virus rate of infection and for news of the easing of the lockdown restrictions. We are keeping a close ear out for any advice being given to schools and will let you know as soon as we have information for you. In the meantime, keep doing what you have been as we are so thrilled with the continued communication links between home and school and more than ever, know that Harnham Infants is a very special place indeed.

The children in school this week have enjoyed exploring links with different countries, tasting food, going on safari and flying around the world. At home, similarly, children have been working on their projects about pollution and recycling as well as learning about other countries, maths work involving capacity and the story of The Snail and The Whale. It has been a brilliant week and although our time apart continues, it feels we have never been more together.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team



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### VE Day Anniversary Celebrations

As you know, next Friday is a Bank Holiday, given to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. Originally there were big plans for community events, which inevitably have been postponed. However, at school and at home, we still would like to take part, as encouraged to do so by Her Majesty the Queen. Our weekly project next week is to design and hold your very own VE Day inspired party! We hope you enjoy it and make sure you send us some photographs so we can make a display of them.



### An idea...

Mrs Sowerby and Miss Swaine have had a lovely time in school this afternoon setting up for next week. They have created a wartime shelter in the classroom for the children to role play in, complete with bowl helmets, camo nets and parachuting soldiers! Why not have a go at creating your own at home too?



If you need help with anything or need some support, please email:  
[requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)



Alone we can do  
so little;  
together we can do  
so much.

-Helen Keller

### Round Up – Issue 5

Attached with this newsletter, you will find the next edition of 'Round Up', the weekly newsletter for children from Wiltshire Council. The theme this week is 'Food Glorious Food'. If you would like to make a contribution to the next one, the deadline is now on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. The theme of the next newsletter will be about the games that you are playing. Further details can be found on the 'Round Up' PDF.

### Perform 4 Schools at Home – Free trial

Perform 4 Schools often come in to school to promote their performing arts club. They have recently started Perform At Home - online drama classes for Reception to Year 6 children. These are 30 minute interactive sessions led by Perform teachers in small groups featuring singing, dancing, storytelling and drama. You can read more about it here: <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/perform-at-home>

They are currently offering a FREE TRIAL SESSION for any interested child. They will be exploring Peter Pan with KS1. For further information, please call 0207 255 9120, email them on [enquiries@perform.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@perform.org.uk). You can also visit their website [www.perform.org.uk](http://www.perform.org.uk).

### Notices for Keyworker Children IN SCHOOL

#### Menu for next week:

Monday – Sausages or Vegetarian Sausages and Mash

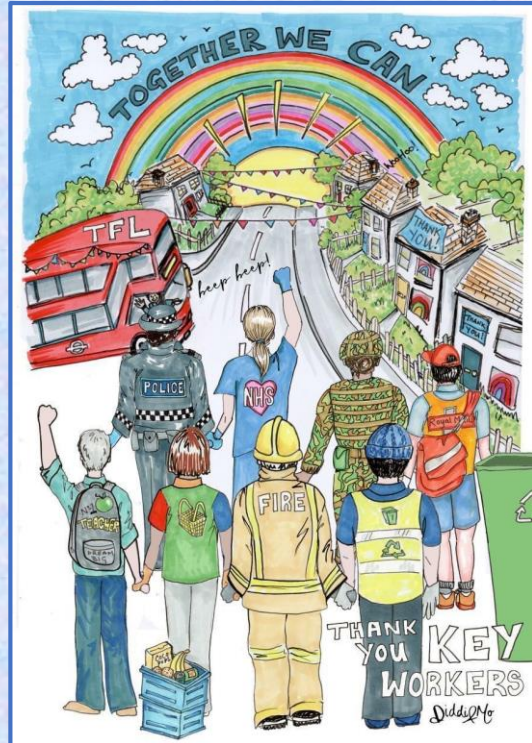
Tuesday – Pasta Bolognese or Vegetable Pasta

Wednesday – Pizza or Bubble Salmon and Potato Wedges

Thursday – Fish Fingers and Chips or Mexican Bean Pasty.

**Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle and a mid-morning snack too.** (No nuts please)

**Please note: Forest School sessions will become a regular activity on a Friday.**



Sometimes you will  
never know the value  
of a moment until it  
becomes a memory.

-Dr. Seuss



### Petals for Peace :

Local charity Alabare are inviting us to take part in a project called 'Petals for Peace'. They would love it if members of the public would create a simple paper flower to display in their window at home and make a donation to support the homeless and vulnerable veterans, as part of the nation's celebrations of 75 years since VE Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Here are some details of how you can get involved:

1. Create your Petals for Peace and write a message of peace (make your own or take inspiration from our free online resources below)
2. Display your Petals of Peace proudly in your window at home or with those pupils still in school.
3. Make a donation to our JustGiving Campaign Page or set up your own fundraising page on JustGiving - We are recommending donations of £5 per household, all proceeds supporting homeless and vulnerable Veterans

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/petalsforpeace>

4. Share your Petals and messages of peace with us and the community using the #PetalsForPeace
- There are other free resources and tutorials available on the Alabare website. Thank you for helping to ensure that every veteran has a safe home, food and access to medication at this time of urgent need. Don't forget you can share your petal pictures with us on Seesaw too!



### Wellbeing tips

We have been notified of some free wellbeing sessions being put together by doctors, psychologists and life coaches. Here are some links if you are interested in accessing more information:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ROOTSsessions2020](https://www.facebook.com/ROOTSsessions2020)

Or <https://sites.google.com/view/roots-free-wellbeing-sessions/home>

### Seesaw

We are so pleased with the number of families choosing to interact with Seesaw. Thank you for all your hard work and interactions through this platform. Sometime different staff take on different roles to cover each other and thought it might be good to keep parents informed of this. Next week, the teachers responding to Seesaw for each class are:

Ladybirds – Miss Swaine

Robins – Mrs Jones

Bees – Mrs Pike

Woodpeckers – Miss Hibberd

Squirrels – Mrs Ainley

Dragonflies – Mrs Allexant

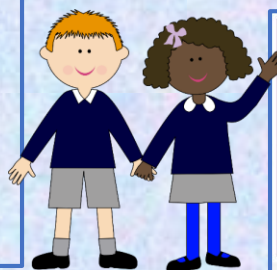
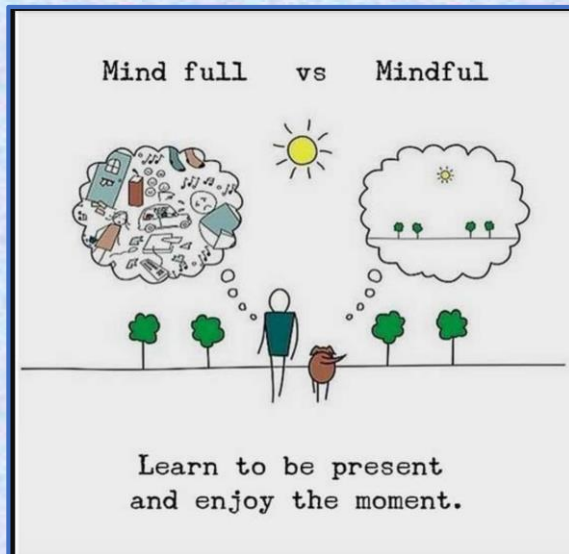
Owls – Mrs Young

Badgers – Mrs Sowerby

Next week, due to the Bank Holiday on Friday, learning activities will be uploaded each morning from Monday to Thursday. The teaching team are really looking forward to hearing from you.

### Important Reminder

If you have recently moved house, changed email address or telephone numbers, please ensure that you keep us informed and up to date. You can email the school office or the request for support email. Many thanks!



### Blogs

Remember to check the class blogs on the school website. The teachers are writing a weekly post and uploading photographs so that the children can see what their friends have been doing at home too. Thank you!

### Support with Mental Health

If you have mental health concerns about a child or young person, here are some useful contact details for Wiltshire:

What time is it?	The number to phone:
9am – 5pm on a weekday	01865 903777
5pm – 9am on a weekday or on weekends	01865 901000
Other useful sources of support in your area:	<a href="https://www.onyourmind.org.uk/">https://www.onyourmind.org.uk/</a>

### Vouchers for School Lunches

Families in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) have been signed up to receive vouchers directly from the government through a company called Edenred. Mrs Bowyer has worked hard to set this system up but would like to warn the families involved that there is often a delay in the system due to so many users. Vouchers should arrive in your email inbox on Monday but if you have not received them by Wednesday then please do let us know. Once you get a code, it is only valid for 2 weeks so please do redeem it when you can. Once you have redeemed it, the actual amount of time you have to spend the voucher is a bit longer but it is important to redeem it first. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch with Mrs Bowyer in the school office or Mrs Pike through the request for support email address.





We still have a number of books in school to giveaway. With this in mind, and with social distancing measures in place, weather permitting, we are going to put the books on the green on Parsonage Green for you to browse and help yourself to while out for your allocated exercise each day. We will send a text when the books are going out so you'll know when to come, they will be there for a long period of time so please don't all rush at once and make sure that you remain more than 2 metres apart at all times. Thank you.

Don't forget to catch up with all the Bedtime Stories on the School Blog! 😊



Salisbury, Wilton and District RNLI have launched an Art competition which is free to enter. It is open to anyone aged up to 16 years old and there are several categories. Children can use any medium they like to create an A4 picture associated with anything to do with the work of the RNLI. Further details and an entry form are attached to this newsletter. Enjoy!



**MAYDAY**  
1-31 MAY



**FUNDRAIS**  
**LIFESAVE**

# Lifeboats



We love to celebrate birthdays at Harnham Infant School! Mrs Shaw celebrates all the children with birthdays this week in her assembly on the school blog! Check it out, especially if you turned 5, 6 or 7 this week!

Have you checked out Disco Dion's facebook page? This weekend he is running a 24 hour discothon to raise money for the NHS. There are many other great things to join in with too, including some dance fitness videos. Enjoy! <https://www.facebook.com/djdiscodion/>



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**Are you in a new relationship?  
Are you concerned  
about someone  
in a relationship?  
Are you a previous  
victim of domestic  
abuse and in a new  
relationship?**

**Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (Clare's Law)** gives you the right to ask the police if your partner, or the partner of someone you know has a history of domestic abuse.

**To make an application visit  
[www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) or call 101**



Keeping Swindon **Safe**  
Swindon Community Safety Partnership  
Swindon Borough Council, Swindon Police, Swindon Fire & Rescue Service

