

Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Families,

It only seems like yesterday that we were writing last weeks newsletter! The term is racing by at a quickening speed but lots of learning is taking place and the children are having a wonderful time.

This week we have held our Pupil Progress meetings. These happen 3 times per year where teaching staff meet with the senior leadership team to discuss all of the children in detail, identify their current attainment level and plan careful next steps for the children. It is a great opportunity to reflect on classroom practice and prepare for the next development in each child's educational journey. Our meetings this week have, once again, proven how well the teaching staff know your children, having taken the time to get to know them and are committed to ensuring they plan teaching and classroom environments that meet everyone's individual needs. A big thank you to the teaching staff for all of their continued hard work. I know how much they are looking forward to sharing with you at the Parents Evening meetings, whether by telephone or face to face next week. Please do make your appointment if you haven't already done so.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
The Harnham Infant School Team



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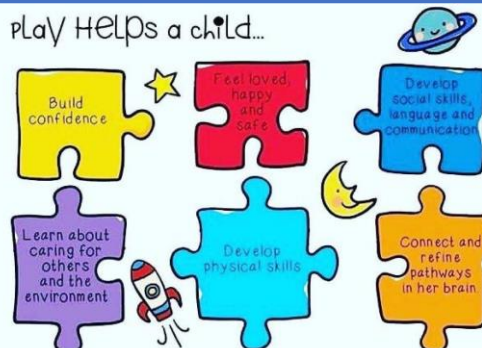
Christmas Shoe Box

Appeal:

A leaflet about this amazing appeal was sent home with the children earlier this week. Please may all donations of shoe boxes be brought to school by first thing in the morning 9th November so that we can quarantine them ready to be collected 72 hours afterwards. You can find out further information about the Shoebox Appeal here: <https://www.fscinet.org/w/hat-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/> Many thanks.

Blogs

Please do check Tapestry and Seesaw using your log in to gain an update from your child's class teacher about their learning at school this week.



Breakfast and After School Club

Please may any outstanding invoices be paid for Breakfast and After School Club so that bookings for Term 2 can be confirmed.

Dojo Rewards

Many classes are now reaching the point where they have earned 1000 dojo points. Once this happens, the class get to choose a reward that they would all like to have.

Badger Class

Badger Class would like to watch a film and bring a teddy bear into school to enjoy it with. Due to needing to quarantine, please may teddy bears come in to school on Tuesday 13th October and the Badgers will enjoy their film on Friday 16th October.

Bee Class

Bee Class would like to wear their Pyjamas to school on Friday 16th October.

Dragonfly Class

Dragonfly Class have chosen to come into school in fancy dress (there may even be some dancing!) on Thursday 15th October. Well done to all of the children for working so hard to earn your rewards.

Bottles:

Please may you collect plastic bottles at home for us to reuse in school for an exciting Remembrance project? The bigger, the better so bottles of 1 litre or more would be fantastic. Thank you for your help.

Flu Vaccinations:

It is not too late to register your child for a Flu Vaccination, taking place in school time on 2nd November 2020. Here is the link to complete the parental permission form.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/wilts>

Parents Evening

Thank you for your responses on Survey Monkey giving your preferences for your appointment times for Parents Evening next week. This will be collated over the weekend and the time slots will be sent out via email early next week.

If you are yet to give us your reply, please complete it via Survey Monkey (links sent out with this newsletter) by Sunday morning.

Thank You

We would like to say a big Thank You to Debbie Salberg, our School Business Manager, who is leaving her post on Monday after 2 years faithful service to our school. Debbie has made such a positive contribution to the life of the school by ensuring that our school finances are well looked after and ensuring the effective running of our breakfast and after school club. She is a very knowledgeable professional with a fantastic skills set. We will miss her addition to the staff team.

Governor Vacancy – Could you be part of our team?

The Harnham Infant School Governing Body are seeking a new Parent Governor to join the team. They are team of committed and enthusiastic volunteers who are passionate about supporting our school to be the very best it can be. This is a really fulfilling role with lots of training opportunities available. Do have a think at home about whether you might be interested in becoming part of our team. Further information will be sent out next week about the election process.

Menu for Next Week:

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

Monday – Sausage Roll with Diced Potatoes or Macaroni Cheese

Tuesday – Spaghetti Bolognese or Vegetable Goujons with Diced Potatoes

Wednesday – Bubble Salmon or Pizza with Crinkle Cut Wedges

Thursday – Roast Beef or Vegetarian Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes and Vegetables

Friday – Fish and Chips or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Rice

Wanted:

We are running low on supplies of spare pants and items of clothing, particularly for girls. If you are able to make any donations to school, they would be very gratefully received.

Likewise, if your child has worn home some 'spare' clothes from school, please may these be washed and returned at your earliest convenience.

Many thanks

Coffee and Chat

Once a term, we host a Coffee and Chat session, which is a chance for us to gain a parental perspective on some aspects of our school. It is also an opportunity for parents to bring their questions, comments and ideas to us so that we can best improve the school experiences of all of your children.

The first Coffee and Chat of the school year is due to happen virtually, via Zoom, on Wednesday 14th October at 9.30am. A Zoom invite will be emailed out to parents before the session. We look forward to meeting you there!

Reminder

Please remember to read at home with your child and record it in their school reading record book. Thank you!



Something for the Weekend:

Are you planning on watching the Britain's Got Talent final this weekend? Do look out for our very own Miss Dorrington and her family on your television screens. Sadly, they are not performing on the show, but will be active members of the digital audience behind the judging panel!