

Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Families,

Wow! What a great first week back we have all had! First of all, we would like to say a huge thank you for all your support to get the children enthusiastic, motivated and ready to return to school this week. The smiles on their faces when they came through the gates on Monday morning was just amazing! Everyone has settled very quickly back into routines and the overwhelming picture is how excited the children were to see their friends and teachers again! We are sure they are all ready for the weekend though as there have certainly been lots of yawns happening too – and not just from the staff! We also want to celebrate the amazing attendance rate this week. We now have 201 children on roll and the attendance data for this week is at 98%. This is great news and hopefully it will remain this high!

This week, we have also welcomed several new families to our school community and hope that they have quickly felt at home amongst us. It is great that the children have been taking part in lots of class based settling in activities and using the opportunity to reconnect with each other again including reminders of class rules and expectations. This has proven really positive and the teaching team are thrilled with how well the children are doing.

We are very much looking forward to journeying through the rest of this term together and hopefully the sunshine will grace us again so we can enjoy the physical as well as the metaphorical Springtime.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
The Harnham Infant School Team



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Dojo rewards:

Congratulations to these classes who have earned their next class dojo rewards for reaching their next 1,000 point increment.

Ladybirds – have chosen to have a party on Thursday 18th March. Please may they bring party clothes to change into for the afternoon?

Robins – have chosen to wear their pyjamas to school on Thursday 18th March. They may also bring a small teddy bear to school with them if they would like to.

Blog Updates:

We will revert back to our weekly blog updates being sent out to you via Seesaw, as before lockdown. On your child's Seesaw account, you will find a weekly summary of the children's learning this week, along with some photographs, sent as an announcement. We hope you find these a useful update about what the children have been learning in school. For EYFS children, these will also now be sent via Seesaw instead of Tapestry. The Ladybirds, Robins and Hedgehogs will also now continue to use Seesaw as our online learning journey of children's achievements. We look forward to sharing them with you. Please do keep engaging with your class teacher over Seesaw if you want to still upload anything you are doing at home or send a message to the teachers if you would like to. If any families need the code to access their child's Seesaw account again, please send an email to requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk and we will be able to send it to you.

Red Nose Day:

We will be taking part in Red Nose Day next Friday 19th March. Children may come to school in non-uniform in return for a voluntary contribution, paid via the School Gateway app please. Thank you for your support.

Face Masks:

May we politely remind parents that we have requested that they wear a face mask on school site at drop off and pick up. This is as per the government advice to schools and to ensure the health and safety of all of our school community. If you are exempt from wearing a face masks, please may you wear a lanyard to tell us so that we do not challenge you unnecessarily. Many thanks for your support with this.

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 and Diced Potatoes

Wednesday: Bubble Salmon or Pizza

Thursday: Roast Beef and Yorkshire Puddings or Vegetarian Toad in the Hole

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

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

requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk



The Fuel Programme:

If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, you should have received an email this week from Mrs Pike, containing a YouTube link where she has recorded a video message about a free initiative for the Easter holidays called the Fuel Programme. Do get in touch with Mrs Pike if you have any questions or need any help to sign up.

Meet the Governors.....

This week we would like to introduce Elly Otieno.

Elly is one of our parent governors and has been part of the committee since December 2020. Elly has 1 child in Reception at Harnham Infants.

Elly is link governor for Learning outside the classroom.



Wiltshire Library:

As you know the Wiltshire Libraries buildings are closed at the moment, but they are still operating as a wonderful free resource where you can access books, either by click and collect or by audiobooks or e-books online. They made a video to explain more to you. Please click on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fL1A97342EU>

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



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YOUNG CARER ACTION DAY 2021
Tuesday 16th March

Young Carers:

Children as young as 5 can be classified as a Young Carer if they have some kind of caring responsibility at home for another member of the family. We are raising awareness in school of Young Carers and will hold an assembly next week to tell the children about Young Carers and the very special role that they play. If you think you have any Young Carers living in your household who might benefit from any additional support that is available, do click on this link <https://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/young-carers/> or get in touch with Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

School Car Park:

Please remember that parents should not be driving up and down Saxon Road without a permit, nor parking in the school car park. This includes for Breakfast and After School Club. Not only is this the law but is for the safety of everyone on this busy school site too! We would hate for any nasty accidents to happen so please do not be offended if a member of staff challenges you on this.



"So Matilda's strong young mind continued to grow, nurtured by the voices of all those authors who had sent their books out into the world like ships on the sea.

These books gave Matilda a hopeful and comforting message: You are not alone."

- Roald Dahl

Something for the Weekend:

This weekend, please read read read with your children! They have all got new books to read at home and your support in developing their reading skills is greatly appreciated. Please record your reading in your child's reading record. Thank you. ☺