

Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Families,

We have come to the end of another busy week at Harnham Infant School, for children both in the school building and those at home. The teachers saw some incredible VE Day celebrations happening last weekend and this week have been diving back under the sea! The children have made some wonderfully creative and artistic projects on this theme and we are going to create a gallery of their work on the school blog next week. Make sure you look out for it.

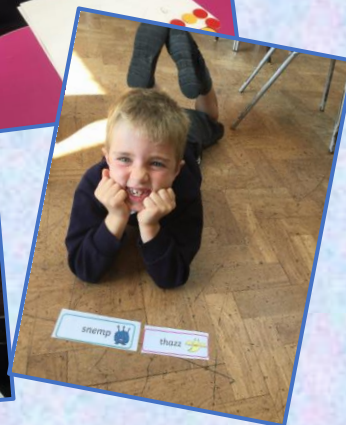
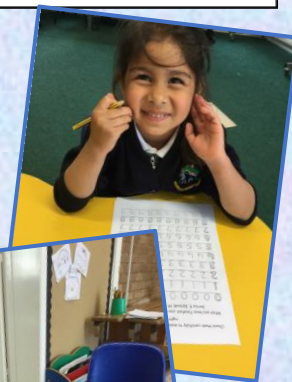
It is always amazing to think about everything and everyone that contributes to making a school work well and this week has given many examples. The full governing body met 'virtually' to discuss policy and perspective, the teaching staff are continually 'zooming' to discuss best practice, every staff member is fulfilling their roles to contribute towards a supportive and productive environment, the children who are so resilient in coping with these turbulent days and of course, our incredible parents who are learning with children at home and keeping us in mind too. What a great community! Thank you everyone!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team



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Reopening of School – 1st June

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister last Sunday evening, we have been very busy behind the scenes responding to the guidance that is being published by the Department of Education. This guidance is being continually updated, often daily, so as you can imagine things are developing and changing at a significant pace.

We are working with our friends and colleagues at the junior school on our school plan in response to the guidance, which will enable us to safely open the school environment to more children beyond those of the critical keyworkers.

We are also waiting for guidance to be published from Wiltshire Council, which is yet to arrive. We totally understand that, as parents, you may be wondering what is going to happen, as well as feeling apprehensive and holding on to many questions. Once we have our plan in place, we will send it out to parents, along with an information gathering survey and an opportunity to ask any further questions that you may have. Thank you for your patience.

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

requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

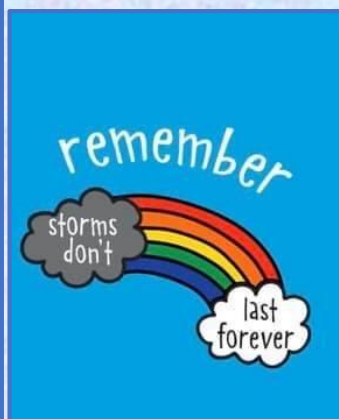


Important notice for Keyworker Families – School Closed in May Half Term

Harnham Infant School will be closed during week beginning 25th May to enable a thorough deep clean of the school and the setting up of classrooms and resources ready for the reopening on Monday 1st June.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may be for our critical keyworker parents and we continue to be so grateful for everything you are doing for our community.

"It's okay to be on a bit of a rollercoaster right now. Sometimes you'll feel hopeful. Sometimes you'll feel sad. There might be a sense of grief at moments and a feeling of gratitude the next. It's okay to feel each of those feelings. No matter what anyone else is going through, your feelings are still valid. This isn't about competition. It's about compassion for others and ourselves. So we can show up for the ride every day, a little braver. A little kinder too. Ready to face those highs and lows together. Mellow doodles."



Notices for Keyworker Children IN SCHOOL

Menu for next week:

Monday – Sausage or vegetarian sausage puff, mashed potato and beans

Tuesday – Chicken korma with rice or quorn nuggets and roast potatoes and peas

Wednesday – Pizza or Pork grill, potato wedges and sweetcorn

Thursday – BBQ Chicken wrap with rice and green beans or tomato pasta

Friday – Fish or Mexican bean pasty and chips

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

Photos for your Friends

If possible, we would love ALL children to create a message for their friends by drawing a picture or taking a photograph of themselves holding a message for their friends. We are aiming to combine these into videos to send out to everyone so that messages can be seen. Please either upload your picture to seesaw or email it to

requestofrsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Transition Update

Whilst we are still incredibly busy responding to the Covid 19 outbreak, we are also planning for the start of another academic year in September. Last week, we told you that the current EYFS and Year 1 classes will not be mixed for going up into the next year group.

This week, we have finalised who the teachers are going to be for each year group next year. Here is the staffing structure.

Year R	Mrs Thom	Mrs Pike	Miss Hibberd
Year 1	Mrs Ainley	Miss Spellar	
Year 2	Mrs Sowerby	Mrs Allexant	Miss Swaine

You will notice from the above table that Mrs Jones and Mrs Young are missing. Sadly, Mrs Jones and Mrs Young will no longer be at Harnham Infant School in September. Mrs Jones is due to have her baby at the end of July and we know how excited she is at becoming a mummy for the first time. We are so thankful for everything she has brought to our school, the energy and joy that radiates from her and we will miss her, and her enormous smile, very much indeed.

Mrs Young has been a brilliant teacher for 2 classes of year 2 children at our school. She radiates warmth and gentleness and she is so considered and caring over every single person in the school environment.

We would like to wish both teachers the very best of luck for the future and hope that they will still pop by to say hello and have a cup of tea (socially distanced if necessary) at anytime.

Decisions have yet to be made about which class are going to be taught by which teacher but we will, of course, let you know this in due course.

We know that term 6 is going to be far from 'normal' but would like to assure you of a carefully planned transition so that all children and parents can feel comfortable and secure of the move to a new year group and class in September.

Seesaw

It has been another fantastic week on Seesaw. Thank you for your ongoing support and hard work to keep the children engaged in learning.

We believe that the continuous contact between home and school will support the children's wellbeing when they need to transition back in to school again. **Please keep going and keep uploading**, it makes us all smile and we love sharing snippets of the week on the school blog too. 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

We look 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!

Round Up – Issue 7

Attached with this newsletter, you will find the next edition of 'Round Up', the weekly newsletter for children from Wiltshire Council. This week, the theme is "How are we keeping in touch?" There are some lovely games, riddles and jokes for the children to enjoy too.

Blogs

Don't forget to check your class blog over the weekend for updates and photographs of what the children have been doing.

There are bedtime stories continuing on the school blog too!

Birthdays this week:

Mrs Shaw celebrates the birthdays of anyone who turned 5, 6 or 7 this week on the school blog! We love celebrating birthdays!



Three Chequers GP surgery Poster Competition

The Three Chequers GP Surgery are running a competition for primary school children to design a poster in one of the following areas:

- Handwashing
- Healthy Living
- Childhood Immunisations

The winner of the competition will have their poster professionally made and displayed in all of the practices. Further details can be found at

www.3chequers.co.uk/news/poster-competition

We hope you can take part!



Fundraising Opportunity

Mr Bull, who is a daddy to one of the year 1 children has very kindly embarked on a fundraising opportunity for our school and Puddleducks combined. He is walking the distance from Penzance to Salisbury (202 miles) in just 4 days. The Salisbury Journal have covered this incredible effort at:

<https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/18450232.father-of-three-walk-penzance-salisbury-support-harnham-infant-school-puddleducks/>

and you can sponsor Mr Bull if you would like to by visiting:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/russellbullswa?fbclid=IwAR2Bv8R_MtJN_55iE40yRobAz7AwHhik-ZAyt5F6euEF-pW2_pNNRldXlIM

Our heartfelt and sincere thanks to you, Mr Bull for your support of our school. We really are very grateful!

Something for the weekend:

In the theme of the current times, why not go for a walk, scoot or bike ride this weekend to enjoy the beautiful weather. Whilst you are out, can you collect or find a rainbow of colours, taking photographs as you go. E.g. a red post box, a yellow flower etc etc.

Feel free to share your rainbow pictures with us via Seesaw or email if you would like to.



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