



Newsletter 19

'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 28th February 2020

Dear parents, family and friends,

We hope you had a lovely half term with your children. It has been lovely to be back in school this week and the wet weather certainly hasn't 'dampened' anyone's spirits.

This week, children have started their new topics and focused learning for the term. Our Key Stage One children are very excited about all things connected to The Circus and enjoyed a wonderful visit this week from Circus Wessex, where every child was able to have a go on a trapeze and practice their plate spinning – amongst other things! Our EYFS children have started learning about the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' for their learning this term as well as exploring numbers beyond 10 and adding numbers together by combining two groups to find a total.

The new Harnham Infant School Council met for the first time this week. They elected a chair, a vice chair and a secretary. Well done to all of the children involved in stepping up into this important role. They all enjoyed sharing their ideas about how we can make our school even better. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of their actions over the coming weeks and months.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Freddie – Robin, Poppy – Ladybird, Madhav – Squirrel, Adam – Bee, Luke – Woodpecker, Florence – Badger, Beau - Owl and Makenna – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench on 10th February. Well done to you all!

We are looking forward to celebrating with more children on Monday morning!

Dojo points

Ladybird	52
Robin	104
Woodpecker	196
Bee	176
Squirrel	201
Badger	195
Owl	215
Dragonfly	92

This table is not intended to show 1st, 2nd, 3rd place or a winning class total. Instead, it shows the number of Dojo points that the class has received this week.

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	96.41%
Ladybird	93.28%
Robin	94.07%
Woodpecker	99.58%
Bee	99.20%
Squirrels	93.48%
Badgers	98.21%

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Owls	97.24%
Dragonfly	96.21%

Well done to the Woodpecker class, who have achieved the highest attendance this week! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Woodpecker class next week.

Golden Mile

We have started taking part in The Golden Mile. The Golden Mile is a safe, simple and measurable health and physical activity initiative and every pupil can get involved by walking, jogging or running around the playground (our golden mile track). The Golden Mile is all about encouraging everyone to lead a healthy and active lifestyle, not about who is the sportiest or crosses the finish line first. It's engaging, rewarding and thoroughly heart-warming to see children so motivated to increase their activity level and boost their fitness.

Total miles achieved this week across the school:	67.74
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Reading at Home

As a school, we have an expectation that children read to an adult at home at least 3 times per week. We are monitoring the number of children who manage this and celebrate with them by rewarding them with 2 dojo points. Please may we remind you that children need their reading record in school every day as adults in school listen to the children read too. Thank you.

Ladybird	16/27	59%
Robin	18/27	67%
Woodpecker	16/24	67%
Bee	17/25	68%
Squirrel	9/23	39%
Badger	17/29	58%
Owl	20/30	67%
Dragonfly	18/29	62%
Whole School	131/214	61%

Book Week reminders

Next week is Book week at our school. Mrs Pike has put together a timetable of Mystery Readers for each class at 2.45pm each day next week. There are still a few slots available for these classes:

Bees – Tuesday

Woodpeckers – Thursday

Squirrels – Tuesday

If you are a parent in any of these classes and would be happy to take part, please email Mrs Pike.

lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

We have been so thrilled with the response from parents willing to get involved, thank you! We are considering making this a more regular feature so hope there will be plenty more opportunities in the future too. We are sure the children are going to be so excited to see you!

Don't forget that Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Children are invited to come in dressed as a book character of their choice. Year 1 and 2 children will be bringing home their book tokens to be spent in a bookshop too.

Visiting Author

Local author, Sharon Hallis, is coming in to share her published book 'The Untimely End of Pru McGrew' with the children on Monday. This will include some additional creative workshops with year 2 classes. Sharon is giving her time freely to the school in return for an opportunity to sell copies of her book at the end of the school day for £5 each. Sharon has said she will donate £1 from each book sale to NSPCC too so I do hope you will support this sale.

EYFS Waterstones trip

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The Robins and Ladybirds are walking to Waterstones on Friday 6th March to spend their Book tokens. Thank you to those parents who have offered to walk with the children – please do come along. Mrs Pike will email you a copy of the risk assessment too. The children will be leaving school as soon as they are ready after morning register (hopefully by 9.20am) and should return to school by approximately 11.00am. Thank you.

EYFS Forest School Change

Just a reminder that Robins and Ladybirds will be having Forest School on Tuesday next week instead of Thursday. This is because they will already be dressed up for World Book Day on Thursday. Please send children in their Forest School clothes on Tuesday 3rd March. Thank you.

Flyer from Royal Mail

Attached to this newsletter you will find a PDF of a leaflet from Royal Mail concerning their employees and dogs, if you have one at home. Please have a look at this to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

Morning Playground

We are seeing an increasing number of incidents happening in the playground before school starts. Children are getting knocked over, slipping over and needing First Aid treatment in some cases. **Please may we ask that you keep your child with you at all times until the teachers come out to welcome them in to the classroom.** We respectfully ask that children are not allowed to run around and play games during this time. Thank you.

Safeguarding - Mobile Phones

Mobile phone use is no longer permitted anywhere on school site, including in the playground or outside the main entrance. This is due to new safeguarding legislation and for the safety and benefit of all of our pupils. Please keep your phones in your pockets / bags until you are off school premises and do not be offended if a member of staff reminds you of these rules if they need to. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Resolving Conflict

Please see the information below about some videos that are available online to support managing conflict in the home environment.



Social change charity [Good Things Foundation](#) have partnered with relationship experts [OnePlusOne](#) to create four online videos that will help parents recognise conflict in their lives. The project team worked closely with parents for several months to co-design and test the story-based video content, making the scenarios realistic and relatable. The [#SeeItDifferently](#) videos will show new ways of managing everyday conflict to produce more positive outcomes for everyone in the family. Skills like 'staying calm', 'Speaking for yourself' and 'Re-thinking how you say things' can change how things play out for everyone in the household, and especially how children will **see it differently**. We hope these are helpful to you.

Parent Support Advisor

Chris Lister is our Parent Support Advisor and is in school Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time. She is available for a confidential chat about various issues including your child's behaviour, financial and housing difficulties, relationships, bereavement or anything which is worrying you. You can contact Chris on 07595 217569 or psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk.

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School hall hire

We are delighted to be able to offer the school hall out to hire, which is available to hire during the evenings and weekends. Any enquiries should be made to Mrs Salberg – school business manager – sbm@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk. Thank you.

Bags for school

The HSA will be sending out and collecting back in the Bags for School as part of their fundraising efforts. When your bag arrives please do fill it with any unwanted clothes, toys and gifts. (details will come with the bag) These will then need to be returned to school by 16th March 2020.

Later in the year there will be another opportunity to fill a bag by the associated return date of 3rd July 2020.

TD days

Thursday 25th June 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Letters sent out this week:

- Flyers for Royal Mail
- Letter for Book Week
- Letter regarding changes in PSHE curriculum
- Parent Governor information and nomination form

Upcoming dates

EYFS dates

6.3.20	morning	EYFS walk to Waterstones to choose a book
26.3.20	All day	Stay and do Forest School – parents invited
29.4.20	9.05am	Stay and do Maths – parents invited

Year 1 dates

12.3.20	9.05am	Stay and Make Costumes – parents invited
1.4.20	2.15pm	Year 1 Show Performance
2.4.20	9.15am	Year 1 Show Performance

Year 2 dates

31.3.20	3.30pm	SATS information for Parents – Creche provided
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Whole school dates

Week beginning: 2.3.20		Book Week
5.3.20		World Book Day – Come dressed as a character
Week beginning 9.3.20		Science Week
24.3.20	9.05am	Coffee and Chat
1.4.20	4.30-7.30pm	Parents Evening – letter to follow
2.4.20	3.20-5.30pm	Parents Evening – letter to follow

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher

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