



Newsletter 20

'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 6th March 2020

Dear parents, family and friends,

We have had a brilliant week at Harnham Infant School, celebrating our book week. The excitement, engagement and enthusiasm around school has gone beyond our expectations. 😊

On Monday, children enjoyed an assembly with local author, Sharon Hallis, listening to her story 'The Untimely End of Pru McGrew' and year 2 enjoyed some extended time with her, taking part in some art related activities. Every class has loved having a 'mystery reader' at the end of every day, with many parents enjoying dressing up and bringing props to bring these stories to life too! Many classes enjoyed their daily 'read and feed' in a different place each day, with some very creative ideas and Forest School took on the book theme too. Thursday saw the whole school dressed in their costumes for an incredible 'World Book Day' celebration – they all looked fabulous. On Friday, our EYFS children walked to Waterstones to buy their very own new book with their tokens – thank you to parents who accompanied the children on their visit too. Everyone had a great time!

Please do have a look at the school website where you will find updates and photographs your child's class on their blog.



Coronavirus Update

The health, safety and well-being of everyone at Harnham Infant School is always our highest priority. We are receiving updates from Wiltshire Council, the Department for Education and Public Health England with regard to the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus and are following the recommended guidelines and practice.

We are encouraging the children with usual advice about good hygiene techniques and handwashing. Mrs Pike completed a whole school assembly, modelling and reinforcing the technique to thorough handwashing and, as with other coughs and colds, children are encouraged to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

The DfE have set up a helpline specifically for advice relating to the Covid-19 virus and education related issues. Staff, parents, carers and young people are able to contact them on 0800 046 8687 (Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm) or by emailing dfc.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk.

We will continue to let families know any updated information as and when it becomes available.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Jacob – Robin, Sienna-Blu – Ladybird, Stanley – Squirrel, Ben, Edward and Lottie – Bee, Kian – Woodpecker, Eithan – Badger, Zach - Owl and Ella-Mai – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench this week! Well done to you all!

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

Dojo points

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Ladybird	206
Robin	251
Woodpecker	94
Bee	262
Squirrel	375
Badger	369
Owl	90
Dragonfly	101

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.

Owls have reached 4000 dojo points and would like a dress up day next Friday 13th March.

Bees have reached 5000 dojo points and have chosen a film treat on Friday 13th March. They would like to vote for their favourite film that is brought to school by one of the Bees. Children are welcome to bring a movie (certificate U only) to school and the children will choose on the day. Thank you!

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	96.42%
Ladybird	93.70%
Robin	97.78%
Woodpecker	92.50%
Bee	96.00%
Squirrels	96.52%
Badgers	95.71%
Owls	98.97%
Dragonfly	99.31%

Well done to the Dragonfly class, who have achieved the highest attendance this week! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Dragonfly 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:	26.74
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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	17/27	63%
Robin	15/27	56%
Woodpecker	14/24	58%
Bee	16/25	64%
Squirrel	12/23	52%

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Badger	15/29	52%
Owl	14/30	47%
Dragonfly	21/29	72%
Whole School	124/214	58%

Shoebox Book

We have seen some fabulous entries so far for the Shoebox Book creations! If your child has completed a shoebox decorated with clues for a favourite book, please send these in to school on Monday 9th March. A winner will be decided for each year group and all entries will be put on display in the school library. Thank you for taking part – we have heard some lovely stories of parents and children having a lovely time together! 😊

“Veg power”

The children will have come home this week with a pack for home related to the latest campaign ‘Veg Power’. You may have seen the adverts on television that are encouraging children to join “Eat them to defeat them!” The pack coming home is all about encouraging children to eat their vegetables and contains stickers and a chart for rewards. We are also talking about ‘Veg Power’ in school and more widely about healthy eating, where activities in class will compliment this campaign.

Mystery Readers

We have been so thrilled to see so many parents in school becoming the ‘mystery reader’ to share a story with the class at the end of the day. The children have absolutely loved it and some parents even reported feeling like a celebrity! Following the success of this week, we would like to continue with the ‘mystery reader’ initiative and will be in touch in subsequent newsletters about how parents can go about being part of it. Thank you to those parents who have already been in to school to read stories – we hope you enjoyed it.

Author Visit

We wanted to say a huge thank you to parents and children for supporting Sharon Hallis, our local author, who was selling copies of her book on Monday after school. She was absolutely thrilled at selling 41 books to children – with a donation from the sale of each book going to the NSPCC. Sharon had an amazing day and has been very complimentary of our school family and the enthusiasm and behaviour of our learners! We have ensured that she will come back to Harnham again in the future.

School Disco

A leaflet was sent out earlier in the week for the HSA school disco, happening next week on Wednesday 11th March, between 5.15 and 6.15pm in the Junior School hall.

We sincerely apologise for the short notice given to parents for this event but look forward to seeing you there if you are able to support it.

Archery Club

The number of children in Archery Club seems to be declining rapidly. This Friday, only 2 children attended the club. If your child is interested in taking part for the rest of the term, please speak to our office team to book a place for your child or email admin@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk. The instructor was very keen to increase the number of children able to access this after school club.

Stay and Plant a Tree

Mrs Robinson would like to invite you to be part of a very exciting whole school project. Harnham Infant School have been awarded 100 new trees to plant from the Woodland Trust. These will be planted to form a new wooded area up in forest school, so future generations of Harnham Infant school children can continue to enjoy a woodland in their school grounds.

Please join us for a Stay and Plant a Tree session with your child and their class, on the dates below:

Mon 23rd March	9:30-11:30am Squirrels	1:30-2:45pm Badgers
Wed 25th March	9:30-11:30am Woodpeckers	1:30-2:45pm Owls
Fri 27th March	9:30-11:30pm Bees	1:30-2:45pm Dragonflies

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Please do not feel you have to attend the whole session, but above are the times your child's class will be outside planting. If you own a spare shovel, please bring it along! We look forward to seeing you!

Online Survey – The Somehow Project

The University of Bath and Wiltshire Council are conducting an online survey to gather views from parents and carers of children (aged 4-10 years) with social, emotional and/or mental health difficulties, on the use of technology in Children's Services.

Social, emotional and/or mental health refers to difficulties in regulating emotions, managing behaviour, and/or building and maintaining social relationships.

This will help to inform ideas for a project of digital service provision for primary school children with social, emotional and/or mental health difficulties in Wiltshire.

The survey should take around 5-10 minutes to complete, and parents carers who take part can enter a prize draw with the chance to win £50.

The survey is online at: <https://tinyurl.com/wilts-parent-survey> and it will be open until Friday 20th March 2020.

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 [#SeeltDifferently](#) 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 in 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.

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

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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:

- Parents Evening Letter – please return reply slip
- HSA School Disco Poster
- Flyer for Sunday Sweep Up

Upcoming dates

EYFS dates

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 9.3.20		Science Week
11.3.20		HSA School Disco
Week beginning 23.3.20		Stay and Plant a Tree – see timings above in newsletter
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
5.4.20	10.30-12.30	Sunday Sweep

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher