



## Newsletter 12

### **'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Dear parents, family and friends,

Christmas seems to be in full swing at Harnham Infants. Today, we were pleased to welcome Rev. Penny in to tell the children about the Christmas story. We are looking forward to the reception children telling us the story next week through their nativity play.

This week, our fabulous choir have been and performed at St Thomas' Church at the Christmas Tree Festival. They were simply brilliant and we are very proud of them. We will be putting some photographs and videos on the school blog for you to enjoy. The Christmas Tree Festival is still on so do pop down and visit all of the trees, including an eco-friendly tree made by our children. We were very pleased to see a photograph of it on the Spire FM website earlier this week.

We have also been continuing our learning about having a growth mindset. In a special assembly this week, the children learned about putting their minds to achieving anything. This involved some video clips of a girl with no arms who manages to do her shopping and a medal-winning gymnast who does not have any legs. The children agreed they were very inspirational and their circumstances didn't stop them from reaching their goals.

#### **Celebration Assembly**

Congratulations to Madeline – Robin, Edith – Ladybird, Jessica – Squirrel, Theo – Bee, Jay-J and Maisie – Woodpecker, Jacobo – Owl and Beatrix – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench this week. Well done to you all!

#### **Dojo points**

<b>Ladybird</b>	350
<b>Robin</b>	226
<b>Woodpecker</b>	129
<b>Bee</b>	131
<b>Squirrel</b>	83
<b>Badger</b>	447
<b>Owl</b>	51
<b>Dragonfly</b>	45

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

Congratulations to the Owl class, who have reached 2,000 dojo points. For their treat, they have chosen to have a special Christmas Crafts afternoon on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Congratulations to the Ladybirds class, who have reached 2,000 dojo points too. For their treat they have chosen to wear pyjamas, as well as, or instead of, their Christmas jumpers!

Congratulations to the Woodpecker class, who have reached 2,000 dojo points. For their treat they have chosen to wear pyjamas and bring a teddy bear to school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Attendance figures this week**

The attendance figures for this week are:

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<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.96%</b>
<b>Ladybird</b>	95.36%
<b>Robin</b>	96.76%
<b>Woodpecker</b>	96.62%
<b>Bee</b>	96.95%
<b>Squirrels</b>	96.58%
<b>Badgers</b>	<b>98.26%</b>
<b>Owls</b>	97.16%
<b>Dragonfly</b>	97.53%

**Well done to the Badger class, who have achieved the highest attendance this week! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Badger 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:	145.66
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#### **The week ahead**

Occasionally, teachers will be out of school, for example, if they are out on courses or other professional development activities. We thought it may be helpful to parents if they have an advance notice of whether there might be a different teacher in a classroom on a particular day. (Obviously this does not take into account teachers being off sick)

There are no planned absences for next week.

#### **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.

<b>Ladybird</b>	15/26	58%
<b>Robin</b>	16/25	64%
<b>Woodpecker</b>	9/24	38%
<b>Bee</b>	19/25	76%
<b>Squirrel</b>	13/23	57%
<b>Badger</b>	13/29	45%
<b>Owl</b>	17/30	57%
<b>Dragonfly</b>	16/29	55%
<b>Whole School</b>	118/211	56%

#### **Christmas Fair**

Members of the HSA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone, families and staff, who donated something for the Christmas Fair. Whether it was a cake, a bottle, a sweetie jar, a gift for the present room or your time and effort to support the event, everything contributed has enabled it to be a huge success. Thank you! We look forward to sharing with you in due course just how much money has been raised.

As ever, we are so grateful for the HSA who work hard to ensure that the money they are raising is put towards providing valuable resources and opportunities for your children.

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### **Postbox for internal Christmas Cards**

The elves have now dropped off the Christmas Postbox to the front of school for children to post any cards in for their friends and teachers. If you are busy writing cards at home (great for handwriting practice!) then do send them in to school and we will encourage the children to post them in the postbox, which will be emptied and delivered to classes daily. Please make sure that cards are clearly labelled with names and classes. Thank you.

### **End of Term Progress Updates**

Teachers are busy making end of term assessments for your child. They will then be writing a short report to send home in the last week of term to give you an overview of how your children are getting on in class and outline their next steps for Reading, Writing and Maths. When these arrive, please read them carefully and talk to your child about their future learning targets. Do make an appointment with your child's teacher if there is anything you would like to discuss.

### **Flu Vaccinations – Second Round**

The Virgin Care Immunisation Team have been in contact with the school and advised us that they will be coming back on Weds 18th December to carry out additional vaccinations. If your child was not vaccinated in November and you would now like them to have the nasal spray, please give your consent using the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>

The link will be open until midday on Mon 16th December 2019. If you have any queries then please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082.

### **End of Term – 19<sup>th</sup> December**

In line with Harnham Junior School, on the final day of term for children, school will be finishing at 1.10pm. The same collection rules and routines apply, just at this earlier time for the start of the Christmas holidays. Thank you.

### **Christmas jumper day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – please come to school in a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours (red/green/gold) in exchange for a small donation. The Junior school bus are taking donations of outgrown Christmas jumpers that people may purchase in the run up to Christmas jumper day.

### **Big Book Boost**

The Book People are launching a new fundraising scheme to support schools to earn free books for their classrooms and library. If you order any books with The Book People online over £10, they donate £1 to the school to spend on books. Children will be bringing home a leaflet about this in their books bags, or more information is online at [thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost](http://thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost)

### **Parent Governors**

In the new year, we are going to be recruiting for new parent governors to join the team at Harnham Infant School. Please do have a think at home over the next few weeks as to whether this important and rewarding role might be one that you are interested in. The existing governors will run some drop-in sessions for any parents who may be interested, to come and ask any questions. We look forward to meeting 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](mailto: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](mailto:sbm@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk). Thank you.

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**The class of 2020!**

Will your child be four years old before the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 or do you know a child who will be? If so it is time to apply for a school place. Please apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Year 3 children – September 2020**

All current Year 2 children will need to apply for a Year 3 place at Harnham Junior school (or any other Year 3). Please apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**TD days**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Letter sent out this week:**

- Home School Agreement – please sign and return
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**Upcoming dates****EYFS dates**

11.12.2019	9.15am	EYFS Nativity Performance
12.12.2019	2.15pm	EYFS Nativity Performance

**Year 1 dates****Year 2 dates****Whole school dates**

13.12.2019		Christmas Jumper Day
17.12.2019		Christmas Party
18.12.2019		Christmas Dinner
19.12.2019	1.10pm	End of Term
06.01.2020		Start of term 3

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher