

Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Families,

We have had a great week at school! The children are doing a fantastic job of really applying themselves to their learning and demonstrating our school value of the term, 'resilience'. Their efforts have meant that Miss Dorrington has had plenty of little visitors to her office this week to receive Headteacher awards and stickers. When asking some reception children this week what resilience means, we got told "to bounce back when something is hard".

Resilience is what all of the children, staff and families have shown over the course of this academic year to ensure that everyone can continue to 'enjoy, explore and learn'.

This week we have also held our pupil progress meetings where the senior leadership team have met with class teachers and support staff to discuss all of the children's progress, highlight any gaps in their learning and plan next steps accordingly. This has, once again, proven how much our teaching staff have an incredible knowledge of every child as an individual and a genuine desire for them to achieve the very best that they can.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team



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Blog Updates:

Latest updates for your child's class will be available for you to read on Seesaw. Do make sure you take a look at your child's learning.

Bank Holiday:

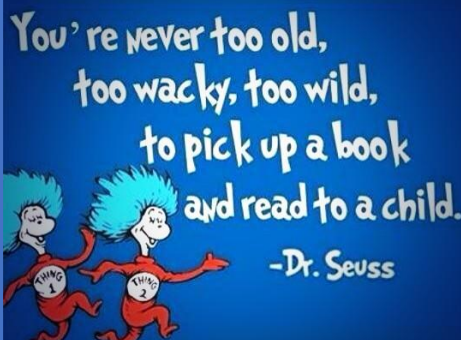
Don't forget that Monday is a Bank Holiday and school will not be open for children. See you on Tuesday!

One way system:

Yet again, we have parents who are not following the one way system on site but also, up and down Saxon Road. Please be considerate towards other families, come up the infant school side and walk down the junior school side. Thank you.

HSA:

Don't forget the HSA meeting has been scheduled for 6th May. The link to the meeting on TEAMS was sent with last weeks newsletter and will be sent out again on Thursday evening. We hope you can join us. ☺



Volunteering in School:

We are delighted to welcome back our amazing team of parent volunteers in to school following the May half-term holiday. This could be to support children by listening to readers or carrying out learning activities with them. We wanted to let you know this now so that we have got time to plan a schedule of support and complete any necessary paperwork so that we can be ready to go straight away on 7th June, subject to DfE guidance of course. Due to the length of time inactive, we may need to carry out a new DBS check and everyone will need to have completed the Safeguarding Training too. We would also require you to take part in regular Lateral Flow Testing and obviously ensure you follow Covid guidelines on site too. If you are still interested in volunteering in school, please send Mrs Pike an email to let her know your availability. Due to year group bubbles, you will only be able to support in one year group to begin with, though this will be reviewed as restrictions continue to ease. Mrs Pike is looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance for your support. lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Menu for Next Week:

We are pleased to be offering the following choices of hot dinners for next week:

Tuesday: Beef Burger or Vegetable Quiche and Potato Wedges

Wednesday: Tuna Pasta Bake or Pizza with Diced Potatoes

Thursday: Toad in the Hole or Quorn Fillet

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry

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

requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk



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



Dates:

Monday 24th May – Year 2 Castle Banquet

Wednesday 26th May – Year R Teddy Bears Picnic

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd June – TD day – school closed for children

Friday 23rd July – TD day – school closed for children

Medical Tracker:

This week we have moved over to a computer based programme of logging accidents and injuries at school. If your child gets hurt, you will receive an email notification from school with details of what happened and the treatment your child has received. Please be assured that if an accident or injury was of a more serious nature, school will telephone you to make you aware of this, as usual.

Please bear with us as we get used to this new system, for example if you receive an email twice or something.

We would like to be able to send you a text message to tell you of an injury too. **Please, if you haven't already done so, download the School Gateway App which we can use to send you text messages.**

If you have any questions, or are concerned about your child, please do get in touch via the school office.

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Reading:

Please keep reading with your child at home.

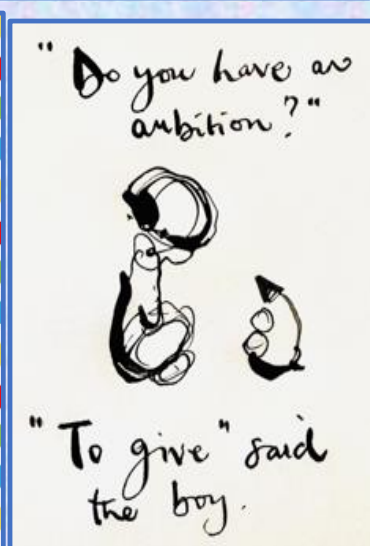
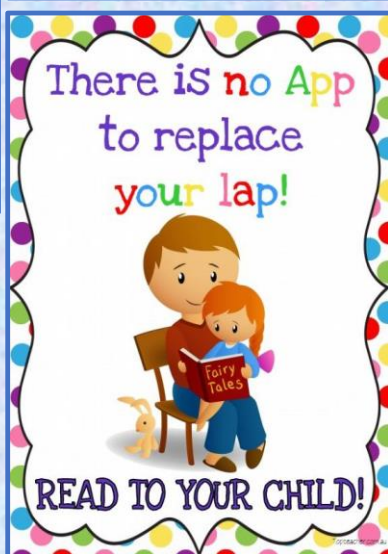
Meals on a Budget:

You may have become aware through the media that Marcus Rashford has teamed up with Tom Kerridge to support families to cook healthy meals on a low income budget. Their campaign named Full Time: Get Cooking with Marcus and Tom has launched on social media. Follow @fulltimemeals on Instagram. This includes weekly tutorials and recipes for your family. Here is a link to more information.

<https://tomkerridge.com/full-time-meals/> Enjoy! ☺

Face Masks:

Please be considerate of our neighbours on the roads joining to the school site and refrain from dropping and discarding disposable face masks on the road and in gardens. Thank you.



Transition 2021:

Unbelievably, we are beginning to think about September 2021 and making initial plans and arrangements for transition to the next year groups.

We have been in touch with our new EYFS children through a letter in the post and been able to tell them that, from September 2021, Mrs Ainley will be moving to EYFS to lead the year team.

In addition, Mrs Sowerby will then lead the Year 1 and Year 2 year group teams as a whole Key Stage.

Therefore, this will release Mrs Pike to not have a class of her own and be able to concentrate on her Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator) roles.

We will keep you informed of teacher placements, transition plans and events, including for our amazing year 2 children who will be joining their junior school settings at the end of this academic year.

Should you have any worries or concerns about transition to the next year group, please do not hesitate to get in touch.