

Thursday 7th May 2020

Dear Families,

It is lovely to see the return of some warmer and sunnier weather at the end of this week! We do hope this newsletter finds you all keeping well and continuing to stay safe during these lockdown days.

It has been another great week at Harnham Infant School, both on and off site! The children at home have enjoyed their VE Day project, building bunkers in their homes and gardens, making decorations, writing songs and baking cakes ahead of their celebrations tomorrow. It has been a similar story in school, with the children dressing in red, white and blue for their VE Day party in school today. Everyone has had a wonderful time!

The staff have all spoken fondly this week of the telephone calls between school and home. These are such a great opportunity to build and maintain connections. Many families (and perhaps staff too) are finding it tough to remain motivated when we are all apart from each other and our wider networks too. It is not surprising; these are testing times indeed.

We wait with anticipation for the Prime Minister's address on Sunday evening to see what happens in the next chapter of our Coronavirus Story, which we will read, navigate and comprehend with the same sensitivity that got us to where we are now.

However, let's not forget that on this journey we are developing resilience, love, kindness, perspective, relationship, appreciation, gentleness and hope, all of which are great gifts that will remain with us for all time. Let's keep going together.

Wishing you a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team



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Transition Update

It is the time of year where traditionally everyone starts to get 'itchy feet' and think a bit about what is going to come in the next academic year. Although this year may have radically changed at a little past the halfway point, we are beginning to think about September 2020 and what that will look like for the children. We are aiming to give you an update weekly about the systems, decisions and actions put in place to support successful transition – both back in to school but also towards the beginning of the next academic year.

We have already started to welcome the new EYFS children for next year and have made contact with our junior school friends to begin thinking about year 2 to year 3 transition too.

From September 2020 we are going to have 8 classes in the school, 3 classes of EYFS, 2 classes of year 1 and 3 classes of year 2 children. For the current Ladybirds, Robins, Bees, Woodpeckers and Squirrels, they will go up to the next year group in their current groupings and will not be mixed.



If you need help with anything or need some support, please email:
requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Notices for Keyworker Children IN SCHOOL

Menu for next week:

Monday – Sausages or Vegetarian Sausages and Mash

Tuesday – Roast Chicken or Quorn Burgers, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables

Wednesday – Pizza or Bubble Salmon and Potato Wedges

Thursday – Meatballs and Tomato Pastas or Macaroni Cheese and Garlic Bread

Friday – Fish Fingers or Curried Vegetable Puff and Chips.

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

A Letter to the Children IN SCHOOL

Attached with this newsletter, you will also find a letter from Wiltshire Council, the NHS and other Keyworker Services in Wiltshire. This is a letter to thank the children for attending school during this time. Please do share it with them at home.

"NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED."

-AESOP-



Special Thank You!

The children had a marvellous treat this week via Seesaw. One of the ladybird's Grandpa recorded a video telling the children all about his experiences of the very first VE Day. It is not often we are able to give children a primary source of information when learning about historical events and this one was very special indeed. We would like to say a huge thank you for Tony for sharing his story with us and filling our hearts with joy ready to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day tomorrow!

Seesaw

Thank you for the hard work being put in to keeping in contact with us through Seesaw. The teaching staff are hoping they plan activities that are fun, engaging and linked towards a particular theme or topic. We also try to make it so that siblings can work together where possible, though of course, there are cases, such as in Maths, where this is just not possible. We have been so pleased with how everyone at home is engaging in our weekly topics. The teachers are really enjoy seeing how the children respond to the activities set but also all of the other wonderful things the children do at home too! We love to see your walks, your baking, your den building, your gardening and singing too!

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 – Mrs Pike

Robins – Mrs Jones

Bees – Miss Spellar

Woodpeckers – Miss Hibberd

Squirrels – Mrs Ainley

Dragonflies – Mrs Allexant

Owls – Mrs Young

Badgers – Mrs Sowerby

We look forward to hearing from you! ☺

SOON ENOUGH
you will see & SQUEEZE
your FAMILY and PALS
and when that day comes
it'll be the most special & SPARKLY
& ALL OF THIS WILL BE OVER.

Emily coxhead

Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter

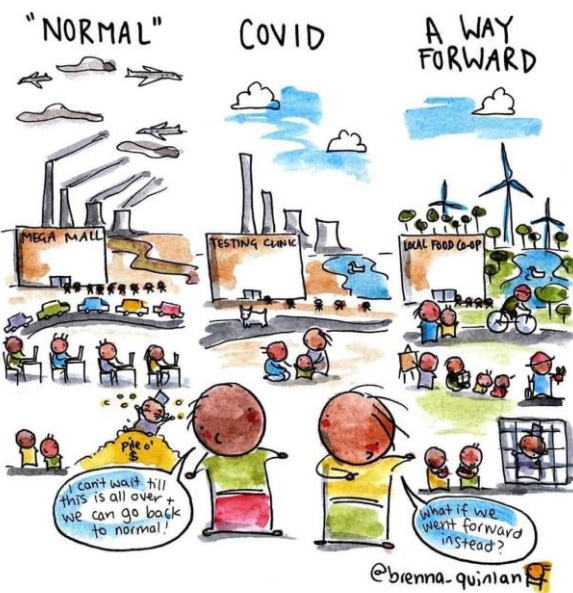
Attached to this newsletter you will find issue 3 of our Harnham Infant School Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter. We hope you find this a useful source of information and that, above all else, you know that you are cared for and supported by our school community. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need us.

Round Up – Issue 6

Attached with this newsletter, you will find the next edition of 'Round Up', the weekly newsletter for children from Wiltshire Council. The theme this week is 'What games have we been playing?'. There are some lovely articles, games and links in the PDF so be sure to explore it fully. Perhaps you might send something in for the next edition?

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!



Support for Young Carers – The Hidden Heroes

We have received the following information about an initiative from Wiltshire Council to support any young carers in our community. We do hope you'll get involved. *On Thursdays, Youth Action Wiltshire are asking local people to recognise our local Hidden Heroes by sharing their weekly clap for the NHS with Wiltshire's young carers & to consider donating via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/youthactionwiltshire> to help them reach & support all the young carers of our county.*

These amazing young people care for parents, brothers, sisters or grandparents due to disability, illness or mental health. Their essential role in their families means they are tasked with cooking, cleaning, shopping, personal care & medication, as well as emotional support. As requested by young carers Youth Action Wiltshire provide, individual mentoring & coaching, help & advocacy with schools & a wide ranging programme of exciting respite activities & breaks.

To find out more about the charities work please visit: <http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/> or like them on Facebook @youthactionwiltshire

Radio Odstock

Last week, Mr Lawrence visited our school to record some sound clips of the keyworker children who were in school to give messages of support via the Salisbury Hospital Radio. These messages are going to be aired again on Sunday 10th May between 12 and 1pm.

www.radioodstock.org.uk

Salisbury City Council Community Survey

As part of the continuing development of a neighbourhood development plan, Salisbury City Council is conducting a Community Survey to allow the public and interested parties to contribute ideas and opinions on the following subject areas:

Climate change and energy efficiency

Housing need

Community infrastructure

Green Infrastructure

Transport

Economy

The survey will comprise a series of questions related to the topics listed above and will also give participants an opportunity to expand on some questions. The survey should take 15 minutes to complete. There is also a second survey on Green Infrastructure that can be completed separately.

Please follow this link to the [Community Survey](#) and this link for the [Green Infrastructure Survey](#). The

surveys can also be accessed through the Salisbury City Council

website: <http://www.salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk/>

School Uniform – A message from Kids Klobber

We have received the following message from Kids Klobber. We hope it is helpful if you are considering the need to purchase further items of school uniform.

Good afternoon,

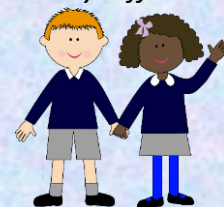
In unprecedented times such as this we are still not permitted to open our retail shop however are aiming at continuing to provide a service to all the schools with whom we have an ongoing supply arrangement. To enable us to provide such a service, albeit limited, we have added posts to our Facebook page (Kids Klobber Salisbury) showing the embroidered products we supply for each school, together with prices. We have diverted our shop telephone (01722 321200) to my mobile phone. We have a card machine at home & also the capability for PayPal payments or Direct Bank Transfers (Kids Klobber 30-97-41 a/c 02151297, reference being customer's name). All we ask is that each parent contacts us via Facebook, email or telephone with their orders & we will confirm an anticipated timeframe for delivery or collection at the shop on reopening. If posting there will be a flat fee of £4 per parcel. We will endeavour to also list over the coming days other generic items such as polo shirts, trousers, skirts, shirts & blouses and so on. Due to the limitations on movements we plan only to post on a maximum of two days per week. We also cannot foresee whether there will be any forthcoming supply chain issues as, in spite of trying to stock many British made goods, unfortunately we do have to rely on Foreign imports for some products. Please could you notify your parents & ask that they are patient with us moving forward and we will do our level best to provide all they need for their children. We know that this is going to be a very difficult year for everyone.

Hoping that all are staying safe & well,

Best wishes,

Tracey & Martin

Kids Klobber Schoolwear



Art Competition

Bath Spa University have launched a competition in partnership with the Royal Fine Art Commission Trust. It is for pupils aged 5-8 and you can win prizes ranging from £100 to £600. The competition is about reimagining your local build environment. The University are hoping that young children will feel inspired to design and create and for it to support learning and wellbeing too. For more details and to get involved visit www.seewhatisee.me



Birthdays this week:

We love to celebrate birthdays at Harnham Infant School! Mrs Shaw celebrates all the children with birthdays this week in her assembly on the school blog! Check it out, especially if you turned 5, 6 or 7 this week!

Blogs

The class blogs will be updated by Monday evening so that the teachers can include photographs from the children's VE Day parties at home. Do remember to take a look and see if your child can spot all of their friends!



Don't forget to catch up with all the Bedtime Stories on the School Blog! 😊



Something for the weekend:

Stay connected with nature during the current lockdown by signing up for the forestry england newsletter, which contains lots of information and activities. You could also complete the nature scavenger hunt above. <https://www.forestryengland.uk/forest-fix?fbclid=IwAR3MRgi4v19YECeBbXXAptZ31qsiNgXEcGIE1Alh2Q1r05WSroikcPWZEQe>



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