



‘Enjoy, Explore and Learn’

Friday 11th October 2019

Dear parents, family and friends,

It's the end of another busy week where I have been reminded of what a fantastic community of children, parents, staff and people beyond we have at our school. To name a few examples, we had a wonderful Philosophy day led on Monday by Mrs Allexant where all of the children were able to extend their critical thinking skills. Some children were also able to go to Harnham Croft to spend some time sharing nursery rhymes and reading books with the residents. We also had a visit from the Salisbury Museum where the children were able to interact with real life artefacts from the past. Furthermore, we supported World Mental Health Day and raised awareness of different feelings and emotions and how we might be able to get some help if we needed it. All of this in addition to the usual routines and lessons that the children have access to. I hope you agree that this all helps to make for a great learning opportunities for our children to develop into the citizens of the future.

We are always looking for ways to improve our provision and develop it further. With this in mind, please do remember that we are holding a Coffee and Chat event for any parents to come and meet with us on Monday 14th October at 2.30pm in the school hall. We look forward to finding out your ideas.

Celebration assembly

Congratulations to Charlie – Robin, Willow – Ladybird, Olive – Squirrel, George – Bee, Jaya and Kian – Woodpecker, Declan – Badger Max – Owl and Poppy – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench this week. Well done to you all!

Dojo points

Ladybird	323
Robin	163
Woodpecker	199
Bee	84
Squirrel	233
Badger	44
Owl	157
Dragonfly	127

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.

Congratulations to Dragonflies class who have also reached 1000 dojos. For their dojo reward they have chosen to have a pyjama disco party with their teddies. Please may children bring their pyjamas to school to change into for their disco on Monday 21st October. Thank you.

Congratulations to Ladybirds class who have reached 1000 dojos too. For their reward they have chosen to have a dressing up day on Friday 18th October. Children may come to school dressed as anything they choose on this day. Thank you.

Congratulations to Robins class who have reached 1000 dojos too. For their reward, they have chosen to bring a teddy bear to school on Friday 18th October. Please may children bring a teddy bear (not too large or too precious) to school with them on this day. Thank you.

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Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	96.70%
Ladybird	94.62%
Robin	96.80%
Woodpecker	100.00%
Bee	97.60%
Squirrels	97.12%
Badgers	98.62%
Owls	97.67%
Dragonfly	91.72%

Well done to the Woodpecker class, who have achieved 100% attendance this week. Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Woodpeckers next week.

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)

Tuesday	Robins	Mrs Jackson
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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	15/26	58%
Robin	19/25	76%
Woodpecker	12/24	50%
Bee	16/25	64%
Squirrel	16/21	71%
Badger	24/29	82%
Owl	18/30	60%
Dragonfly	17/29	59%
Whole School	137/209	65%

Safeguarding Request

May we politely remind parents / grandparents / carers that they are not permitted to access school site without signing in at the front office or being escorted by a member of school staff. We have had several cases of parents popping in to school to look for lost items and things, which in principle is absolutely fine but without staff knowledge creates a safeguarding risk, for example, we wouldn't be able to account for everyone in the case of fire.

If you need to go in to school for any reason, please make sure you check with any member of school staff first, this includes before and after school care too. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Woodpeckers and Owls Pick Up

A few parents have expressed concern at the length of time taken added to the confusion about where to pick up from in the small playground when the Woodpecker and Owls come out at the end of the day. From Monday, Woodpeckers will come down the slope past the adventure playground and the Owls will be

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dismissed from the top of the steps. Please remember that the class teacher will not allow the children to leave unless they have seen you. Thank you for being patient with us during this time.

Lunchboxes

Just a gentle reminder that, if your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, to please be mindful of the contents. Recently, we have noticed some children bringing full size chocolate bars. If chocolate spread is being given in sandwiches, please may you also check the ingredients carefully as these often contain nut products. We do have children in school with allergies and the school is a nut free zone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Harvest Collection

The children enjoyed a visit from the Trussel Trust in their assembly this afternoon, who were able to give the children an inspiring message about helping other people who may have less than them. Mrs Pike sent home a letter earlier this week detailing how we can support the local Salisbury Foodbank with donations this harvest time. Items that they are currently short of include: tinned fish, instant coffee, tinned rice pudding, tinned meat, biscuits, snacks, bars of chocolate, long life fruit juice, sponge pudding and dried milk. Please send in your donations by Friday 18th October. Thank you.

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.

Hollows Close

Please note that on the 21st and 22nd October, the entrance to school site via Hollows Close will be closed. Everyone will need to come to school via Saxon Road. Thank you.

The class of 2020!

Will your child be four years old before the 1st 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. The deadline for applications is 15th 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. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020.

PSA

Our Parent Support Advisor is Chris Lister. Chris works every Tuesday and Wednesday and can be contacted on 07595217569

In the Community

Celebrate Voice Festival

Celebrate Voice is an award-winning music festival coming to the centre of Salisbury from 25th October 2019 - 2nd November 2019. It will take place in a unique pop-up venue - The Wilsons Piccolo Theatre that will be built on the Guildhall Square Salisbury, giving the festival a prominent central setting for this year's celebrations. There are reduced price child tickets available for the evening celebrity opera, jazz, folk, cabaret, music theatre and comedy events, and a daytime programme of family events including storytelling, a baby opera, sing-a-long bands, children's theatre as well as local acts to celebrate our community. More information and tickets available from www.celebratevoice.co.uk

TD days

Wednesday 23rd October 2019
Friday 20th December 2019
Thursday 25th June 2020
Friday 26th June 2020

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Letter sent out this week:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
- Year 1 and Year 2 Cinema Trip Letter – reply slips please
- Harvest Collection Letter
- Year 1 Numbots letter
- Year 1 and 2 Mad Hatter Tea Party letter – please send food contributions
- EYFS Transition Questionnaire – please return by 18.10.19
- Various leaflets advertising local events

Upcoming dates**EYFS dates**

21.10.2019	2.15pm	Stay and do Harvest – parents invited
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Year 1 dates

17.10.2019	All day	Come to school dressed as a character from Alice in Wonderland or as a party guest
18.10.2019	2.00pm	Stay and explore senses – parents invited

Year 2 dates

17.10.2019	All day	Come to school dressed as a character from Alice in Wonderland or as a party guest
22.10.2019	9.00am	Stay and do Harvest – parents invited

Whole school dates

14.10.2019	2.30pm	Coffee and chat with SLT
15.10.2019		Individual photographs being taken
23.10.2019		TD day – school closed to children
4.12.19		HSA School Disco

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Thank you for a great start to the term, have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher