

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Families,

We do sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and well at home during this lockdown period. There is a lot of information contained in this weekly newsletter so please read through it carefully so you do not miss anything important.

We have been so thrilled with the high level of engagement in remote education happening on Seesaw and would like to thank parents for their kind feedback and also for making such an effort to support the children with their work at home. You really are doing a great job and we are pleased to share some highlights below and on the next page.

This week has also brought stark reminders that we are indeed, in the midst of a global pandemic as we have seen cases rise amongst our own little community here in Harnham. Fortunately, everyone has acted very sensibly and we have not been in a position where we have had to close certain bubbles to self isolate. However, it is a reminder to keep following the rules that the government are asking of us, so whatever you do this weekend, stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

We are here for you and we are thinking of you all,

The Harnham Infant School Team



## Newsletter 16

### Congratulations!

We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that Miss Spellar is expecting her first baby. We are sure you will join with us in sending our huge congratulations. Her precious bundle is due at the beginning of June.

### Term Dates Consultation

Wiltshire Council currently have a consultation open for term dates for the academic year 2022/2023. You can see the options and make your views known by visiting this web link:  
<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-term-date-calendar>



### Children accessing school provision:

If your child is currently in a part time attendance at school, please remember that the curriculum being offered on Seesaw is sequential. This means the children in school are completing the same work as the children at home. On a working at home day, children do not need to back-fill or catch-up on previous work, just pick up on the current day's activities.

Teachers are working hard at school to upload the work that children are completing in school to Seesaw so that parents at home and class teachers can see what they have done.

### Menu for Next Week for the Critical Children Bubbles in School:

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

Monday: Sausages or Vegetarian Sausages and Mashed Potato

Tuesday: Chicken Curry or Tomato Pastas

Wednesday: Bubble Salmon or Pizza

Thursday: Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables

Friday: Fish Fingers or Vegetable Goujons and Chips

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

[requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)







## Den-tastic!

Look at all of these dens that everyone made in response to last week's Something for the Weekend. We had dens made of boxes, pirate ship dens, outside dens, arctic dens, double-decker dens and even dens for our pets! Great job everyone!





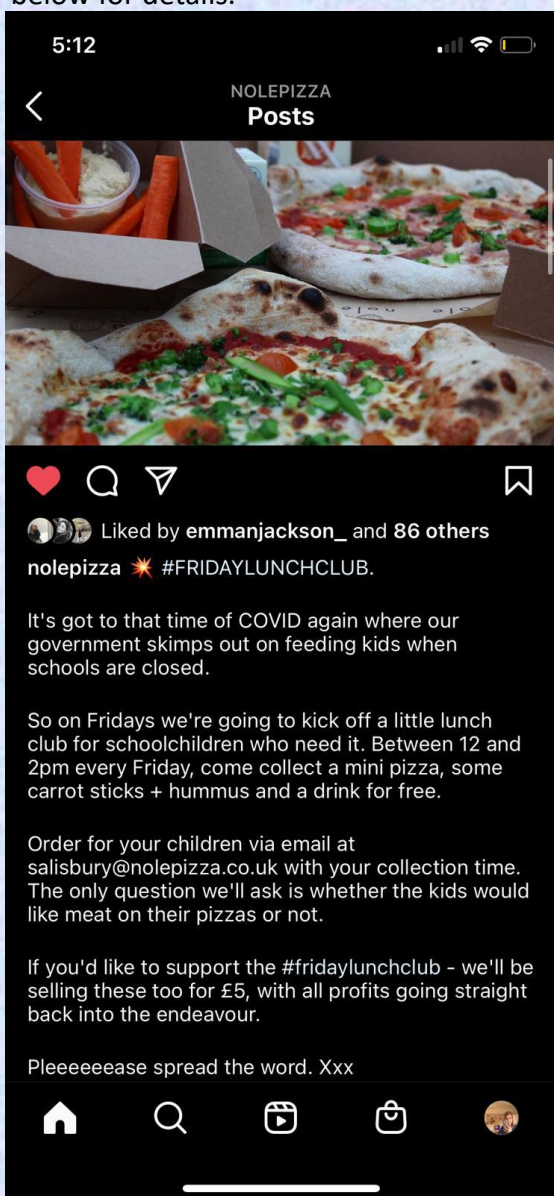
You're doing so well.  
Just keep taking  
one day at a time.

mellow doodles



### Friday Lunch Club Opportunity in Salisbury:

We have been made aware that Nole Pizza in Salisbury are wanting to support families while schools are closed. They are offering pizza for children on a Friday lunchtime for free, or you can pay for yours and add the money to the scheme which aims to support any families who may be in need. See the copied post below for details.



### Devices:

You may be aware that the government are committed to supporting schools during the remote learning phase in the response to Covid-19. We are therefore information gathering as to how our families are accessing the remote learning offer on Seesaw and whether families have enough electronic devices to complete the learning that is set. If you are in a situation where you can only access Seesaw on a smart phone or whether you are dependent on sharing devices with older siblings, meaning that you would benefit from an additional device at home, please may you let us know by emailing

[requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

Obviously, we cannot make any guarantees of being able to supply these devices and, when we have got a supply, we may need to prioritise according to need, but we will endeavour to support families where we can.

Please note that any devices supplied will be on loan from our school and as such, will remain school property.

### Balancing School and Home:

As much as families at home are working to balance home and school, our staff are doing the same. Staff are working on a rota where sometimes they are juggling teaching in the classroom with responding to Seesaw too. We are just so lucky to have such a supportive team that, on some occasions, it may not be your child's class teacher who responds to their work on Seesaw, but we always promise that it will be someone they are familiar with. We are doing this so that children will receive feedback on their work in a timely and meaningful manner. Any additional teachers will always write their name at the end of their comment so that you can clearly identify who it is.

### February Progress Reviews:

As was communicated before Christmas, teachers were due to complete a progress report to be sent home in February. Due to the current lockdown arrangements, these will no longer take place in this time frame. Once we have a picture of how things might look moving forward, we will reassess this situation and let parents know. Of course, if you have any questions about your child's progress or current learning targets and developments, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

### Seesaw:

We are aware that there a great number of things assigned to the children on Seesaw each day. Some of these are teaching videos that do not necessarily require a response (though of course, if you would like to, please do). We just wanted to reassure parents that you do not have to upload anything to 'prove' you have watched the video as we will see this through the children's work. Thank you.



### Parent Support Advisor:

Chris Lister, our Parent Support Advisor is still working throughout this lockdown period. She is a great listening ear and a fantastic source of information and support whatever your situation. If you would like to have a confidential chat, you can get in touch with her on 07595 217569 or you can email her too [psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

### Blue Peter:

Blue Peter have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](#) at CBBC and we thought you may be interested in this, for entertainment outside of home-schooling hours during this lockdown period. They say:

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you are interested, here is the link to the YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every Thursday, or on BBC iPlayer.

We **Can NOT** Have  
The Same **exPeCtAtIoNs** of  
ourselves as we would  
IN a **NORmal** week  
Because These are  
**NOT NORmal** weeks; Be  
**PaTient** WITH yourself.

### Something for the Weekend:

The next 'Something for the Weekend' from Miss Dorrington has been sent to you via your child's Seesaw account. Have fun!

### Booking Places:

If your child is attending school on a particular day, this place must be booked using the School Gateway facility. This helps us with the admin and keeping a tally on the numbers for each day. Please book by the Thursday afternoon for the following week. If your child is not booked in, they may be refused entry to school on that day as the place may have been offered to another family. We would hate for there to be any embarrassment or stressful situations at the school gates.

### Reminder:

**Please only book your child in for the set days that they have been allocated when the request for a critical worker place was made.**

### Milk and Snacks

We are currently not receiving any milk deliveries from Cool Milk. For families who pay for their child to have milk, we have been asked to inform you that your payments have been carried over until the time when school's are fully open and they begin deliveries again.

The Government's Fruit and Veg Scheme is also on hold at the moment. Therefore, if your child is attending school, please send them in with a healthy snack each day. Thank you.

### Critical Worker Letters:

If your child is accessing school provision, we need a copy of your letter to confirm that you are a Critical Worker in Response to Covid-19 if you have not already sent us this, please may you do so by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. This is because the school is being held to account for our in-school provision. Letters can be emailed to

[keyworkerregistration@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:keyworkerregistration@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

Thank you!

### Live Teaching:

Some families are wondering if we are intentional about adding any 'live' teaching to our provision. We are currently considering this. However, as our children are so young, we recognise that this may come with additional difficulties in terms of needing to supervise them as well as having the correct devices available at that specific time. We will also need to ensure that it has been thoroughly risk assessed. Of course, we will let you know if this is something we are pursuing further in due course.

