

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Families,

Wow - doesn't Friday seem to come around very quickly? We have come to the end of another week at Harnham Infant School and a lovely week it has been indeed.

We have now completed our online Safeguarding training sessions for our parent volunteers – thank you to all of those who attended these. The class teachers will be getting in touch with you via email to welcome you to their classrooms and go through any specific class information and arrange timetable slots for you to begin coming in, once references and DBS checks have been returned. We are so grateful to all of our volunteers who support the work of our school so efficiently and effectively and give up their own time to help us. Thank you!

Please keep an eye out in your children's book bags next week for a letter about the upcoming parents evenings and how to book your slot to talk to your child's class teacher. We are really looking forward to speaking with you and letting you know just how brilliantly your child is settling in to their new year group and answering any questions you may have too. There will also be information for an online 'Coffee and Chat' coming soon where we warmly invite parents to share any feedback, comments or questions with us.

In the meantime, we hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team



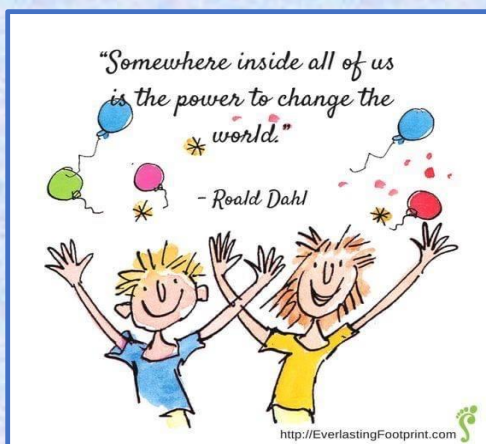
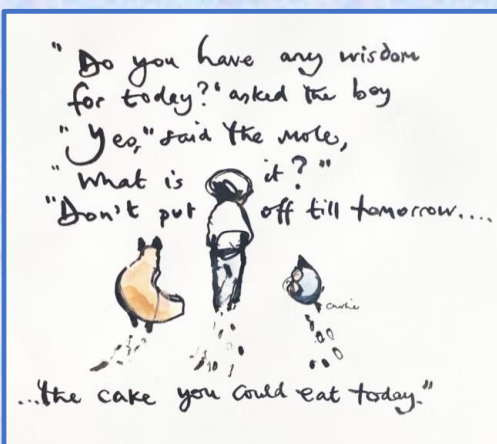
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Safety Notice:

Please do not allow your children to climb on any equipment in the playgrounds either before or after school. This includes the hand rails around the entrances to the building. Many thanks for your support with this.

Seesaw / Blogs:

Please check your child's Seesaw or Tapestry account for an update from the class teachers for this week. Seesaw codes for Y1/2 are in reading records. Blog posts will include ideas of things you can do to enhance learning at home, some photographs of the highlights from the week and some information and reminders from the class teachers too. Thank you.



Missing Reading Books:

We are finding that our stocks of school reading scheme books have greatly diminished since the beginning of lockdown. This is because, when school closed, we sent a number of books home with every child and we are not sure they have all returned to school. This includes a good number of newer books which were only purchased at the beginning of the year. Please may we ask all families to have a good look at home to check that all of our reading scheme books have been returned? Many thanks!

Menu for Next Week:

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

Monday – Sausages and Mash or Cheese Quiche and Diced Potatoes

Tuesday – Chicken Curry and Rice or Tomato Pasta

Wednesday – Homemade Fish Cake or Pizza and Crinkle Cut Wedges

Thursday – Roast Chicken or Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Vegetables

Friday – Fish Fingers and Chips or Tomato Pasta, Peas and Sweetcorn

Calendar Dates for this academic year.

Attached with this newsletter, you will find a calendar of events (so far) for this academic year. We wanted to give parents an overall view but please be mindful that many of these are covid dependent and we will keep you updated as things arise or indeed, when new dates get added. Thank you.

Class of September 2021 – Tours available:

Do you, or someone you know, have a child who will be starting school in September 2021?

We are still able to offer individual tours to prospective parents after school hours. Do telephone the school office to book an appointment. We would be delighted to meet you and show you around our lovely learning environment.

Can you help?

We are keen to set up a system in school of 'tag words'. This would mean that tricky words will be attached to children's reading records to learn to recognise to read and spell at home. This is quite a large task and we were wondering if any parental man power is available to help laminate, cut up and hole punch these words? We have all the equipment and resources but we are lacking in time and man power. If you are able to help, please let us know. We would be very grateful!

Perform 4 Schools

We have received the following information from Perform 4 Schools, who have previously worked with us in school providing drama workshops for the children.

Here is an extract of the email we have received for any families who may be interested:

Here at Perform, we are delighted to be back after a 6 month absence. We have put a lot of work into establishing a covid-secure environment for our after-school and weekend classes and are following government guidelines for Out of School Services.

However, as a not-for-profit organisation, we are struggling to spread the word to local parents and I was wondering if there was any way you could help. We are offering all children an introductory free class which can be booked at this link - <https://www.perform.org.uk/free-drama-class>. Parents can also watch a video about our safety measures at [perform.org.uk/covidsafety](https://www.perform.org.uk/covidsafety)

We'd also be delighted to offer any of your children a £40 discount should they decide to sign up. Thank you so much and if you have any questions do get in touch.

With best wishes,

Sarah Beale sarahbeale@perform.org.uk

Flu Vaccinations:

We have been made aware from Virgin Care that some parents may have received letters at home from a national drive about the upcoming Flu Vaccinations for your children. This may be causing some confusion, since you have already received the localised arrangements for our area, plus have been able to give your consent for the vaccination to go ahead using the web link that was sent out.

Virgin Care have asked us to let parents know that your consent through the local process is enough and there is no need for your child to bring a copy of any letter that you may have received in the post to the vaccination appointment. Just a reminder that the Flu Vaccinations are due to take place on Monday 2nd November.

Request from EYFS

Rainbow Class has taken delivery of a new mud kitchen today – we are very excited! Do you have any pots, pans, baking trays or kitchen utensils at home that you no longer need and we could add to our provision? We would be very grateful of any donations to the school office! Thank you!



Something for the Weekend:

Did you know that today is World Smile Day? Despite the miserable and wet weather, can you talk to your children about what has made them smile today? What can you do over the weekend to spread some more smiles around? Have fun!

