

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Families,

We have come to the end of term 2 at our school and what a term it has been! We are so proud of all of the children for their hard work this term and every little and big thing they have achieved. They remind us every day how amazing they are and the very reason we do the job that we do. We are also so proud to be part of such an incredible staff team who are always willing to go the extra mile to support them.

Thank you for all of the kind words regarding our Christmas celebrations this year and what we put into place for the children to give them some special memories at this time of year, especially when so many other celebrations and festivities may not be possible. The children certainly enjoyed the visit from Father Christmas, the Christmas parties, disco, dinner, Winter Wonderland and Christmas Jumper Day!

We really appreciate our positive relationships with parents and the feedback that you give us, which is always valued and listened to. Please don't forget that our doors are always open should you ever have any questions, concerns, comments or celebrations.

We would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas! Stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you for a very Happy 2021 together,

Best wishes,

The Harnham Infant School Team

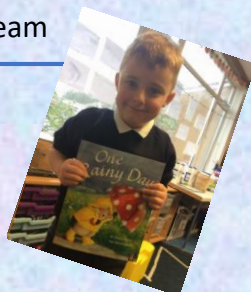


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### Thank you!

Every member of our school team wishes to thank all of the parents and wider community for their support during this term. Despite the ongoing covid restrictions in place and the changes that we have had to make, often at short notice, everyone has worked together to ensure our children are safe and cared for in our learning environment. Thank you very much!

We would also like to extend our gratitude for every kind gift, card and Christmas wish that we have received. Your kindness has blown us away. Thank you!



### Strive for Five:

As you know, Mrs Ainley has launched an initiative called "Strive for Five" where children are expected to read 5 times per week at home. Every child who manages this each week has their name put into a drawer and at the end of the term one child is chosen to receive a prize. Here are the names of our Strive for Five champions of this term and some photographs of the winners too! Well done everyone – keep reading!

**Ladybirds:** Joshua, Victoria, Hugh, April, Charlie, Sky, Thomas, Annabelle, Jack, Maeve, Amar'e, Cecily, Ivanka and Finley

**Robins:** Jack, Luke, Annabel, Phoebe, Nina, Imogen, Jake, Peter, Kuba, Amelie, Oscar and Ella-Rose

**Hedgehogs:** Coco, Ned, Agatha, Nina, Seth, Lydia, Isabella, Rose and Max

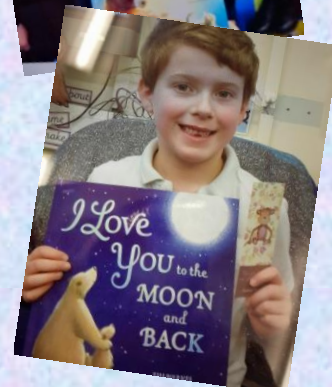
**Bees:** Milena, Edie, Elliot, Sienna-Blu, Willow, George, Fionn, Sophie May, Keira, Charlie, Theo, Deryn, Emma, Simeon, Niamh, Fred, Poppy, Chloe, Ben, Freddie and Darcey

**Woodpeckers:** Finlay, Elliot, Millicent, Rory, Archie, Maddie, Srita, Ara, Carolina, Madison, Olivia, Clara, Tilly, Freddie and Maisie

**Dragonflies:** Janey, Reece, Tosin, Edward, Mikayla, Niko, Theo, Joshua, Lottie, Charlie, Adam, Owen, Lucie, Brett and David

**Owls:** Emilia, Armani, Luke, Lewis, Bethany, Oliver, Jay-J, Georgi, Amelia and Jack

**Badgers:** Abhirami, Bethany, Benjamin, Daniel, Jasper, Joel, Lana, Madhav, Miriam, Oliver, Penny, Phoebe, Poppy, Rares, Dora, Theo





### Golden Mile Sponsorship

As you know, Miss Spellar has set the children a fundraising challenge to try and increase funding to buy more iPads for the children to use in school:

EYFS are running across the width of the England (300 miles)

Year 1 are running from Land's End to John O'Groates (603 miles)

Year 2 are running from Land's End to John O'Groates and back! (1206 miles)

Each time the children take part in the Golden Mile at school, their distance is calculated towards reaching their goals. Here is a summary of our progress so far.:

EYFS = 73.82 miles

Y1 = 258.04 miles

Y2 = 375.67 miles

Don't forget you can sponsor this children with this challenge by clicking on this link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/harnham-infants-a-run-for-ipads>

Thank you for your support! ☺

### Nativity 2020:

As we write this newsletter, the video for the Nativity 'Bundle of Joy' is being uploaded to the sharing platform for parents. Please may EYFS parents stay close to their email inboxes for us to send it out to you as soon as it is ready! Happy Christmas viewing! ☺ Please do look out for a Harnham Infant School Nativity picture in the Salisbury Journal and in the album on the online gallery on the journal website too.

### Anonymous Donation:

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness of a 'friend of the school' who must have recently seen our newsletter about asking the government to reimburse the money spent on additional cleaning equipment and PPE as a result of covid procedures, since September 2020. In the post this week, we have received an incredibly supportive letter and an anonymous donation of £50 towards our additional expenses. To our kind friend, we just wanted to say an enormous thank you, not just for the donation but for the way you have demonstrated such thoughtfulness.

### Winter Wonderland:

The children all enjoyed an amazing trip into Harnham Infant School's very own Winter Wonderland this week. There were snow machines, trips through wardrobes, sleighs and snowball fights and everyone had an amazing time!

Special thank you to Mrs Sowerby and Mrs Bacon for taking on this exciting project and we know that she was ably assisted by support from parents and staff in supplying white goodies and helping to set up the woods. Thank you to everyone involved in giving children some wonderful memories!

### Mass Testing:

We are sure that many parents will have seen the news on Thursday, where the government have announced that they are going to be bringing in mass Covid testing into schools. We are currently awaiting further information and promise that we will let you know what this will look like at Harnham Infant School once we know more.

### Internet Safety Reminder:

We have become aware of some conversations happening between children about Momo and other horror stories and films. Please may we remind you to be aware of what your children are able to access on electronic devices, ensuring that appropriate controls and age restrictions are put in place.

We do have regular internet safety lessons with the children and they are very aware of the importance of telling a trusted adult if they see, hear or witness something inappropriate to them. Thank you for reiterating this in the home environment and protecting your children from harm of any kind.

