

Friday 17th April 2020

Dear Families,

We hope you have enjoyed your second week of the 'Easter holidays' which were, no doubt, very different than all our original hopes and plans for this time. Did you get to see and enjoy the Easter message from all of the staff on the school blog? Hopefully it made you smile. This week, some children have been staying in school to allow their keyworker parents to carry out their vital roles. The children have made slime, made comic strips, completed a challenge to make the tallest tower out of paper, completed scavenger hunts, made and performed lots of puppet shows and even created their own fairy land complete with our own fairy wings! Some photos are included for you to see. Children at home have been continuing to enjoy the Bingo Boards linked to our school values, which appear to have been well-received. There have been science experiments, positivity booklets and name-inspired workouts, which we hope you have been able to take part in. On Monday, we will resume our daily Seesaw interactions (more on this later in the newsletter) as we continue our socially distanced learning at this time. Whether you are finding the lockdown calming or chaotic, we do all hope, above all else that you are taking the opportunity to enjoy being a family unit and making some memories of a different kind that will last a lifetime.

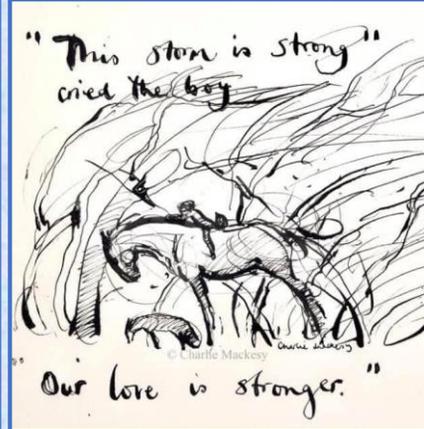
We are missing being together physically as a learning community in the school buildings but this situation has surely shown that the Harnham family relationship goes beyond walls and playgrounds.

We are still thinking of you all. Stay safe and well.

The Harnham Infant School Team



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Update on use of Seesaw

On Monday, the teachers will resume their use of Seesaw to communicate with children and families. We want to take this opportunity to remind you that Seesaw is not designed to "replace" school and we recognise that many of our parents are juggling this 'education' with multiple children and limited devices, whilst continuing their own jobs and working from home too! It is not designed to be a pressure but to support families and give them something fun to do and think about at home.

Next week, the teachers are trialling something different. Some days, Seesaw will have a short video linked to some of the activities. We are hoping this will help you access the activities (as well as seeing some familiar faces!) Another new thing is a dedicated reading activity, as we are sure many of you have exhausted your school books by now! You are welcome to work through these things at your own pace and hope they give you some practical learning and interesting discussions in your household. Enjoy! ☺

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



Update on our Link School in Tanzania

We have recently heard from the programme director from EdUKaid, Teresa Wells, who has given us an update of our fundraising money from last summer of £429.98. 😊

She says

“Your donation made me smile and, indeed, brought a tear to my eye – the money will enable us to buy soap and pay for water so that the children and families from Singino Primary School can protect themselves in the coming weeks and months. Your donation may genuinely save lives! Please pass on my incredibly grateful thanks to the staff, children and families at Harnham Infant School – you have done a truly amazing thing. When all this is over I’d love to come and tell you children about the incredible difference they will undoubtedly make.”

As we know, the whole world is feeling the impact of the virus and we are pleased that our donation can have an impact in Tanzania. We look forward to welcoming Teresa back in to school when it is safe to do so and to raising more funds for the children of Singino Primary School in the future.

This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



Telephone Calls

Our staff are really enjoying being able to stay in contact with parents and children on the telephone. When they call you, it is likely to be from a withheld or a ‘No Called ID’ number. If staff are unable to get through, they will leave a message if they can saying when they will next call back, hopefully enabling you to know it is them. Failing this, they will email you to arrange a convenient time for a telephone call.

We recognise that families are busy and many parents are juggling working from home with home learning and childcare but we really would love a short time to chat with you. Please do not feel that we are checking up on learning and achievements or are calling with any other agenda other than a supportive phone call to make sure everyone is healthy and safe. We look forward to speaking with you.

EdUKaid

to learn is to live



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give THEM
ONE OF yours!

Local Initiative to help CV19 in Salisbury

St. Joseph's School in Salisbury – has started using their Design and Technology facility to make face visors for NHS and Care Workers. You can read about the project and any requests for help here:

<https://de.gofundme.com/f/sjcs-visors>



How wonderful it is
that nobody need wait
a single moment
before starting to
improve the world.

-anne frank

Round Up – Issue 3

Attached with this newsletter, you will find edition 3 of ‘Round Up’. These are growing publications from the team at Wiltshire Council and contain activities, jokes and puzzles as well as other articles.

Next week, the theme of Round Up is ‘How are we getting on with home learning?’ It would be lovely to get Harnham Infant School a mention! If parents / carers and children would like to contribute towards these newsletters, including any photographs, please email them to events@wiltshire.gov.uk, putting ‘Newsletter Contribution’ in the subject line. They need your articles and ideas by Tuesday at 5.00pm.

New Entrants for September 2020 – Spaces available

Yesterday was national primary offer day and we are pleased to welcome the new children and families to Harnham Infant School. We have been allocated many siblings of children who are currently in, or have been through our school before, as well as many new families, which is very exciting indeed. What a great choice they have made for their children! We can't wait to meet them and welcome them in to our school family. 😊

We will have spaces remaining for children to join this cohort in September, so if you know of a family who perhaps were not allocated the school they wanted, or if you know a family new to the area, do tell them about us! We are still taking admissions and would be delighted to respond to any families over telephone or email and show them around once our school doors are officially open again.

History will remember when
the world stopped
And the flights stayed on
the ground.
And the cars parked in the
street.
And the trains didn't run.

History will remember when
the schools closed
And the children stayed
indoors
And the medical staff walked
towards the fire
And they didn't run.

History will remember when
the people sang
On their balconies, in
isolation
But so very much together
In courage and song.

History will remember when
the people fought
For their old and their weak
Protected the vulnerable
By doing nothing at all.

History will remember when
the virus left
And the houses opened
And the people came out
And hugged and kissed
And started again

Kinder than before.

Questions to ask your child in self-isolation **YOUNGMINDS**

What could help you to complete your school work at home? Where would you like to work at home?

Is there anything you want to talk about?

When was the last time you were very happy?

What makes you feel calm?

How can you keep in touch with friends and family at the moment? e.g. Facetime, Whatsapp

What difficulties are you facing now?

What can I do to help?

Where is a place you feel safe?

What things would you like to do in the future?

Would it be helpful if we planned each day together?

Do you have any worries about the coronavirus?

Where in our home do you feel like you can have your own space?

What have you enjoyed about today?

What are you worried about when you lie in bed and can't sleep?

Can you think of anything fun that we can do at home?

How do you feel about things changing?

How do you feel about staying at home?

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

Don't leave the house unless it's for the....



Something for the weekend:

You have probably heard of Capt. Tom Moore and his heroic effort to fundraise for the NHS. What an incredible gentleman who has inspired us all with his determination and kindness. A real-life hero – just like all of our keyworkers on the frontline! He has raised over £19m so far by walking 100 laps of his garden...and he turns 100 on 30th April! Would the children like to make a birthday card for Capt. Moore, or write him a letter to congratulate him and thank him for all he has done. Here is the address you can send it to:

Captain Tom Moore
C/O Post Office Limited
67 Bedford Road
Marston Moretaine
Bedfordshire
MK43 0LA



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