Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to another school newsletter! We do sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and well during these current lockdown days. We have made it to the end of another busy week and whether you are acing the home learning or just about holding everything together, we just want to say a big well done and thank you! You are honestly doing so well, juggling so much and supporting the amazing nationwide effort to protect everyone from the virus.

Obviously, we cannot wait to be given the green light to fully reopen school again and welcome everyone back. Now that we know that this will not be until at least March 8th, we are sincerely asking that you all stay with us and keep connecting. We have lots of things in mind for supporting you to "keep on keeping on" over the coming weeks, lots of which you will find details of in this newsletter.

This week, school staff have started testing twice per week, completed a trial run of a "live" class meeting and are also worked hard staying up to date with the latest teaching tools and tips that may further support our families. We are, as ever, committed to going the extra mile so that everyone can 'Enjoy, Explore and Learn', whether they are at Harnham Infant School or Harnham Infant Home School!

If you have any questions, comments, worries, feedback or indeed, celebrations please do not hesitate to get in contact using the designated email address: requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

We are here for you,

The Harnham Infant School Team



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: Chicken Goujons or Omelette Tuesday: Lasagne or Tomato Pasta Bake Wednesday: Pizza or Bubble Salmon

Thursday: Sausages or Vegetarian Sausages and Mashed Potato

Friday: Fish Fingers or Vegetable Goujons and Chips

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

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Half Term Opportunity:

Stagecoach Salisbury have an exciting half term opportunity for children (see flier attached) For further information you can visit the website www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury#workshops

Kids Klobber

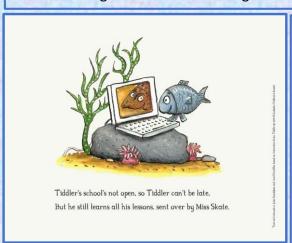
We have been asked to make you aware that Kids Klobber are still operating their supply of uniform and school supplies. You can get in touch with Kids Klobber on the telephone, via email or through their facebook page. ©

Thank you!

We would like to say an enormous thank you to Mrs Simmons, who used to teach our school choir (and hope she will again one day!) as she has been recording music lessons at home for us to share with the children. We have received such positive feedback from families about the music lessons that Mrs Simmons is producing for us just out of the kindness of her heart., so a huge thank you to her! If you are yet to join in, please find these videos accessible through your child's Seesaw account.

Zoom!

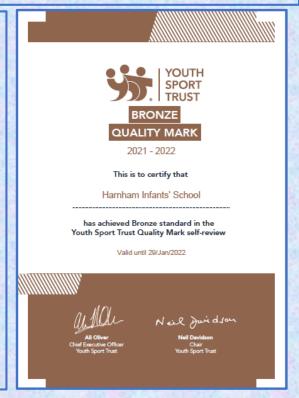
We are beginning to dip our toes into some 'live' opportunities for classes to meet up and interact with each other. Please stay tuned to your child's Seesaw account for details of days and times of when their class teacher will be running a live online session. We will need parental permission for all children to take part and will be sending out meeting guidelines for parents if you haven't already received them. We hope your child will benefit from this additional 'light-touch' opportunity to see their teacher and friends, which is the aim of introducing the sessions rather than them being live taught lessons, which will remain through our remote learning on Seesaw.





PE Quality Mark:

We are pleased to celebrate with you that Harnham Infant School has been awarded the **Bronze Quality** Mark for our PE provision. Well done team Harnham - next step, silver! Thank you to Miss Hibberd, our PE Curriculum Leader for her hard work on this.



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@harnhaminf.wilts.sch.uk

Devices Update:

We have now ordered our devices that are being funded by the government to go out to families who need them and are expecting the receive them in school very soon so that we can get them out to families who need them. Thank you for all the responses to the survey, which are now being ranked according to need and we will be in touch with families who have been allocated an additional device to support their learning at home.

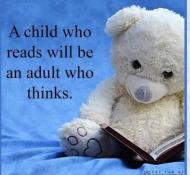
Each device will come with a contract of use, which we expect parents to sign before they take their device home to use. A waiting list will continue to operate should further devices become available for families.

Lost Glasses - Can you help?

One of the children in Year 1 who has been accessing school provision has sadly lost 2 pairs of her "Frozen" glasses. If anyone has taken them home, please may they be returned? Thank you ©

Meet the Governors:

This week is the turn of our longest serving governor Clare Churchill. Clare has been a governor for many years and started when her daughter was in reception (she is now at university!) Clare is now a co-opted governor and sits on the Health and Safety, Staffing and Curriculum committees and is the link governor for History.





Reading Books:

We are really excited to let you know that our school has now subscribed to Big Cat Books online, which is our main reading scheme that we use in school. We will be sending out to parents a user guide about how to access and log in to your child's account, where there will be reading books that have been assigned by the class teacher for you to read at home. Your child's unique username and password will be emailed out to you on Wednesday afternoon / evening ready for you to access straight away. Once your child has read a book, the class teacher will be able to see and then assign you new books. We do hope you will welcome this addition to our learning at home offer as we are in no doubt that you will have exhausted your current book from school that you have at home. This is a way that your child can continue to develop reading skills at the appropriate level while we are unable to exchange their physical books at school. We hope to continue it beyond the current lockdown too in order to enhance reading at home opportunities.

Critical Worker Requests in School:

We are getting more and more requests for children to return to school under the umbrella of the children of critical workers. As a result, the bubbles in school are now at capacity and in some cases overflowing! Please may we ask that families only book for the days they absolutely need and also, if your child is not coming on a day that we are expecting them, please may you let us know. It feels like a waste of a space if your child simply doesn't turn up to school when we could have offered the spot to a child on the waiting list.

We would encourage you, as we approach half term to look again at work schedules to see if there is any wiggle room as we would hate to begin having to apply our criteria more stringently, perhaps even needing to turn families away and tell them that we no longer have space for them.

All critical worker communication can be made through emailing keyworkerregistration@harnhaminf.wilts.sch.uk thank you!

Something for the Weekend:

The next 'Something for the weekend' has been uploaded to your child's Seesaw account. We hope you have fun with this challenge and cannot wait to see the entries!









