



'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 13th December 2019

Dear parents, family and friends,

The end of term is approaching quickly now and the anticipation and excitement of Christmas is in full swing. This week, the fabulous EYFS children have acted, danced and sung their hearts out during their nativity play, which they so brilliantly performed to parents, family and friends this week! We are so proud of how far they have all come since starting school only a few months ago!

Our amazing school choir have also performed some songs this week to the residents at Harnham Croft Residential Home. They were so well received and the children have had many many compliments for their singing and the way they have represented the school.

Do keep updated with the class blogs about the kinds of things the children have been doing in class. I have seen some lovely learning this week!

As end of term approaches, children (and staff!) are getting tired and immune systems are compromised. We have had a small bout of a sickness bug in school so do make sure you keep every effort to stay away from germs, or if you come down with it, to remain out of school for 48 hours afterwards. This way, we can all enjoy a final week of term next week, finishing at 1.10pm on Thursday.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Olivia – Robin, Ben and Leo – Ladybird, Ben – Squirrel, Blake – Bee, Georgi – Woodpecker, Ellie – Owl, Harley and Jason – Badger and Dylan – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench this week. Well done to you all!

Dojo points

Ladybird	56
Robin	170
Woodpecker	138
Bee	196
Squirrel	49
Badger	139
Owl	325
Dragonfly	108

This table is not intended to show 1st, 2nd, 3rd place or a winning class total. Instead, it shows the number of Dojo points that the class has received this week.

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	94.27%
Ladybird	91.15%
Robin	89.20%
Woodpecker	91.67%
Bee	96.80%
Squirrels	93.91%

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Badgers	98.62%
Owls	96.67%
Dragonfly	94.83%

Well done to the Badger class, who have achieved the highest attendance this week! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Badger class next week.

Golden Mile

We have started taking part in The Golden Mile. The Golden Mile is a safe, simple and measurable health and physical activity initiative and every pupil can get involved by walking, jogging or running around the playground (our golden mile track). The Golden Mile is all about encouraging everyone to lead a healthy and active lifestyle, not about who is the sportiest or crosses the finish line first. It's engaging, rewarding and thoroughly heart-warming to see children so motivated to increase their activity level and boost their fitness.

Total miles achieved this week across the school:	49.31
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Reading at Home

As a school, we have an expectation that children read to an adult at home at least 3 times per week. We are monitoring the number of children who manage this and celebrate with them by rewarding them with 2 dojo points. Please may we remind you that children need their reading record in school every day as adults in school listen to the children read too. Thank you.

Ladybird	17/26	65%
Robin	9/25	36%
Woodpecker	9/24	38%
Bee	17/25	68%
Squirrel	12/23	52%
Badger	12/29	41%
Owl	16/30	53%
Dragonfly	23/29	79%
Whole School	115/211	55%

HSA Event – Monday

On Monday, after school, the HSA will be running 3 fundraisers between the infant and junior schools. These will be as detailed below:

- 1 Tombola (20p)
- 2 Lucky Dip (50p)
- 3 Water to Wine (£1)

We do hope you can come and join in the fun and support the fundraising efforts. Thank you!

School Lunches Next Week

Here is a rundown of what is happening for the children next week regarding having lunch at school.

Monday – usual menu (BBQ chicken / Macaroni Cheese)

Tuesday – Christmas Party Day – please send in contributions as detailed in letter sent out.

Wednesday – Christmas Dinner – children can order in the morning

Thursday – Fish and Chips / Vegetable Goujons and Chips

Christmas Party

Hopefully, you received the letter earlier in the week about the Christmas Party at school on Tuesday 17th December. Each class have been allocated which food to bring with them and children are invited to come to school in their party or Christmas themed clothes. A copy of the letter is attached with this newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Jumper Day

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The children looked incredible today in their festive jumpers, dresses and hats etc! We enjoyed having a mini parade in our assembly to see everyone's outfits as well as learning a little bit about why we have brought in some money for the charity day. Thank you parents for your donations for 'Save the Children' which has resulted in a £129 donation.

Lantern Parade

The somewhat damp weather did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the Lantern Parade in the city last night. Thank you to the families from Harnham Infants who took part and especially to Mrs Sowerby for organising and supporting the event.

Postbox for internal Christmas Cards

The elves have now dropped off the Christmas Postbox to the front of school for children to post any cards in for their friends and teachers. If you are busy writing cards at home (great for handwriting practice!) then do send them in to school and we will encourage the children to post them in the postbox, which will be emptied and delivered to classes daily. Please make sure that cards are clearly labelled with names and classes. **Please note that the final day for posting your cards will be Wednesday 18th December.** Thank you.

End of Term Progress Updates

Teachers are busy making end of term assessments for your child. They will then be writing a short report to send home next week to give you an overview of how your children are getting on in class and outline their next steps for Reading, Writing and Maths. When these arrive, please read them carefully and talk to your child about their future learning targets. Do make an appointment with your child's teacher if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Flu Vaccinations – Second Round

The Virgin Care Immunisation Team have been in contact with the school and advised us that they will be coming back on Weds 18th December to carry out additional vaccinations. If your child was not vaccinated in November and you would now like them to have the nasal spray, please give your consent using the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>

The link will be open until midday on Mon 16th December 2019. If you have any queries then please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082.

End of Term – 19th December

In line with Harnham Junior School, on the final day of term for children, school will be finishing at 1.10pm. The same collection rules and routines apply, just at this earlier time for the start of the Christmas holidays. Thank you.

Parent Governors

In the new year, we are going to be recruiting for new parent governors to join the team at Harnham Infant School. Please do have a think at home over the next few weeks as to whether this important and rewarding role might be one that you are interested in. The existing governors will run some drop-in sessions for any parents who may be interested, to come and ask any questions. We look forward to meeting you!

Parent Support Advisor

Chris Lister is our Parent Support Advisor and is in school Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time. She is available for a confidential chat about various issues including your child's behaviour, financial and housing difficulties, relationships, bereavement or anything which is worrying you. You can contact Chris on 07595 217569 or psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk.

School hall hire

We are delighted to be able to offer the school hall out to hire, which is available to hire during the evenings and weekends. Any enquiries should be made to Mrs Salberg – school business manager – sbm@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk. Thank you.

The class of 2020!

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Will your child be four years old before the 1st September 2020 or do you know a child who will be? If so it is time to apply for a school place. Please apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020.

Year 3 children – September 2020

All current Year 2 children will need to apply for a Year 3 place at Harnham Junior school (or any other Year 3). Please apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020.

TD days

Friday 20th December 2019

Thursday 25th June 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Letter sent out this week:

- Christmas Party Day – please send in food contributions allocated to your class.
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Upcoming dates

EYFS dates

Year 1 dates

Year 2 dates

Whole school dates

17.12.2019		Christmas Party
18.12.2019		Christmas Dinner
19.12.2019	1.10pm	End of Term
06.01.2020		Start of term 3

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher