

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome to another newsletter of this academic year. Term 2 is now in full swing and the children are rising to each new learning challenge that comes their way. We are so proud of them all!

The teachers have been working hard inside and outside of our staff meetings on developing our curriculum to make it fit for purpose, ensuring that it builds on prior knowledge and gives opportunities for children to become skilled learners who embrace challenge and celebrate success.

It won't be long now and the festive season shall be upon us. Do look out for a separate letter early next week to let you know our ideas of how we intend to celebrate Christmas with your children. We are hoping for a really magical time together.

In the meantime, keep safe during these lockdown times.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team



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### Christmas in Harnham:

Our wonderful community are planning a different way of celebrating the traditional Christmas story this year. There will be a Drive Round Harnham Nativity, where traditional tableaux scenes will be set up in various front gardens around Harnham for you to see on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

December. Children at the school are getting involved in making props and decorations for the event and everyone at home is encouraged to get involved too. Painting backdrops, making stars and creating life-size nativity characters are perfect lockdown activities! If you would like more details, please contact Linda Baker [harnhamparish@btconnect.com](mailto:harnhamparish@btconnect.com) We are sure this will be a really special event!

### Dojo Treats:

**Ladybirds** have won their class dojo reward on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November and have chosen to come to school in their pyjamas and bring a teddy bear 😊 Please can teddies come to school on Tuesday to be quarantined.

**Owls** have also secured their next dojo reward and are invited to bring a game to play day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. No electronics please. Please may games come to school on Tuesday in order to be quarantined.



### Seesaw / Tapestry:

Please don't forget to log in to Seesaw or Tapestry to see highlights of the children's learning this week. Year 2 children will also find lists of spellings on there to learn at home too.

Please, please keep reading with your child at home. It really does make such a difference to children's learning and we would love to see our "Strive for Five" numbers increase. It is also great for vocabulary, imagination and a sense of well-being. Enjoy! 😊

### News from the Governing Body

Last night, the Full Governing Body met for their second meeting of the academic year. We were thrilled to welcome to the meeting 2 new parent governors; Mr Elly Otino and Mr Alex Bell, who have children in EYFS and Year 1 respectively. We are really looking forward to working with them and utilising the skills and expertise that they can bring to the panel.

Further to this, Mrs Lorraine Batchelor has been voted in for another term of office as staff governor and Mrs Fawn Sowerby has joined as an associate governor too. We are so lucky to have so many passionate people who are committed to driving our school forwards in ensuring we are able to provide the best that we can for your children.

Sadly, Mrs Linda Sawyer has stepped down as a Parent Governor and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her service to our school.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch with the governing body, please email [chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk).



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## Golden Mile Sponsorship

We are thrilled to say that our Fundraising Campaign for more iPads for the children has now passed £500. Thank you for all of the generous contributions we have already received. The children will keep on running and we will keep you informed of our progress towards our targets.

Don't forget you can sponsor the children and find out more by clicking on this link:

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

## Dates for your diary:

Teacher Training Days (school closed for children) on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner

## Do you need some support?

As you know, at Harnham Infant School we care about our children, parents and community wellbeing. There is a wealth of support and resources out there which are all signposted on this website, whatever you are going through:

<https://www.onyourmind.org.uk/>

## Christmas Food Parcels:

Would any of our families benefit from a Christmas Food Parcel this year? The Christmas Food Hampers will be delivered on 21<sup>st</sup> December and someone must be at home to receive them.

If you know your family would benefit from an additional food parcel this year, please get in touch with Mrs Pike by emailing [lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk) or telephoning the school.

We promise to treat every single referral with total confidentiality. Thank you.

## Golden Postcard Names:

Congratulations to the following children who received a golden postcard for their learning attitude and behaviour in term 1:

Hedgehogs - Jack and Darcie

Robins – Luna and Oscar

Ladybirds – Belle and Leon

Woodpeckers – Finlay and Maddie

Bees – Sienna-Blu and Darcey

Badgers – Abhirami and Logan

Owls – Jack and Lily-Mae

Dragonflies – Mikayla and David

Very well done to all of you! Keep up the hard work!



## Menu for Next Week:

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

Monday – Sausages and Mash Potato or Cheese and Onion Quiche with seasonal vegetables

Tuesday – Chicken Curry with Rice or Tomato Pasta

Wednesday – Fish Cake or Pizza with Crinkle Cut Wedges and Baked Beans

Thursday – Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding or Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Veg

Friday – Fish Fingers and Chips or Gnocchi in Tomator and Basil Sauce

**Something for the Weekend:** This week has been Anti-Bullying Week. We have taught the children about looking out for each other and showing kindness. Could you carry out a random act of kindness for someone special this weekend?

