

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Families,

This academic year is now well underway and we have come to the end of another exciting week of learning at our school.

The new EYFS children are really settled now and getting into the routines and expectations of being at 'big school'. They are doing really well, enjoying exploring their classrooms and beyond – with Forest School being a particular favourite!

Our Year 1 children have been continuing to practice and enhance their phonics skills this week as well as learning about the whole and parts of an object in their maths.

In Year 2, the children have been learning about adding 3 single digit numbers together, as well as writing their own versions of the song "What a Wonderful World".

All of the children are also busy building their independent learning skills and upholding our school value of the term, which is kindness.

We are really proud of your children and their learning journeys at our school. Children learn because the teachers plan an exciting curriculum with engaging activities for them and also adapt their styles of teaching and learning through our Continuous Provision approach. You can read more about this later on in this newsletter.

As cases of Covid-19 across the country seem to be rising again, may we just thank you all for observing good social distancing measures, following the one way system and working with us to ensure we can keep your children as safe as possible while they are at school.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
The Harnham Infant School Team



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### Governing Body Update:

The Full Governing Body met last night and have the following notices to share:

- Mrs Beth Evans was voted in Chair of Governors. Mr Denis Casey is now the Vice Chair for this academic year.
- Thank you to all the parents for your continued support and positive feedback, particularly in the summer survey.
- Thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work in challenging times.
- We have a vacancy for a parent governor, please consider whether you would like to join our team. Look out for a letter coming soon and an opportunity to ask questions.

### Menu for Next Week:

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

Monday – Chicken or Vegetable Goujons and Crinkle Wedges

Tuesday – Spaghetti Bolognese or Jacket Potato with cheese

Wednesday – Pizza and diced potato or Tuna Pasta Bake

Thursday – Chicken or Vegetable Burger and Potato Wedges

Friday – Fish Fingers and Chips or Jacket Potato and Beans



### Class Emails:

The class email addresses are now up and running and arriving in the inbox of the correct people. If you need to get in contact with your child's class teacher or pass on any information about going home arrangements etc, please do send an email to these email addresses below:

[hedgehogs@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:hedgehogs@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

[robins@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:robins@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

[ladybirds@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:ladybirds@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

[woodpeckers@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:woodpeckers@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

[honeybees@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:honeybees@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

[badgers@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:badgers@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

[owls@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:owls@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

[dragonflies@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:dragonflies@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

Please note that the request for support email address has now closed.



### Blogs –Seesaw and Tapestry

Don't forget to check your child's Seesaw or Tapestry account for a weekly update from the class teacher/s about what the children have been learning this week. You will also find some photographs and any important messages and reminders too.

This is instead of the weekly blogs on the school website as they are much more personal. Parents are very welcome to 'like', comment or post any messages back to the teaching team.

Many thanks.



## Continuous Provision – How we plan and teach at Harnham Infant School

Over the past few years we have been on a very exciting journey at Harnham Infant school and we are excited to share with you the outcome of all of our research, exploration and discussions.

At Harnham Infant School we passionately believe that young children learn best through play and exploration. Wherever possible we offer children the opportunity to experience real life events that are linked to their learning.

In both our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes the rooms are organised to promote and develop a continuous provision style of learning. This provision enables children to return to their explorations and consolidate their learning over the course of a day or a more extended period. It also allows children to make choices and initiate play without interaction with an adult.

### What is Continuous Provision?

Continuous provision is the way in which our classrooms are set out, into areas of learning. Children are free to explore any area, developing their learning through enjoyment and challenge. All classrooms at Harnham Infant School have the following areas; construction, creative, maths and reading.

Everyday, your children get the opportunity to be an artist, writer, mathematician, scientist, designer, architect or a storyteller to name but a few! These play-based experiences enable the children to consolidate their skills, knowledge and understanding and enable them to become independent and resilient learners. Throughout the environment both inside and outside, you will see busy children actively engaged in a wide range of activities that they themselves have chosen. Continuous provision supports and encourages our children and staff to have a lifelong love of learning.

Our new look 2020 classrooms have been photographed and are shown on our website, we are sure that your child/ren would love to talk you through the different areas of their classroom whilst looking at the classroom pictures.

### **Dates for this academic year:**

We are busy finalising a calendar of dates for the year (all Covid dependent) which will be sent home in due course.

In the meantime, please make a note in your diary of these particular dates:

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual School Photographs

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am** – Coffee and Chat (virtual)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evenings (letter to follow)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – TD day – school closed for children.

### **Can you help?**

The EYFS team have been busy revamping the Rainbow outdoor classroom. They have ordered a new mud kitchen (to be delivered very soon) but now need some kitchen utensils to be used in it. If you have any old pots and pans, cutlery, bowls, mixing spoons, tongs, baking trays etc that you no longer need, they would be pleased to receive any donations.

EYFS are also looking for pieces of fabric – old curtains, table cloths etc too, plus a plastic table and chairs if anyone has one they no longer use at home.

Please bring any donations to the school office which will be quarantined in school for 72 hours before use. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Coats and Jumpers**

Please make sure your child comes to school each day with their jumper and a raincoat to wear outside in the changeable weather. Thank you.



### **Class of September 2021 – Tours available:**

Do you, or someone you know, have a child who will be starting school in September 2021? We are still able to offer individual tours to prospective parents after school hours. Do telephone the school office to book an appointment. We would be delighted to meet you and show you around our lovely learning environment.

### **Something for the Weekend:**

The weather is looking lovely (if chillier) this weekend! Maybe you could choose somewhere locally you've never been before to head out to enjoy the sunshine and the fresh air with your families. (Remembering the rule of 6)

