Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for the start of the summer term and what a sunny (if chilly, at times) week it has been! The children have settled back into the routine of school very quickly and have come back excited, motivated and keen to learn and be together.

The Bee class had a surprise on Monday morning when they were greeted by Mrs Bacon instead of Miss Spellar, who had sent them a lovely video message instead. Miss Spellar is beginning her maternity leave slightly earlier than planned but we are sure you would like to join us in taking this opportunity to wish her the best of luck and we cannot wait to hear of the safe arrival of her little bundle of joy. We are very grateful that Mrs Bacon was able to begin her position of Bee class teacher straight away and the children have had a super week.

The Harnham Schools Association held a meeting last night to share ideas, thoughts and plans for the future of fundraising for the infants and junior schools. You can find more information about this in the newsletter.

We are looking forward to another busy term filled with opportunities for your children to enjoy, explore and learn at our happy school.

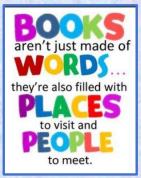
Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team



Reading:

Please don't forget to read at home with your child and record this in their reading record. It makes such a difference to their learning, builds their vocabulary, develops their imagination and understanding of the world! ©



Dates:

Monday 24th May - Year 2 Castle Banquet Wednesday 26th May – Year R Teddy Bears Picnic Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd June – TD day – school closed for children Friday 23rd July – TD day – school closed for children

Safety Reminder:

We have a one-way system in operation around the school site. There are arrows marked on the floor to show you the direction of travel and some signed on the gate to tell you whether they are entry or exit points. Some parents are repeatedly coming onto school site through the exit only gates. Please respect these rules for the safety of yourselves and the school community. Thank you.

bottles too. Thank you.

Forest School:

As the weather gets warmer, please remember that children must wear long trousers and sleeves that cover their arms and legs for Forest School sessions. This is a health and safety requirements. Thank you for your support with this.

Menu for Next Week:

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

Monday: Pork Sausage Roll with Diced Potatoes or Tomato Pasta

Tuesday: Spaghetti Beef Bolognaise or Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges

Wednesday: Bubble Salmon or Pizza

Thursday: Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding or Vegetarian Sausages Friday: Baked Fish or Somerset Cheddar Cheese and Tomato Quesadilla If you need help with anything or need some support, please email:

requestforsupport@ harnhaminf.wilts.sch.uk



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Blog Updates:

Don't forget to check Seesaw for a blog update for your child's class. ©

EYFS are also using Seesaw to show you highlights of children's learning too – do add your own at home too!

Sunny Days:

Now that we are beginning to see some warmer and sunnier weather, we need to ensure that children stay protected from the sun whilst they are outside. Please note that we are unable to put sun cream on children, so a good tip would be to find one that offers 12 hour protection and put this on before coming to school. A sun hat to protect their ideas would also be advisable as well as their water

Parent Support Advisor Contact: Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for Harnham Infants and many families benefit from her expertise, support and advice. She can help parents with all sorts of things including difficulties with behaviour, financial matters, family breakdown and bereavement. Chris is also happy for you to get in touch if you're worried or concerned about any school related matters. You can contact her by email psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk or by telephone

Children's Centre:

07595217569

Attached to this newsletter, you will find two documents from the local Children's Centre, giving details of services available which might support yourself or your family. We hope you find them helpful.

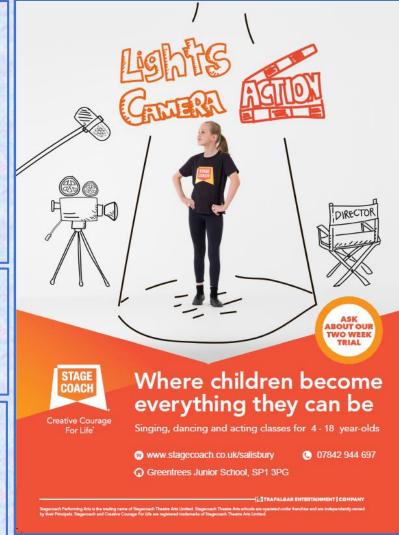
Snack:

The children are entitled to a snack at school each day, which is provided free from the government. This is always a piece of fruit or vegetables. For children who prefer to bring in their own snack from home, please may this also be fruit or vegetables only, fresh or dried is fine.

EYFS Notices:

We have started our exciting new topic all about Bears! Please may your child bring a **teddy bear to school next week** (not their favourite one) so that it can remain in school all week and be used in some of our learning activities, including sketching and writing. Thank you!

Date for your diary: We are also planning to hold a Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday 26th May in the afternoon. We are hoping to be able to invite parents along to celebrate with us, although this is dependent on the latest guidance from the DfE. We will, of course, keep you informed.



Harnham Schools Association (HSA):

The Harnham Schools Associated would warmly invite and welcome some new members and support, especially from infant parents. The HSA are a lovely, committed group of parents who work hard to raise funds for the school to purchase things that impact the education of your children. Please do carefully consider whether you might be able to support them. The next AGM is being held on Thursday 6th May at 7.30pm. A link to join this meeting is being sent in the email accompanying this newsletter.

Year 2 Notices:

Date for your diary: Year 2 are having a Castle Banquet on **Monday 24th May.** Please may children come to school in castle themed fancy dress or their party clothes. Thank you!



EYFS Classes 2021-22

Last Friday, offers of school places were sent out to parents and we are pleased to be starting to make links with the classes of 2021. We do have some spaces available so if you know of anyone who is still looking for a school place for September 2021, please do encourage them to get in touch with the school office. A welcome letter has gone out to our new families (and current ones with children starting in September) with some initial information and we are looking forward to seeing them on Seesaw very soon!