

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school after the October half term break, which we sincerely hope you all enjoyed. We have had a great first week where the children (and staff) have thrown themselves in and totally immersed themselves in their learning. Everyone is working very hard and we are very proud of the way the children (and staff) are carrying on in such turbulent times we are in.

As a result of the new national lockdown, a few, very minor, changes have been made with our procedures in school too, for example, the admin staff standing at the classroom doors only and the lunchtime staff wearing a visor because they work across multiple bubbles of children. Children have been incredible throughout and one child even said "This is so we can beat the virus together"! (Luke, aged 4) What an inspirational quote – let's keep working as a team to keep everyone safe.

This week, every child in school has made a poppy as part of the Remembrance celebrations this month. Mrs Jackson, our history subject leader has been creating a poppy trail from the school to link us with our link care home, Harnham Croft. Mrs Batchelor has worked with our Little Heroes to create a Remembrance display in school and a display is also being set up at the care home too for the residents there. This is such a significant symbolic action to show that, although we are apart, in both distance and age, we remain connected and thankful for the bravery shown in the wartimes by all of our heroes.

We are sure this weekend will be a little bit different to the last couple of months with the lockdown measures firmly in place now but we do hope you have a lovely family time together.

Stay safe,

The Harnham Infant School Team



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Christmas Shoe Box Appeal:

The final day for shoeboxes to be in school is on Monday 9th November. This is so we can quarantine them before they are collected. You can find out further information about the Shoebox Appeal here: <https://www.fscinet.org/w-hat-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/> Many thanks.

Blogs

Weekly summaries of the children's learning will be uploaded to their class Seesaw or Tapestry accounts. Please do take a look and talk to your child to find out more about their learning. ☺

10 GRATITUDE-FOCUSED DRAWING PROMPTS FOR KIDS

- Draw something that makes you happy
- Draw something that you couldn't live without
- Draw someone who helps you
- Draw something that makes you smile
- Draw something you love to do
- Draw something you are thankful for
- Draw someone you love
- Draw something you think is fun
- Draw something that makes you feel good
- Draw something that makes you laugh



Children in Need

Harnham Infant School will be celebrating Pudsey Bear's special day next Friday, 13th November. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform (they are very welcome to wear any Pudsey merchandise if they have any) and bring a small donation to this wonderful and very worthy cause.



Mobile Phones:

We would like to remind you that we are mobile phone free site. This is a safeguarding concern and one that we must all adhere to. Please do not use your mobile phone, for any purpose, while on school site.



Reading Records:

Please can children's reading records be sent into school every day in their book bags? We are working hard to read with children on a regular basis and would like to record this in their reading records for you to see too. Thank you!

The Poppy Appeal:

We have a supply of poppies in school for children to purchase if they would like to for this year's Remembrance Day on Wednesday. Please put any donations in their book bag and the admin team will take the poppies around to the classroom bubbles and allow the children to choose their poppy. This will happen on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Thank you.

Kids Klobber

As part of the second Lockdown, Kids Klobber, who supply our school uniform have had to close their shop for the duration. If you require any uniform during this time, you can find them on Facebook or telephone 01722 321200 to arrange an order for collection or delivery. Thank you.

Harnham Infant School Hoodies

Kids Klobber are going to begin stocking an optional Harnham Infant School hoodie. There is no expectation for children to have one as part of their uniform but they are available for any parents who would like to get one for their child.

Drop off and Pick up changes

Thank you for your patience with us while we are adapting our drop off and pick up arrangements for children. This has been done in order to facilitate more social distancing between parents. After listening to feedback from parents and in discussion with the junior school and Puddleducks, we have tweaked our timings and locations and are sending home attached with this newsletter, a further letter with details and maps to show the changes. These include opening up the school playgrounds again for any waiting that is necessary. Everyone is still encouraged to arrive at their given time. The changes will come into effect from Monday morning.

Reminder – School Photos

If you would like to order your child's school photograph then please return your order form and payment to school by Tuesday 10th November. Many thanks.

Menu for Next Week:

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

Monday – Baked Sausage Roll and Diced Potatoes or Macaroni Cheese with Vegetables

Tuesday – Spaghetti Bolognese or Vegetable Goujons with Diced Potatoes

Wednesday – Bubble Salmon or Pizza with Crinkle Cut Wedges and Baked Beans

Thursday – Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Potatoes and Vegetables

Friday – Battered Fish and Chips or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry and Rice

Forest School Clothing:

Now that the weather is getting colder and we are heading towards winter time, please remember to dress your child appropriately for Forest School days. Multiple layers are recommended, including extra socks, hats, scarves and gloves too! We would hate to think of a child not enjoying their Forest School provision just because they are cold, which could be avoided. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Strive for Five!

Earlier in the week, a letter was sent home from Mrs Ainley, our English Subject Leader. She has launched "Strive for Five" where we are encouraging families to read at home five times per week. Children who manage this earn a ticket to put in the class box and winners are chosen at the end of every term. Please make sure you record in your child's reading record every time you read with your child. It makes a massive difference to your child's learning journey and we look forward to celebrating with them! Thank you.



"What's the best thing you've learned about storms?" asked the horse
"That they make us kinder," said the boy "and that they end."

Something for the Weekend:

As we are in lockdown, maybe you could complete some research about what life was like for families during World War 1 or 2 and then use the idea of 'rationing' to complete a recipe? Here is one idea: www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-t-540-remembrance-day-poppy-biscuit-recipe

