



Newsletter 10

'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear parents, family and friends,

It is the end of another very busy, fun and very productive week at Harnham Infant School. The children continue to amaze us every day with their learning attitudes, their great manners and loving personalities. Please do look at the class blogs for updates on what each class has been doing this week. Highlights include some phonics videos, a trip to see Peter Rabbit and some sewing!

I was pleased to welcome our new School Improvement Advisor in to school this week, who was very complimentary about the caring nature of our school, the standard of learning and all of the hard work that the entire staff team put in to making this school the best it can be.

Next Friday brings us the annual Christmas Fair, run by the fabulous HSA. There will be a fantastic range of stalls there, plus a performance from our wonderful infant school choir at 3.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you there and raising some money for the Harnham Schools.

Celebration Assembly

There was no celebration assembly this week due to the year 1 cinema visit. We are looking forward to celebrating with more children and families on Monday!

Dojo points

Ladybird	58
Robin	227
Woodpecker	408
Bee	540
Squirrel	187
Badger	160
Owl	305
Dragonfly	147

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.

Congratulations to the Robin Class who have reached 2,000 dojo points. For their treat, they have chosen a dressing up day on Friday 29th November. Children may come to school in fancy dress of their choice. Well done Robins!

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	96.60%
Ladybird	94.23%
Robin	93.20%
Woodpecker	96.67%
Bee	96.80%
Squirrels	99.07%
Badgers	99.66%

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Owls	96.33%
Dragonfly	96.83%

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:	145.24
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The week ahead

Occasionally, teachers will be out of school, for example, if they are out on courses or other professional development activities. We thought it may be helpful to parents if they have an advance notice of whether there might be a different teacher in a classroom on a particular day. (Obviously this does not take into account teachers being off sick)

There are no planned absences for next week.

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	15/26	58%
Robin	16/25	64%
Woodpecker	13/24	54%
Bee	19/25	76%
Squirrel	18/21	86%
Badger	13/29	45%
Owl	14/30	47%
Dragonfly	19/29	66%
Whole School	127/209	61%

Big Book Boost

The Book People are launching a new fundraising scheme to support schools to earn free books for their classrooms and library. If you order any books with The Book People online over £10, they donate £1 to the school to spend on books. Children will be bringing home a leaflet about this in their books bags, or more information is online at thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost

Year 2 Lion King trip – a message from the year 2 team

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you who took part in our recent survey about the proposed trip to see the Lion King in London. Although we had lots of positive responses to it this was definitely not unanimous.

Lots of you had concerns about the cost of the trip, the travel time to London and 6-7 year olds being too young. A few parents had already booked tickets for this show and were looking forward to going as a family. There were also lots of you who wanted to accompany your child and we only had a very limited number of tickets for parent helpers which would inevitably have lead to disappointment for those parents who couldn't go with their child.

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After much discussion we have therefore made the very difficult decision to not proceed with this trip. We will now endeavour to find another exciting trip linked to our theme for the summer term 2020.

Thank you for your understanding,

Year 2 Team

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!

Health & Safety Inspection

Today, our school underwent a Health and Safety Inspection by Wiltshire Council. I am delighted to say that the inspector was very happy with what he saw and has rated us 'good' because he felt that we had a culture which ensured that health and safety was given a high priority.

Shoebbox Appeal

Thank you to all those families who have donated a shoebox to the Trussel Trust Appeal. We have safely delivered the gifts and are sure they will be a huge blessing to the children and adults on the receiving end this Christmas.

PE kits – in school

Just a gentle reminder that children must have their PE kits in school every day. One class this week had 9 children who needed to borrow kit, which we simply do not have. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Children in Need – thank you

Thank you to everybody who supported Children in Need, whether by donating a few coins or by purchasing the merchandise. We raised over £350! This is a fantastic amount for such a worthy cause.

Harnham Junior School closure days

If you have a child at Harnham Junior school, you will have received the letter from Mr Coles explaining about the closure days in December. On these days ***Harnham Infant school will remain open and Infant children will be expected in school as usual.***

Volunteer Safeguarding

If you are currently volunteering to help support learning in our school, whether listening to children read, supporting Forest School etc, please may I ask you to ensure that you have attended the Safeguarding training session. We ran 3 dates during term 1, which many people were able to come to but would like to offer the following dates for anyone who is yet to attend:

Monday 25th November at 2.15pm

Friday 29th November at 9.05am.

Please email the school office to confirm your attendance at either session, which will last approximately 45 minutes. Many thanks!

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.

Scout Christmas Post

The Scout Christmas post box is now in reception and the office will be selling stamps at 30 pence each. Attached is a flyer with all the details of the delivery area. The last day of posting is Friday 6th December.

Christmas jumper day – Save the children

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Friday 13th December – please come to school in a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours (red/green/gold) in exchange for a small donation. The Junior school bus are taking donations of outgrown Christmas jumpers that people may purchase in the run up to Christmas jumper day.

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!

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:

- Woodpecker Class Parents Evening

Upcoming dates

EYFS dates

26.11.2019	9.05am	Stay and do Phonics – parents invited
11.12.2019	9.15am	EYFS Nativity Performance
12.12.2019	2.15pm	EYFS Nativity Performance

Year 1 dates

26.11.2019	Morning	Year 1 Learning Walk around Harnham.
3.12.2019	9.00am	Stay and make a Christingle

Year 2 dates

28.11.2019	9.05am	Stay and do Reading – parents invited (Date change)
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Whole school dates

29.11.2019	3.30pm	Christmas Fair
04.12.2019	9.05am	Coffee and Chat with SLT
04.12.2019		HSA School Disco
17.12.2019		Christmas Party
18.12.2019		Christmas Dinner

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher

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