



'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 4th October 2019

Dear parents, family and friends,

It is hard to believe that is another week over and a little further into Autumn we are travelling – albeit thanks to the weather for a little reminder! This week, the children and adults have had a great time!

In EYFS the children had a visit from Felicity the phoneme fairy, who has started teaching the children about their letter sounds, everyone was very excited! They have also all been learning about the number 1 and how to write the numeral and word as well as finding one object to represent the number 1 in Forest School. Year 1 have been introduced to the 'part-part whole' method of addition, changed the setting and the character in their Alice in Wonderland stories and going on a senses walk around the school. Our year 2 children have learned the next part of the Alice in Wonderland story and have been completing their own storymaps to help them retell it. I was even treated to a visit from a group of Dragonflies who took great delight in telling me the story today!

Everyone has really enjoyed their Forest School session this week, which has included some calming yoga and modelling with clay. We are so pleased that the children are able to access and use our school environment so effectively.

Celebration assembly

Congratulations to Tobey – Robin, Fionn – Ladybird, Rares – Squirrel, Lucie – Bee, Jack – Woodpecker, Joel – Badger and Holly – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench this week. Well done to you all!

Dojo points

Ladybird	123
Robin	252
Woodpecker	81
Bee	296
Squirrel	179
Badger	344
Owl	151
Dragonfly	157

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 Squirrel class who have reached 1000 dojos. For their treat they have chosen to come to school dressed as a superhero or in their pyjamas, and enjoy a movie with popcorn and marshmallows on Friday 11th October.

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	97.94%
Ladybird	97.31%
Robin	98.40%
Woodpecker	98.33%

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Bee	96.00%
Squirrels	96.67%
Badgers	99.31%
Owls	97.67%
Dragonfly	99.31%

Well done to the Badger and Dragonfly class, who have both achieved the highest attendance this week. Attendance Ted will be spending the week shared between you next week.

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)

Monday	Dragonflies	Mrs Barnes covering
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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	22/26	85%
Robin	16/25	64%
Woodpecker	14/24	58%
Bee	9/25	36%
Squirrel	9/21	43%
Badger	16/29	55%
Owl	17/30	57%
Dragonfly	16/29	55%
Whole School	119/209	57%

P4C

P4C is 'Philosophy for Children' which teaches the children critical thinking skills where they have an opportunity to ask and discuss a 'big question'. All of the children in year 1 and 2 are taking part in a P4C day on Monday, where Mrs Allexant (who is specially trained in P4C teaching) will deliver a lesson to their class. We are sure it is going to be a valuable experience for the children to explore their ideas, ask questions and share their own interpretations.

Safeguarding

Attached to this newsletter you will find an updated leaflet about Safeguarding Children in our School, what the school's responsibilities are and how we respond to these. A copy will also be available on the school website. If you have any questions about any aspect of Safeguarding, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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.

Hollows Close

Please note that on the 21st and 22nd October, the entrance to school site via Hollows Close will be closed. Everyone will need to come to school via Saxon Road. Thank you.

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Parents Evening – Thank you

Thank you to all the parents for your attendance at the consultation meetings this week. We do hope you found these informative and helpful. If you were unable to make it for any reason, please do speak to your child's teacher in order to make an appointment to have a catch up at a convenient time.

HSA date

Please put it in your diaries that the HSA will be running a school disco on **Wednesday 4th December**.

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.

PSA

Our Parent Support Advisor is Chris Lister. Chris works every Tuesday and Wednesday and can be contacted on 07595217569

TD days

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Thursday 25th June 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Letter sent out this week:

- Year 2 - Times table rock stars

Upcoming dates

EYFS dates

21.10.2019	2.15pm	Stay and do Harvest – parents invited
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Year 1 dates

17.10.2019	All day	Come to school dressed as a character from Alice in Wonderland or as a party guest
18.10.2019	2.00pm	Stay and explore senses – parents invited

Year 2 dates

17.10.2019	All day	Come to school dressed as a character from Alice in Wonderland or as a party guest
22.10.2019	9.00am	Stay and do Harvest – parents invited

Whole school dates

07.10.2019		P4C day
10.10.2019		World mental health day
14.10.2019	2.30pm	Coffee and chat with SLT
15.10.2019		Individual photographs being taken
23.10.2019		TD day – school closed to children
4.12.19		HSA School Disco

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Thank you for a great start to the term, have a lovely weekend.

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With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher