



Newsletter 11

‘Enjoy, Explore and Learn’

Friday 29th November 2019

Dear parents, family and friends,

It has been another lovely week at Harnham Infant School – how lovely to see the sunshine at the end of it too!

Mrs Pike and I have been very lucky to receive lots of visits from children this week to show us their fabulous work – the Year 2 children seem to have a great thirst for writing at the moment, which certainly is something to be celebrated. Children have also continued running their laps of the playground and totaling up the distance achieved in the golden mile. Our EYFS children have begun filling the corridors with the sound of singing as they have begun their Nativity practice too – what an exciting time of year!

As I write this newsletter, the volunteers in the HSA are busy setting up the halls and corridors for the Christmas Fair this afternoon. Once again, I am so thankful for the level of commitment shown by all members of the community to support the school to be the best it can be. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Archie – Robin, Simeon – Ladybird, Logan – Squirrel, Jenifen – Bee, Alfie – Badger Lewis – Owl and Harry – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench last week. Well done to you all!

Dojo points

Ladybird	208
Robin	214
Woodpecker	89
Bee	144
Squirrel	101
Badger	184
Owl	267
Dragonfly	133

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.

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	96.72%
Ladybird	95.38%
Robin	98.80%
Woodpecker	94.17%
Bee	97.20%
Squirrels	96.52%
Badgers	97.93%
Owls	98.67%
Dragonfly	94.76%

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Well done to the Robin class, who have achieved the highest attendance this week! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Robin 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:	126.16
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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	17/26	65%
Robin	18/25	72%
Woodpecker	10/24	42%
Bee	22/25	88%
Squirrel	18/23	78%
Badger	23/29	79%
Owl	16/30	53%
Dragonfly	18/29	62%
Whole School	142/211	67%

Home/School agreement

Your child will be bringing home a copy of the newly updated Home School Agreement. Please may you read this through, sign and return it to the school office. An electronic copy will be made available on the school website for future reference. Thank you.

Access through Hollows Close

It has come to our attention that sadly there will be no access to the school site through Hollows Close on Tuesday 3rd December. Please use the Saxon Road entrance to access the infant and junior school sites. Many thanks.

Emails to School Office

Sadly, we think that the admin@ emails may have been compromised. If you have emailed the office in the last day and a half, please be aware that this message may have not got through and resend if necessary. Likewise, if you have received any emails from the school office that do not look authentic, please do not open and action these. Many thanks for your help with this matter.

Choir Letter

If your child attends the infant school choir, hopefully you received a letter this week about upcoming performances that the children are going to take part in. I am very sorry that there was an error in the letter so

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wanted to confirm that the choir performance at **Harnham Croft on Monday 9th December is at 2.00pm**, not at 10.30am as was indicated on the reply slip. Many thanks.

End of Term – 19th December

In line with Harnham Junior School, on the final day of term for children, school will be finishing at 1.10pm. The same collection rules and routines apply, just at this earlier time for the start of the Christmas holidays. Thank you.

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

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!

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.

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.***

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. The last day of posting is Friday 6th December.

Christmas jumper day – Save the children

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

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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:

- Choir performances letter – please return the reply slip
- Nativity performance letter and ticket request – please return the reply slip

Upcoming dates

EYFS dates

11.12.2019	9.15am	EYFS Nativity Performance
12.12.2019	2.15pm	EYFS Nativity Performance

Year 1 dates

3.12.2019	9.00am	Stay and make a Christingle
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Year 2 dates

Whole school dates

29.11.2019	3.30pm	Christmas Fair
04.12.2019	9.05am	Coffee and Chat with SLT
04.12.2019	10.15am	Choir Performance at St. Thomas' Tree Festival
04.12.2019		HSA School Disco
04.12.2019	2.00pm	Choir Performance at Harnham Croft Residential Home
13.12.2019		Christmas Jumper Day
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