



Newsletter 15

‘Enjoy, Explore and Learn’

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear parents, family and friends,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday with your children. It was wonderful to see them return to school so refreshed and raring to go; full of exciting news to share with us. The children have had a great week!

Thank you very much for all of the good wishes, cards and gifts, given both individually and to the whole team, it is very much appreciated.

We had our next instalment of the Growth Mindset assemblies this week, where the children learned about the difference between having a fixed or a growth mindset, where they can embrace challenges, keep going if they get stuck and be pleased for other children's achievements too. Already, we have had a child write their own story about a child using their growth mindset to overcome a problem.

We are all excited about the learning in the term ahead. Do have a look at the class blogs for regular updates of what is happening in each class and don't forget to come and speak to us if you have any comments, questions or resources to share.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Devon – Robin, Deryn – Ladybird, Poppy – Squirrel, Alice – Bee, Edward – Woodpecker, Charleigh-Jayne – Badger and Evie – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench during the last week of term. Well done to you all!

Golden Postcards

Congratulations to Rory and Carolina – Robins, Darcey and Charles – Ladybirds, Jessica and Jasper – Squirrels, Jennifen and Vivaan – Bees, Jay-J and Bethany – Woodpeckers, Florence and Jan – Owls, Beatrix and Holly – Dragonfly, Ellie and Finlay – Badger who received a Golden Postcard during the Christmas holidays for outstanding attitude and behaviour during the last term. Well done to you all.

Dojo points

Ladybird	82
Robin	115
Woodpecker	109
Bee	719
Squirrel	192
Badger	302
Owl	398
Dragonfly	110

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.

Dragonflies have chosen to wear their pyjamas to school and to enjoy a film with popcorn as their treat for 2000 dojos. Children can also bring a teddy to share their learning with them. This will be on Monday 13th January.

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Badgers have also reached their next dojo milestone and would like a pyjama, film and teddy reward next Friday 17th January.

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	97.59%
Ladybird	95.38%
Robin	96.12%
Woodpecker	95.42%
Bee	100.00%
Squirrels	99.13%
Badgers	96.55%
Owls	98.33%
Dragonfly	99.66%

Well done to the Bee class, who have achieved 100% attendance this week! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Bee 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:	111.1
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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	14/26	54%
Robin	13/26	50%
Woodpecker	13/24	54%
Bee	17/24	71%
Squirrel	21/24	88%
Badger	17/29	59%
Owl	15/30	50%
Dragonfly	19/29	66%
Whole School	129/212	61%

Thank you

Thank you to Little Stars Toddler group that has ceased and given us a donation of £440.00 which was a share of what was left in their account at the end of their operations. We have promised them that we will put it towards our early years provision, as it was intended. Thank you.

Compost and seed

In preparation for the Spring time, Mrs Shaw would like to start her gardening club again. However, before doing this, she was wondering whether anyone had any spare or open packets of seeds at home and compost that they might be willing to donate to the school. Many thanks.

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Warm Clothes for Forest School

On Forest School days, please may you ensure that children are wrapped up for the weather. Children will be going outside in all weathers unless conditions make it unsafe to do so. This means they might need lots of layers, thick socks, hats, scarves, gloves etc. A warm coat under a waterproof coat would be ideal. Thank you for your support with this.

Calendar dates / Parent Planner

An updated version of the calendar dates for the year was included in the email with this newsletter. Please check carefully for dates particular to the school or year group, for example, Stay and... Updates are included in blue and we will endeavour to put all dates on newsletters as they arise as well.

Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium Grant is a source of additional funding that schools receive under current government regulations. It is awarded to all pupils whose families are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits listed below.

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Working Tax Credit run-on – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Our school uses this money to provide additional support for children as well as pay for things like uniform, clubs and trips. **If you think that you are eligible, please visit, email or telephone the school office on Monday to fill in a form.** This is because school census day is next Thursday, which is when the government confirm the pupil premium allocation for the next financial year to our school. Thank you.

School Telephones

Sadly, we are still experiencing difficulties with our telephone lines. If you need to telephone the school office please use this telephone number, which was also sent out by text message earlier this week, 01722 341004 or send an email to admin@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk. Thank you for your patience.

PE kits

Please may you ensure that children have their PE kits in school every day as PE times can often be moved due to the changing weather etc. We have noticed that many classes have not received many PE kits back in school following the Christmas holidays. Thank you.

Headlice

Just a 'heads-up' (excuse the pun!) that these little critters are doing the rounds again. Please check your child's head carefully and treat accordingly. Many thanks.

Club letters

The letter about Clubs has been sent home via email today. Thank you for your patience while a few clubs were finalised. We apologise for the short turnaround but **please may reply slips / electronic replies be in by Monday morning** so that clubs can begin next week. We will then write to you with your child's club allocation on Monday afternoon. Many thanks.

If you are aware that you are still owing payment for clubs for terms 1 and 2, please settle these payments as early as possible.

Bees Classroom

As part of the building work across both infant and junior sites, the infant school are acquiring the classroom in the Woodland Block. This is planned for the current Bee class to move in to. At the moment, this classroom is

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being decorated ready for the Bee class, the painter has been in, the new interactive whiteboard is up and we are now awaiting new blinds and carpets. It is hoped that the Bee class will be moving in before half term but we will keep you updated.

Census Day – Change of Menu

School Census Day is Thursday 16th January. There will be a change of menu on this day:

Sausages or Vegetarian Sausages, Mashed Potato and Baked Beans

Shortbread for Dessert

It would be really helpful to school if as many children as possible are able to order a hot dinner on this day.

The funding is based upon the number of children who eat a school dinner on census day. Thank you for your support.

Governor Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sian Wright for her service to Harnham Infant School's Governing Body in her role as parent governor.

Food vouchers

The school is part of the referral system to ensure families are provided with appropriate help and support.

We can complete a referral and issue you with a voucher, which you can then exchange for an emergency food box at your nearest food bank. If you need this service then please contact Miss Dorrington or Chris Lister – PSA.

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.

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.

In the Community

Early music makers / SAYM classes

Salisbury Area Young Musicians meet on a Saturday morning at St Edmund's School. They offer a range of activities for children's choir and beginner recorders from year 2 children upwards. They also run holiday workshops for 4-7 year olds. If you would like further information, please go to www.saym.org.uk or email admin@saym.org.uk

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TD days

Thursday 25th June 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Letter sent out this week:

- NSPCC Speak Out Campaign
- Clubs
- Whole School Calendar

Upcoming dates

EYFS dates

23.1.20	5.00pm	EYFS Night Walk – children are invited to come back to school with a parent, email to follow.
27.1.20	2.15pm	Stay and do Art – Parents invited

Year 1 dates

7.2.20	2.15pm	Stay and share a story
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Year 2 dates

12.2.20	9.00am	Stay and visit the museum
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Whole school dates

25.1.20	10.30-12.30	Saturday Sweep Up
3.2.20	2.30pm	Coffee and Chat
11.2.20		Internet Safety Day

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher

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