



Newsletter 21

'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 13th March 2020

Dear parents, family and friends,

It's been another busy week at Harnham Infant School. The children have had some wonderful learning experiences, details of which, you will be able to read about on the class blogs. Please do have a look at the recent entries to gain a flavour of what the children have been learning about and some ideas for how learning can be enhanced at home too.

There have also been many opportunities this week for our children and families to establish themselves as citizens and make links to the community and beyond. For example, some of our year 1 children completed their 6th visit to Harnham Croft residential home to take part in some music and movement with the elderly people there. We also loved welcoming parents in to school to support making costumes for the upcoming show. Children have been enjoying and looking after the whole school environment by making use of the new surface in Rainbow Classroom and completing litter picks in forest school using our own litter pickers. Furthermore, year 2 children had a visit from a team from CAMHS who came to lead a workshop with the children about mental health and what to do if they ever feel worried. They really enjoyed making their own worry monsters! Finally, the whole school had a visit from Kevin from NSPCC, who led an assembly today along with Buddy the speech bubble! Children gained a firm understanding of what it means to 'Speak out and Stay safe' in a fun, engaging and appropriate way.

Coronavirus Update:

Thank you parents for your patience with the fast developing outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in our country. We are working hard with the DfE and Public Health England and will act upon advice as soon as it is given to us, keeping you informed at every step as soon as we can. Please be assured that we are ensuring children are washing their hands and keeping safe as well as making preparations to change activities as and when this becomes necessary.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a document about Coronavirus and how to explain it to children and talk about it at home, should you feel you need to.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Finlay – Robin, Keira – Ladybird, Phoebe – Squirrel, Joshua – Bee, Ellie, Declan and Charleigh – Badger, Poppy-Lu – Owl and Carys – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench this week! Well done to you all!

Dojo points

Ladybird	122
Robin	109
Woodpecker	357
Bee	332
Squirrel	357
Badger	394
Owl	112
Dragonfly	123

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 Squirrel Class who have reached 4,000 dojos. Squirrels have chosen to wear their own clothes to school for a disco on Wednesday 18th March. Thank you.

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Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	94.95%
Ladybird	98.52%
Robin	90.00%
Woodpecker	93.75%
Bee	100.00%
Squirrels	95.65%
Badgers	93.57%
Owls	95.86%
Dragonfly	92.76%

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:	85.83
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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	18/27	67%
Robin	13/27	48%
Woodpecker	15/24	63%
Bee	17/25	68%
Squirrel	9/23	39%
Badger	16/29	56%
Owl	16/30	53%
Dragonfly	18/29	62%
Whole School	122/214	57%

Safeguarding Update – Important

Due to new Safeguarding guidelines emerging from County, along with the current Coronavirus climate, we have taken the decision that no parents or children will have access to school toilets before or after school. This includes the adult toilets by the front office. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but we must ensure the safety of all children and adults in the school is our top priority.

Military Boxes

Hopefully, you will have all received the separate letter about the Little Heroes project to create some shoeboxes as gifts for our military personnel who are currently serving and might be in a little need of some appreciation. If you have any donations, or indeed any shoeboxes, that can be used for the project, we would be very grateful to receive them at school.

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Junk Modelling

Year 1 would like some items for junk modelling as part of a learning activity on Monday. If, over the weekend, you are able to gather any packaging, cereal boxes, yogurt pots, bottles etc then they would be very grateful to receive donations on Monday morning. Thank you.

Shoebox Books

We had an incredible 42 entries to the shoebox competition, giving clues from a wide range of books. They all look amazing and are the product of lots of thought, hard work and creativity at home. The winners are yet to be decided but everyone who entered will receive a certificate. Thank you to the children and families of:

Robins: Jacob, Scarlett, Clara, Rory, Carolina, Finlay, Millicent and Olivia.

Ladybirds: Niamh, Charlie, Anwar, Darcey and Fred.

Woodpeckers: Oliver, Maisie, Armani, Georgi, Lily-Mai, Emilia and Amelia.

Bees: Candice and Lily.

Squirrels: Theodora, Stanley and Phoebe.

Owls: Henry, Zach, Lily, Harriet and Lucas

Dragonflies: Maya, Isabelle, Carys and Makenna

Badgers: Ellie, Zara, Imogen, Joel, Madison, Lewis, Evelyn and Gisele.



If any parents would like to see the shoebox entries, they are all on display in the school library. Photographs of the shoeboxes are also on the school blog.

Stay and Plant a Tree – Year 1 and 2

Mrs Robinson would like to invite you to be part of a very exciting whole school project. Harnham Infant School have been awarded 100 new trees to plant from the Woodland Trust. These will be planted to form a new wooded area up in forest school, so future generations of Harnham Infant school children can continue to enjoy a woodland in their school grounds.

Please join us for a Stay and Plant a Tree session with your child and their class, on the dates below:

Mon 23rd March	9:30-11:30am Squirrels	1:30-2:45pm Badgers
Wed 25th March	9:30-11:30am Woodpeckers	1:30-2:45pm Owls
Fri 27th March	9:30-11:30pm Bees	1:30-2:45pm Dragonflies

Please do not feel you have to attend the whole session, but above are the times your child's class will be outside planting. If you own a spare shovel, please bring it along! We look forward to seeing you!

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 Somehow Project – Online Survey

The University of Bath and Wiltshire Council are conducting an online survey to gather views from parents and carers of children (aged 4-10 years) with social, emotional and/or mental health difficulties, on the use of technology in Children's Services. Social, emotional and/or mental health refers to difficulties in regulating emotions, managing behaviour, and/or building and maintaining social relationships. This will help to inform ideas for a project of digital service provision for primary school children with social, emotional and/or mental health difficulties in Wiltshire. The survey should take around 5-10 minutes to complete and parents and carers who take part can enter a prize draw with the chance to win £50.

The survey is online at: <https://tinyurl.com/wilts-parent-survey> and it will be open until Friday 20th March 2020.

Wiltshire Council Online Survey

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Are you a Wiltshire resident with a child aged 0-14 (or 0-19 with a disability)? Please complete Wiltshire Council's [online survey](#) so that they can assess if there is sufficient childcare across the county. The results from this important exercise will feed into the next full [childcare sufficiency report](#), due out this June. This survey runs until the 21 March. You can complete the survey by clicking on the hyperlinks in the text. Thank you for your support.

Resolving Conflict

Please see the information below about some videos that are available online to support managing conflict in the home environment.



Social change charity [Good Things Foundation](#) have partnered with relationship experts [OnePlusOne](#) to create four online videos that will help parents recognise conflict in their lives. The project team worked closely with parents for several months to co-design and test the story-based video content, making the scenarios realistic and relatable. The [#SeeltDifferently](#) videos will show new ways of managing everyday conflict to produce more positive outcomes for everyone in the family. Skills like 'staying calm', 'Speaking for yourself' and 'Re-thinking how you say things' can change how things play out for everyone in the household, and especially how children will **see it differently**. We hope these are helpful to you.

Harnham Slope Fun Run

Please see the flyer below for details of this years exciting event!

A colorful flyer for the Harnham Slope Fun Run. At the top, it says "HARNHAM SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION PRESENTS" in small letters, followed by "HARNHAM SLOPE FUN RUN" in large, bold, multi-colored letters. The central illustration shows a group of diverse children and adults running happily on a green grassy slope. In the background, there is a blue castle silhouette and a bright sun. Two circular badges are placed on the left and right sides of the runner group: one says "OPEN TO ALL" and the other says "MEDALS FOR ALL FINISHERS!". Below the illustration, the date "Sunday 12th July 2020" is written in large orange letters, with "FIRST START TIME 11AM" in smaller blue letters to the right. Further down, the distances "1K - YR-Y2", "3K - Y3-5", and "5K - Y6-Adults" are listed, along with the location "Harnham Junior School, SP2 8JZ". The bottom section features logos for sponsors including Tesco, SDS, Nationwide, Gap, Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire and Swindon Sport, and Whites. Social media links for @FunSlope and Harnham Slope Fun Run are also provided. At the very bottom, contact information for Alice Bosworth and Matt Bosworth is listed.

HARNHAM SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

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3K - Y3-5
5K - Y6-Adults

LOCATION: Harnham Junior School, SP2 8JZ

Enter online via @FunSlope Harnham Slope Fun Run

CONTACT: ALICEBOSWORTH@HOTMAIL.COM OR MATTBOSWORTH@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

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Bags for school

The HSA will be sending out and collecting back in the Bags for School as part of their fundraising efforts. When your bag arrives please do fill it with any unwanted clothes, toys and gifts. (details will come with the bag) These will then need to be returned to school by 16th March 2020.

Later in the year there will be another opportunity to fill a bag by the associated return date of 3rd July 2020.

TD days

Thursday 25th June 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Letters sent out this week:

- Joint Letter regarding the School Disco
- Military Shoeboxes project

Upcoming dates**EYFS dates**

26.3.20	All day	Stay and do Forest School – parents invited
29.4.20	9.05am	Stay and do Maths – parents invited

Year 1 dates

1.4.20	2.15pm	Year 1 Show Performance
2.4.20	9.15am	Year 1 Show Performance

Year 2 dates

31.3.20	3.30pm	SATS information for Parents – Creche provided
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Whole school dates

Week beginning 23.3.20		Stay and Plant a Tree – see timings above in newsletter
24.3.20	9.05am	Coffee and Chat
1.4.20	4.30-7.30pm	Parents Evening – letter to follow
2.4.20	3.20-5.30pm	Parents Evening – letter to follow
5.4.20	10.30-12.30	Sunday Sweep

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher