

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Families,

What a lovely week we have had in school! Looking around, you would never believe that the children have had just 2 short weeks back in school full time since schools were reopened to all pupils. The children have done amazingly well and settled so quickly back into "normal" school life, including Forest School sessions, recorder lessons, golden mile running, story learning, visiting the school library, science investigations, PE lessons, Go Noodles, maths problem solving, phonics singing, debates and discussions and even some class dojo rewards too! We always feel we have so much to celebrate at our staff meetings, which is a pleasure and a privilege.

We are so fortunate to be able to offer the children such a creative curriculum with so many different styles of learning and lessons at our school. Of course, there are so many things that happen 'behind the scenes' which go in to making this happen. The Governing Body met last night to discuss and review our improvement targets for this academic year and then today, some members of the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team met with our School Improvement Advisor to ensure that we are truly being held accountable for the learning opportunities we are offering the children. They are the reason we do what we do and we are so very proud of them all.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
The Harnham Infant School Team



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Dojo rewards:

Congratulations to the **Hedgehog Class** who have reached 3,000 dojo points. They have chosen to have a pyjama day and bring a small teddy bear on Friday 26th March.

Parents Evening:

A letter was sent out via email today about the upcoming parents evening and using a new system to book your own appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please ensure you book yourself in. The class teachers are really looking forward to meeting with you.

200 Million Minutes:

Wiltshire Libraries are currently encouraging families to get involved in their 200 million minutes reading project. For more information please see the attachments with this newsletter.

Active City UK:

The link to access the next Active City UK magazine is attached to this newsletter.

A Message from the Governing Body:

The Full Governing Body had a meeting last night. The entire Governing Body wanted to send a message to thank all of the staff and families for their incredible efforts and support during the recent period of remote learning and home schooling. So, thank you!

Blog Updates:

Don't forget to check your child's Seesaw account over the weekend to see the weekly update of the children's learning and some photographs too! For children in Hedgehogs, Ladybirds and Robins, Seesaw is also being used now as your child's learning journey. There have been some lovely photographs and samples of work uploaded this week, do take a look.

Red Nose Day:

Thank you for all the generous contributions today for Comic Relief. So far, we have raised an amazing £230.50, which I am sure you will agree is a fantastic amount for such a worthwhile cause.

EYFS – Three Pigs Day:

Children in EYFS are taking part in a Three Pigs Building Day next Wednesday, 24th March as part of their Forest School provision. Children are invited to come to school dressed as one of the three pigs, the big bad wolf or a builder if they would like to. Their usual Forest School clothes are also a great option if they would prefer. Thank you.

Menu for Next Week:

We are pleased to be offering the following choices of hot dinners for next week:

Monday: Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges or Free Range Omelette

Tuesday: Beef Lasagne or Oriental Fried Rice

Wednesday: Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake or Pizza with Diced Potatoes

Thursday: Roast Gammon or Vegetarian Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding

Friday: Fish Fingers or Somerset Cheese and Tomato Quesadilla and Chips

If you need help with anything or need some support, please email:

requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk



Being Neighbourly:

We are so fortunate that our school site is situated at the heart of a community and in a residential area. However, we would like to remind everyone to make sure they are considerate of our neighbours who live close by, ensuring we treat their properties, homes, driveways and gardens with respect. Thank you for your support with this.

Wrap Around Care:

Please may all outstanding balances for Wrap Around Care be cleared by next Friday, 26th March so that the dates for the next term can be released for you to book in. Thank you very much.

Meet the Governors.....

This week we would like to introduce Efrim Niccals

Efrim has been a parent governor since May 2018. She has 2 children one at the infants in Year 2 and one in the Junior School.

Efrim is part of the Curriculum, and Staffing Committees and is the English Link governor



Head Lice:

These little critters seem to have also returned to school following the lockdown. Please may we encourage you over the weekend to check your child's hair and treat as necessary. Thank you so much!

	Drop off time and location	Pick up time and location
Hedgehogs	8.50am – big playground – children to come through the hall doors Children who have an older sibling, infant or junior will be able to come in at 8.40am.	2.55pm – big playground – right hand side, nearest the hall doors. Please wait behind the red line and exit via that haul road.
Robins	8.50am – big playground – children to come through the hall doors Children who have an older sibling, infant or junior will be able to come in at 8.40am.	2.55pm – big playground – middle area. Please wait behind the red line and exit via that haul road.
Ladybirds	8.50am – big playground – children to come through the hall doors Children who have an older sibling, infant or junior will be able to come in at 8.40am.	2.55pm – big playground – left hand side nearest the junior school. Please wait behind the red line and exit via that haul road.
Woodpeckers	8.40am – small playground – children to walk up the slope and enter the Year 1 building by themselves please	3.10pm – small playground – children will be brought to the bottom of the slope to meet you. Please exit immediately.
Bees	8.40am – small playground – children to walk up the slope and enter the Year 1 building by themselves please	3.05pm – small playground – children will be brought to the bottom of the slope to meet you. Please exit immediately.
Badgers	8.40am – big playground – children to cross the red line and walk up the steps into the Year 2 building by themselves please.	3.00pm – big playground – left hand side nearest the junior school. Please wait behind the red line and exit via that haul road.
Owls	8.40am – big playground – children to cross the red line and walk up the steps into the Year 2 building by themselves please.	3.00pm – big playground – right hand side, nearest the hall doors. Please wait behind the red line and exit via that haul road.
Dragonflies	8.40am – big playground – children to cross the red line and walk up the steps into the Year 2 building by themselves please.	3.00pm – big playground – middle area. Please wait behind the red line and exit via that haul road.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Please see the table left for a reminder of the drop off and pick up time and location for your child's class. We have noticed an increase in children arriving outside of their allotted times, which has resulted in queues forming and congestion developing. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Parent Support Advisor Contact:

Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for Harnham Infants and many families benefit from her expertise, support and advice. She can help parents with all sorts of things including difficulties with behaviour, financial matters, family breakdown and bereavement. Chris is also happy for you to get in touch if you're worried or concerned about any school related matters. You can contact her by email psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk or by telephone 07595217569



Something for the Weekend :

Take some time to rest and do something you find relaxing this weekend.

