

Friday 5th June 2020

Dear Families,

Wow! What a week! On Monday morning, it was like the beginning of a new school year; children, staff and parents alike probably had that nervous feeling in their tummies as we entered what felt like the next phase in recovery from the CV19 pandemic. We have had 84 children in school this week and to say they have been brilliant is a total understatement. We are so proud of the way they have adapted to new friends, new teachers and new ways of being at school. Thank you to the staff for their hard work in setting up the classrooms, keeping everything clean and keeping everyone organised. Thank you parents for adapting to new drop off and pick up times and following the one way system carefully to ensure that we can safely have more children on site. Of course, this is not "normal" but we continue to adapt and ensure that we can offer the children the very best that we can. The staff team who are looking after the children at home have also been working hard making sure that we can keep in touch with everyone and that we have planned interesting, engaging and fun activities for the children to do at home and at school.

We hope that everyone has really enjoyed their first week back and our 'virtual' Sports Week! We are still busy compiling scores from today and will look forward to announcing the winning team either over the weekend or early next week. In the meantime, please enjoy a selection of photographs on the next page.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

The Harnham Infant School Team



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Seesaw

A huge thank you for children at home who are continuing to engage in learning through Seesaw. We are really proud of you.

Blogs

Due to the new 'bubbles' in school being mixed with children from different classes and with different members of staff looking after the children who remain at home, the completion of a weekly blog post is on hold for the time being. We will endeavour to send you lots of lovely photographs and celebrate our achievements through our newsletters for now. Thank you for your understanding.

Bedtime Stories

Bedtime Stories are back on the school blog with a whole week of stories to catch up on after the half term. Enjoy!

Important - School Reopening to Children

We are really proud of our children, parents and staff for how the handling of the reopening of our school to more children has been so smooth so far. Feedback has been very positive and we are so grateful.

We are beginning to see an increase in requests for school places for more children in EYFS and Year 1 to return to school as well as some extra keyworker children too. With this in mind, if you would like your child to return to school, the earliest is now Monday 15th June, with requests being made to requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk no later than **midday on Wednesday 10th June**. This is because we need time to sort the logistics of staffing, setting up bubbles, creating spaces and setting up timetables that fit around the existing provision too. Thank you for your understanding with this.

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

requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk





Welcome to HIS Sports Week!

01/06/20 - 05/06/20

The next morning on our Seesaw announcements we will tell you who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Also, who earned the best effort award!

We will then upload the next sporting challenge for the day!

This event is for all children in school and at home!

1. Your child has been assigned a colour team. Look at the next few pages to learn which team they are in and the schedule for the week!

2. Each day a new video will be uploaded to Seesaw of the sporting challenge for that day!

3. You can practice this challenge as many times as you like!

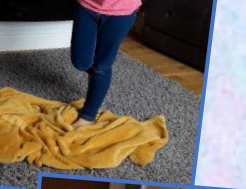
4. When you think you have become an expert in the challenge, you can video yourself or take a picture of yourself completing that challenge!

5. Make sure you tell us your score at the end or leave a comment with your score!

6. Don't forget to do extra challenges from your weekly project too!

7. Finish

8. WINNER AWESOME



Transition Update

This week, several updates have happened in response to transition for our children to their next year groups. We are busy putting plans and ideas in place for how we can manage transition both physically and virtually. We have discussed ideas as a staff team and look forward to sharing these with you over the coming weeks as we head towards the summer holidays and September. Obviously there are so many “unknown” factors involved due to the CV19 pandemic, but our passion remains that children (and parents) feel confident, safe and secure with what is happening at each stage. Thank you for your patience and continuing to work with us.

This week, besides “in house” staff meetings, we have held virtual meetings with some of the pre-schools for the children moving into EYFS and also with our colleagues at the junior school to discuss the year 2 to year 3 transition too. The junior school have sent a letter out to year 2 parents this week giving some further details and an opportunity for you to email them directly if you have any questions. They have also expressed that the year 2 classes will be going up to juniors in their current classes and children will not be mixed for the time being. If you are a year 2 parent and your child is **not** going to Harnham Junior School but to another setting, **please would you let us know** as a matter of urgency before we begin information sharing processes.

Class Teachers for September 2020 are as follows:

EYFS:

New Classes	Mrs Thom Robins	Miss Hibberd Ladybirds	Mrs Pike Hedgehogs
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EYFS to Year 1

Current Class	Mrs Jones Robins	Miss Swaine Ladybirds
New Class	Mrs Ainley Woodpeckers	Miss Spellar Bees



Year 1 to Year 2

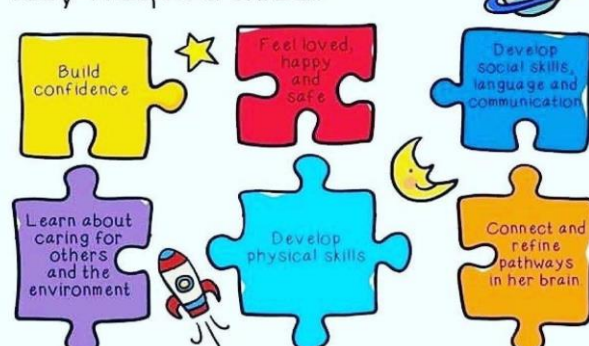
Current Class	Miss Hibberd Woodpeckers	Miss Spellar Bees	Mrs Ainley Squirrels
New Class	Mrs Allexant Owls	Miss Swaine Dragonflies	Mrs Sowerby Badgers

Please bear in mind that this picture is as it stands at the moment, where we are planning for a (relatively) normal September. Therefore, it is all subject to government advice and guidelines which we must continue to follow in light of the pandemic. Please do let us know if you have any questions about any aspect of these arrangements by emailing requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Telephone Calls

Please note that if your child is accessing school provision, whether full time (EYFS and Year 1) or as part of Keyworker provision, we will no longer be telephoning home as part of our keep in touch arrangements. This is due to the increase of children and staff now working in school. If you need someone to telephone you, please email the support email address and we'd be very happy to give you a ring.

play HELPS a child...



Menu for week beginning 8th June

For children who are choosing to have a packed lunch provided by school, next week you have the choice of:

Monday-Thursday - Ham, Cheese or Egg Rolls

Friday – Sausage Bap or Cheese Rolls

Thank you.

TD Days

Just for you information, the teacher training days on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June have been **cancelled**. School provision will continue to operate as 'normal'.

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SILLY SQUAD

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

sillysquad.org.uk



Summer Reading Challenge

This year, the summer reading challenge is being run digitally. This year, the theme is 'Silly Squad'. Further information and opportunity to sign up can be found at:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We do hope you will join in!

BE a **HELPER**
be a **HUGGER**
a safe PLACE...
A FRIENDLY FACE
BE A STORYTELLER
write a letter
... MAKE THE WORLD a little
BETTER.
@EMILYCOXHEAD



Keyworker Parents

It is important that you let us know **every week** whether your child needs breakfast club, after school club **and** if you need them to stay in school on Friday afternoons of whether they will be collected at lunchtime. This is so that we can plan staffing carefully to not 'contaminate' the bubbles. Thank you.

Update from our link school, Singino Primary School, Tanzania

This week, we received an email from Teresa from EdUKaid to give us an update on how things are going at our link school in Tanzania. She writes: *Over the past few weeks our Tanzanian team have been busy distributing masks and soap to children and families across the district – masks outside are now compulsory in Tanzania so these have been essential for people to carry out basic tasks like collecting water or even to prepare and cook food on a fire outside their house. Most families have little or no cash income so have no ability to buy these items. Our team have also been teaching children and families about ways in which they can prevent the spread of the virus and how to identify symptoms. These families don't have access to televisions or the internet so we have to visit their homes to spread the word.*

Schools have been closed for several weeks but are likely to be open again in early July – this is a real worry as the virus is still spreading and social distancing is impossible in overcrowded schools. Singino has up to 170 in one classroom! Some of the money you donated will be used to fund basic handwashing devices to be placed outside each classroom – I've attached a photo of one we have recently purchased.

The masks we give out are made by a women's group based in our community centre – they use foot operated sewing machines and have made nearly 1,500 masks in the last few weeks. They were taught to sew 2 years ago by a lady who lives in Harnham.

I would love to come back in to your school when it is safe to do so and tell the children about the incredible difference their fundraising has made.

Birthdays this week:

Mrs Shaw celebrates the birthdays of anyone who turned 5, 6 or 7 this week on the school blog! We love celebrating birthdays!

Something for the Weekend:

Here is a link to a fun youtube clip for how to make some cool bookmarks at home. Have fun!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVkJPCp_1UQ



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