



Newsletter 4

'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 27th September 2019

Dear parents, family and friends,

Harnham Infant School has been a hive of activity this week as children continue to develop their learning across all year groups. Our youngest learners have been practicing writing their name using the cursive script, as well as embedding their skills in segmenting words into their spoken sounds using 'toy talk'. We are really very proud of how well they have settled and become part of our school community. Year 1 children have been learning the different /ee/ea/e_e letter sounds in their reading and writing, as well as recording their practical learning in Maths through a different app on the iPads. They have also been developing their use of tone in Art and describing old and new toys in History. Year 2 are 'growing their spark' as they learn about having a growth mindset as well as completing pieces of descriptive writing and using their reasoning skills to decide where numbers belong on a numberline.

We have had 2 days of First Aid training for the children, who have been learning how to put people in the recovery position as well as how to dial 999 and treat burns, cuts and grazes. A huge thank you to Mrs Allexant for organising this valuable learning opportunity for the children, where they can learn valuable life skills alongside their academic learning.

Celebration assembly

Congratulations to Clara – Robin, Fred – Ladybird, Bethany – Squirrel, Ben – Bee, Jake – Woodpecker, Rosanna – Badger, Isabel – Dragonfly and Elspeth – Owl who were all on the celebration bench this week. Well done to you all!

Dojo points

Ladybird	183
Robin	225
Woodpecker	99
Bee	259
Squirrel	390
Badger	382
Owl	437
Dragonfly	220

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 Badger class who have reached 1000 dojos. For their treat that have chosen to have an Alice in Wonderland cookery day on Friday 4th October.

Congratulations to the Bee class who have reached 1000 dojos. For their treat they are going to have a film and popcorn on Friday 4th October. Please bring a teddy (not your favourite one) to school.

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	98.57%
Ladybird	97.69%

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Robin	99.20%
Woodpecker	96.67%
Bee	98.40%
Squirrels	96.19%
Badgers	100.00%
Owls	99.33%
Dragonfly	100.00%

Well done to the Badger class and Dragonfly class, who have both achieved 100% attendance this week. Attendance Ted will be spending the week shared between you next week.

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	15/26	58%
Robin	/25	
Woodpecker	/24	
Bee	12/25	48%
Squirrel	6/21	29%
Badger	19/30	63%
Owl	14/30	47%
Dragonfly	/29	
Whole School	/210	

Please do not be offended if a teacher approaches you to ask you to read at home with your child as we wholeheartedly believe that reading is a life skill that underpins learning development in all other areas. As the school year continues we are looking forward to introducing many more strategies to raise the profile and love of reading across our whole community.

Census Day

On Thursday 3rd October, it is school census day. This is an important day in the school calendar where attendance rate of children determines how much money schools are allocated for their budget. One important aspect of this is the school lunches. Therefore, we need as many children as possible to order a school lunch on Thursday.

The kitchen are kindly suggesting a change in menu for next Thursday which will be Hotdogs or Vegetarian Sausages, with shortbread or ice-cream for dessert.

Please may I positively encourage you to order a school meal for your child on Thursday? Many thanks for your support with this.

Governor News

Our Governing Body had our first full meeting on Wednesday evening of this week. I am pleased to report to you that the newly elected Chair of Governors for this academic year is Mrs Beth Evans and the Vice Chair is Mrs Clare Churchill.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Clare Churchill for her hard work as Chair of Governors for the last few years. She has made such a positive contribution to our school, with her great attention to detail and her incredibly supportive personality. We are pleased she will remain on the governing body as Vice Chair for this year so that all the governors, staff, parents and pupils will benefit.

HSA news

As ever, we are so grateful to the support and fundraising efforts from the members of the Harnham Schools Association.

There will be a planning meeting for the Christmas Fair on Thursday 3rd October at 7.30pm at The Old Mill. Everyone is welcome to attend and the members of the committee are very keen to receive more support to make the Christmas Fair a success. They are a very friendly bunch – do go along and support them.

Hollows Close

Please note that on the 21st and 22nd October, the entrance to school site via Hollows Close will be closed. Everyone will need to come to school via Saxon Road. Thank you.

Breakfast and After School Club Payments

Please note that if you are making payment for either Breakfast Club or any After School Club using Sodexo vouchers, please use the Sodexo ID: 824266. Thank you.

Parent Helpers Replies

Thank you to those parents who have returned the reply slip to be a parent helper in our school. Mrs Pike is busy collating all of the offers of help and will get in touch with you soon. In meantime, **if you have signed up to attend the Safeguarding Training on any of the 3 dates, we look forward to seeing you there.** Please do come along! Sessions are being held on:

Tuesday 1st October at 1.45pm

Thursday 17th October at 9.15am

Parents Evening

I hope you have received the parents evening appointment allocations for Wednesday and Thursday evening next week. If you are yet to book an appointment with your child's class teacher, please telephone the school office who would be very happy to arrange that for you. We look forward to meeting with you.

Harnham Slope Fun Run – Save the date

The annual Harnham Slope Fun Run is set to go ahead on Sunday 12th July 2020. Please put this date in your diaries – it is a great event with races for all ages and abilities! Further information will become available nearer the time.

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.

PSA

Our Parent Support Advisor is Chris Lister. Chris works every Tuesday and Wednesday and can be contacted on 07595217569

TD days

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Thursday 25th June 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

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Letter sent out this week:



Upcoming dates

EYFS dates

21.10.2019	2.15pm	Stay and do Harvest – parents invited
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Year 1 dates

17.10.2019	All day	Come to school dressed as a character from Alice in Wonderland or as a party guest
18.10.2019	2.00pm	Stay and explore senses – parents invited

Year 2 dates

17.10.2019	All day	Come to school dressed as a character from Alice in Wonderland or as a party guest
22.10.2019	9.00am	Stay and do Harvest – parents invited

Whole school dates

02&03.10.2019		Parents evenings – letter to follow
07.10.2019		P4C day
10.10.2019		World mental health day
14.10.2019	2.30pm	Coffee and chat with SLT
15.10.2019		Individual photographs being taken
23.10.2019		TD day – school closed to children

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Thank you for a great start to the term, have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher