



'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 8th November 2019

Dear parents, family and friends,

I do hope you all had a great half term holiday together. Welcome back to school as we begin the countdown to Christmas!

This week has been a great start to the term. Please do have a look at the class blogs at what the children have been doing, including some lovely photographs and some upcoming information about what the children will be learning over the course of the term.

Our value for term 2 is 'independence'. The children will be learning to make sure that they take responsibility for themselves and learn to try and do things independently, such as sorting out their own belongings, as well as thinking what they may be able to do to help themselves if they get stuck on any work.

Today, Miss Swaine, our history leader, kindly led a whole school assembly today about Remembrance. She talked to the children about why we wear our poppies, what they symbolise and why we will all take part in a minutes silence on Monday at school. Thank you to those families who have supported the poppy appeal in school too.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Ben – Ladybird, James – Robin, Lily – Bee, Chloe – Woodpecker, Miriam – Squirrel, Toby – Dragonfly, Molly – Owl and Skye – Badger who were on the celebration bench on 21st October. Well done to all of you! We are looking forward to celebrating with more children on Monday.

Golden postcards

Congratulations to Maisie and Charlie – Robin, Sophie-May and Fred – Ladybird, Joel and Olive – Squirrel, Reece and Adam – Bee, Georgi and Henry – Woodpecker, Madison and Harley – Badger Tom and Harriet – Owl Lola and Alexander – Dragonfly, who all received a special postcard during the October half term.

Dojo points

Ladybird	59
Robin	311
Woodpecker	96
Bee	87
Squirrel	121
Badger	330
Owl	143
Dragonfly	133

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 Badgers who have now reached 2,000 dojo points. On Friday 22nd November, Badgers would like to come to school in their Pyjamas with their teddies to enjoy a film with a popcorn snack. Well done Badgers!

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Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	96.70%
Ladybird	95.00%
Robin	99.20%
Woodpecker	90.83%
Bee	98.40%
Squirrels	93.33%
Badgers	97.93%
Owls	100.00%
Dragonfly	97.24%

Well done to the Owl class, who have achieved 100% attendance this week! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Owls 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)

Friday 15 th November	Dragonflies, Owls and Badgers	Mrs Heagren, Mrs Newsam and Mrs Bacon
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Days off in term 1

Throughout the first half term of the year, there were 17 days where children were not attending school due to a holiday. This is equivalent to 85 hours of education being lost. Please may I remind you to think very carefully before booking holiday and taking your children out of school. Thank you.

Other absences

Unauthorised	Medical	Lates	Illness
14.5 days	8days	35 occasions	94 days

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	16/26	62%
Robin	12/25	48%
Woodpecker	11/24	46%
Bee	13/25	52%
Squirrel	18/21	86%
Badger	15/29	52%
Owl	15/30	50%
Dragonfly	18/29	62%
Whole School	118/209	56%

Blogs

Miss Spellar has worked very hard to alter the format of the school blogs so that they are viewable on mobile internet devices, as well as laptops and computers. This was an area of improvement identified in our parent feedback at the end of the summer term. I do hope that with the changes, many more parents are now able to

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view the class blogs and see what their children have been learning in school. Please let us know if you come across any further difficulties and thank you to Miss Spellar for fixing this problem for us.

Christmas box appeal

Once again we will be supporting the Christmas box appeal. Christmas boxes will be sent to children in Eastern Europe. It means so much to these children, who have so little, to receive a Christmas present, please do help if you are able to. Please follow the following link to help if you can. <https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/>. Please find attached a leaflet with further information. If you would like a hard copy of this, then please pop into the school office. All boxes need to be in school by Friday 22nd November.

Smoking

As you will be aware, the school is a no smoking site. However, it has come to our attention that some parents are 'lighting up' as soon as they are outside the school gates. Although legally we cannot enforce this to stop, please may we remind you that there are children walking to and from school with their parents and it is important that we demonstrate the values and attitudes of a healthy school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 1 Cinema trip 8.45am

The year 1 children are due to go to the cinema to see 'Peter Rabbit' on Monday 18th November. Please may we ask that parents arrive at school promptly with their children at 8.45am that morning as the teachers would like to make sure that children are ready to leave to walk to town at 9.00am, as soon as the registers are completed. Thank you!

Children in Need

Next Friday, 15th November, is Children in Need day. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform (spots if they prefer, but not essential!) and bring a donation for the charity. We will be delighted to welcome Pudsey Bear to Harnham Infant School to meet the children in a special assembly at 9.00am.

Next week, we will also be selling Children in Need merchandise, including Pudsey ears, which children are very welcome to wear with their non-uniform.

Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots

We are delighted to say after our free trials for 'Rockstar timestables' for Year 2 and 'Numbots' for Year 1, our school is going to commit to buy these fun and engaging programs to support Mathematical learning at home. Your child's teacher will be putting a sticker in your child's reading record with their login details (in case you have lost these) in order for you to enjoy developing number skills at home. Enjoy!

Lantern parade

Salisbury Lantern Parade – Thursday 12th December 2019

The Lantern Parade is an annual feature of the Salisbury Christmas Market, it is a lovely event that attracts hundreds of participants, most of whom are families with young children. Starting from Salisbury Cathedral the parade will lead towards the warm, inviting atmosphere of the Christmas Markets under the Guildhall. The parade is a family oriented occasion which combines a real Christmas spirit and carol singing with a unique and fun twist brought to life by the bright lanterns.

As a school we have enjoyed joining in with this parade for many years, this year is no different! On Saturday 9th (at the Arts Centre) and Saturday 30th November (at the Guildhall) Salisbury Arts Centre are running free lantern making workshops. This year we invite you to join in with these workshops, instead of our annual school workshop. Please then let us know if you will be joining us for the Lantern Parade by signing the 'Lantern sheet' in the Main School Office.

Mrs Sowerby (previously Miss Blair!) will then meet you, your family and lantern on the lawn of Salisbury Cathedral at 5.45pm on Thursday 12th December ready to parade as a school through the City. Don't forget to bring your lanterns, lights, torches and help to light up Salisbury!

School photographs

Please may all orders of school photographs be returned to the school office by Wednesday 13th November. Children should have already brought their proof photograph home for you to see.

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Safeguarding Request

May we politely remind parents / grandparents / carers that they are not permitted to access school site without signing in at the front office or being escorted by a member of school staff. We have had several cases of parents popping in to school to look for lost items and things, which in principle is absolutely fine but without staff knowledge creates a safeguarding risk, for example, we wouldn't be able to account for everyone in the case of fire.

If you need to go in to school for any reason, please make sure you check with any member of school staff first, this includes before and after school care too. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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.

PSA

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

In the Community

2nd STEM Returners programme for returning Engineers and Scientists with Dstl in Wiltshire

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the unprecedented success of the first programme where 100% of returners were offered permanent roles, we are currently sourcing candidates for the 2nd Dstl 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in January 2020 in Salisbury. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com.

Request from Wiltshire council



NAME OUR GRITTERS

We're looking for help to name Wiltshire Council's new fleet of gritters. Send all your ideas with your name to: events@wiltshire.gov.uk or comment on our social media posts with the hashtag #wiltsgrittercomp:

 **Wiltscouncil**

Entries will be shortlisted and put to a public vote via the council's social media channels before the final names are selected. The final names will be announced on our social media channels.

Closing date: **Friday 29 November 4pm**

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TD days

Friday 20th December 2019

Thursday 25th June 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Letter sent out this week:

- Playground squad – letters
- Letter from the HSA

Upcoming dates**EYFS dates**

26.11.2019	9.05am	Stay and do Phonics – parents invited
11.12.2019	9.15am	EYFS Nativity Performance
12.12.2019	2.15pm	EYFS Nativity Performance

Year 1 dates

18.11.2019		Into Film Festival to see Peter Rabbit
26.11.2019	Morning	Year 1 Learning Walk around Harnham.
3.12.2019	9.00am	Stay and make a Christingle

Year 2 dates

28.11.2019	9.05am	Stay and do Reading – parents invited (Date change)
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Whole school dates

15.11.2019		Children in Need – see above
29.11.2019	3.30pm	Christmas Fair
04.12.2019	9.05am	Coffee and Chat with SLT
04.12.2019		HSA School Disco
17.12.2019		Christmas Party
18.12.2019		Christmas Dinner

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher