



## Newsletter 18

### 'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear parents, family and friends,

It has been a great week at our school. This week, several teachers and teaching assistants have been out on training for Talk for Writing. They have come back very enthusiastic about working with children to learn stories, adapt them and tell and write their own versions.

We also held a Coffee and Chat session on Monday, where some parents attended to share their views about our school. We always take feedback seriously at our school and are keen to give the children the very best that we can. This week, we talked about blogs and how we can ensure families are accessing these. Hopefully you will find links to the different classes attached to the email with this newsletter.

Mrs Pike and Mrs Batchelor welcomed our military parents in for a special coffee and chat this morning where they shared ideas of upcoming events for our Little Hero children. Our governors also ran a coffee morning to give an opportunity for parents to chat if they would consider joining the governing body.

Hopefully all of these events demonstrate not only that we like coffee, but that we are a very open school community and like to involve everybody in the decisions, events and provision that we make for the children's education.

#### **Celebration Assembly**

Congratulations to Rory – Robin, Elliot – Ladybird, Benjamin – Squirrel, Charlie – Bee, Henry – Woodpecker, Jacob – Badger, Polly – Owl and Jack – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Well done to you all!

Congratulations to Maisie – Robin, Mila – Ladybird, Jasper – Squirrel, Evelyn – Bee, Amelia – Woodpecker, Zayn – Badger, Katie – Owl and James – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench this week. Well done to you all!

#### **Dojo points**

Ladybird	173
Robin	128
Woodpecker	115
Bee	214
Squirrel	116
Badger	118
Owl	73
Dragonfly	284

This table is not intended to show 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place or a winning class total. Instead, it shows the number of Dojo points that the class has received this week.

Congratulations to the Woodpecker class who have reached 3,000 dojo points. The Woodpeckers have chosen to have a dressing up day and are invited to dress up in anything they like on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Congratulations to the Robins class who have received 4,000 dojo points. They would like to have a pyjama or onesie day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

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Congratulations to the Ladybirds class who have received 3,000 dojo points. They would like to have a pyjamas, teddies and hot chocolate day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Attendance figures this week**

The attendance figures for this week are:

	<b>wb 27.1.20</b>	<b>wb 3.2.20</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.92%</b>	<b>95.92%</b>
<b>Ladybird</b>	98.46%	98.85%
<b>Robin</b>	96.15%	90.38%
<b>Woodpecker</b>	92.50%	95.83%
<b>Bee</b>	93.75%	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Squirrels</b>	94.78%	93.48%
<b>Badgers</b>	96.55%	95.86%
<b>Owls</b>	97.00%	95.33%
<b>Dragonfly</b>	97.24%	97.93%

**Well done to the Bees 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:	68.35
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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.

<b>Ladybird</b>	16/26	62%
<b>Robin</b>	17/26	65%
<b>Woodpecker</b>	13/24	54%
<b>Bee</b>	23/24	<b>96%</b>
<b>Squirrel</b>	14/23	61%
<b>Badger</b>	17/29	58%
<b>Owl</b>	18/30	60%
<b>Dragonfly</b>	23/29	79%
<b>Whole School</b>	141/211	67%

#### **Thank you**

Thank you to the families who attended the Saturday Sweep Up day on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Although few in number, we were so pleased with what we managed to achieve in the time. Bushes were trimmed back, growing patches were dug up, logs put into place and new bark paths were laid to name a few jobs. Thank you to the parents, governors, staff members and families who gave up their time to support this event.

#### **Parent questionnaire results – Summer 2019**

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Although it may seem like a long time ago now, the results from the parent survey that was sent home at the end of the last academic year are available to look at on the newsletter tab on the school website. They are also sent out with the email with this newsletter.

#### **Request for help**

We would like to set up a system for children to practice reading their tricky words so that they get to know them by sight. This will involve some photocopying, laminating and cutting out of these words. If there are any parents who would have any time to help complete these jobs please get in touch with Mrs Pike [lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

#### **New Governors**

We are currently looking for new parent governors to join our governing body. A letter has been sent out about this and is attached to the email with this newsletter. Please may all applications be returned to school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like any further information or have any questions, please speak to Miss Dorrington, Mrs Salmon, clerk to the governors [tsalmon@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:tsalmon@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk), or Beth Evans, chair of governors [chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk).

#### **Woodpeckers readers**

Woodpecker class are desperate for more volunteers to support the children with their reading. If you have any time to spare and would be able to commit to a fairly regular slot, please get in touch with Mrs Pike [lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk). We would need to arrange a DBS check through the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

#### **Before school**

There should be no toys or equipment in the playground for the children to use before school in the mornings. We respectfully ask that children are not allowed to run around and play games during this time. Please keep your child with you at all times until the teachers open the classroom doors and come on to the playground. If you find that you have a little while to wait, you could use the opportunity to read with your child. Many thanks.

#### **Gardening**

Mrs Shaw would love to receive any donations of compost or seeds for her to start a gardening patch at the front of the Woodland Block of classrooms. Please bring any donations to the front office. Thank you.

#### **Communication with Governors**

The Harnham Infant School governing body are working hard to think of ways they can be more visual and hold a presence with our school. If you would ever like to contact the governors of our school about anything you can email Beth Evans, the Chair of Governors [chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

#### **Safeguarding - Mobile Phones**

**Mobile phone use is no longer permitted anywhere on school site**, including in the playground or outside the main entrance. This is due to new safeguarding legislation and for the safety and benefit of all of our pupils. Please keep your phones in your pockets / bags until you are off school premises and do not be offended if a member of staff reminds you of these rules if they need to. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### **Term Dates – a consultation from Wiltshire Council**

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2021/22 - Consultation

We would like to receive your views on the term dates calendar being proposed for Wiltshire's Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2021/22. The deadline for responses is Friday 28 February 2020.

It was agreed by the Schools Joint Consultative Committee to consult on 2 options.

Option 1: Shows a proposed calendar with a five day break in October, with term 6 ending on Thursday 21st July. This is the option favoured by our neighbouring authorities.

Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Monday 25th July.

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You can let us know your views by using the following methods:

By email to: [directorDCE@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:directorDCE@wiltshire.gov.uk)

By letter to: School Term Dates 2021/22 Consultation, Children's Services, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:sbm@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk). Thank you.

### **Community**

#### **Harnham Water Meadows**

There will be public demonstrations of "drowning" on the Harnham Water Meadows on Saturdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 starting at 10:00am outside Rose Cottage, Harnham on the Town Path. This is a public demonstration of when a section of the Harnham Water Meadows is "floated" or "wetted" which is traditionally called a "drowning" in this area. It is one of the few times the general public has access to the see how the Water Meadows would have worked historically in order to improve agricultural production. Wellington boots and warm clothing are recommended. There is no charge but donations are welcome as the Trust relies on public donations to keep the Water Meadows functioning.

### **TD days**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### **Letter sent out this week:**

- Parent Governor Nomination Form
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter

### **Upcoming dates**

#### **EYFS dates**

<a href="#">26.3.20</a>	<a href="#">All day</a>	<a href="#">Stay and Forest School Day – parents invited</a>
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#### **Year 1 dates**

<a href="#">12.3.20</a>	<a href="#">9.00am</a>	<a href="#">Stay and Make a Costume – parents invited</a>
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#### **Year 2 dates**

<a href="#">12.2.20</a>	<a href="#">9.00am</a>	<a href="#">Stay and visit the museum</a>
<a href="#">31.3.20</a>	<a href="#">3.30pm</a>	<a href="#">SATs information session to parents – crèche provided</a>

#### **Whole school dates**

<a href="#">11.2.20</a>		<a href="#">Internet Safety Day</a>
<a href="#">Week beginning 2.3.20</a>		<a href="#">Book Week</a>
<a href="#">5.3.20</a>		<a href="#">World Book Day</a>

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

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Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher