



Newsletter 17

'Enjoy, Explore and Learn'

Friday 24th January 2020

Dear parents, family and friends,

What a lovely week we have had at Harnham Infant School. We have had so many visits to the office with children showing us their fabulous work – we have had to order more stickers! Well done everyone!

This week, the children had another growth mindset assembly which focused on the story of The Tortoise and the Hare. They learned that it is really important not to boast, as often, slow and steady will win the race. Children are beginning to use the vocabulary of growth mindset when reflecting on their learning and will say things like 'At first I thought I couldn't do it but I didn't give up and now I can'. What fantastic learning skills!

We had some real excitement this week when our youngest learners came back to school for a night time adventure. Some aliens had invaded Forest School and the children were able to take part in many fun activities. We had such a huge turnout for this event, thank you to parents for supporting it and to the EYFS staff for planning such a lovely evening for the children.

The year 1 children this week have been busy making their model aeroplanes, using some very grown-up tools in their Design and Technology lessons. They look lovely flying around the classroom! In year 2, the children have been learning about biographies and learning about The Wright Brothers ready for them to have a go at writing their own. We have also seen some incredible artwork in the style of Leonardo DaVinci.

Do keep looking at the class blogs for updates and celebrations of the children's learning.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Ara – Robin, George – Ladybird, Elsie – Squirrel, Edward – Bee, Lewis – Woodpecker, Gabriel – Badger, Jacob - Owl and Daniel – Dragonfly, who were all on the celebration bench this week. Well done to you all!

Dojo points

Ladybird	130
Robin	139
Woodpecker	337
Bee	174
Squirrel	80
Badger	644
Owl	93
Dragonfly	102

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.

Attendance figures this week

The attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School	96.35%
Ladybird	89.62%
Robin	98.46%

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Woodpecker	96.25%
Bee	99.17%
Squirrels	95.22%
Badgers	97.93%
Owls	99.33%
Dragonfly	94.48%

Well done to the Owls class, who have achieved the highest attendance this week! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with the Owl 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:	126.65
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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.

Ladybird	14/26	54%
Robin	17/26	65%
Woodpecker	13/24	54%
Bee	13/24	54%
Squirrel	22/23	96%
Badger	17/29	59%
Owl	14/30	57%
Dragonfly	20/29	69%
Whole School	130/211	62%

Morning Playground

We are seeing an increasing number of incidents happening in the playground before school starts. Children are getting knocked over, slipping over and needing First Aid treatment in some cases. **Please may we ask that you keep your child with you at all times until the teachers come out to welcome them in to the classroom.** We respectfully ask that children are not allowed to run around and play games during this time. Thank you.

Request from EYFS

EYFS teachers would love some donations of 'junk modelling' items you might be able to collect over the weekend as next week the children are learning about recycling and saving our planet. Please may these items be sent in to school on Monday, cleaned and washed where appropriate. Thank you.

Parent Governors Needed

We are in need of some parent governors for our school. Being a governor is a very important role and gives a unique insight into the running of the school, the decisions that are made and how we can shape children's lives. If you are interested in becoming a governor, the current governors would like to give an opportunity to just come along, ask any questions that you might have and have a cup of tea or coffee. This will take place on **Friday 7th February at 9.15am** in the school hall. The governors look forward to meeting you.

Safeguarding - Mobile Phones

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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.

Military Parents Coffee and Chat

Mrs Pike and Mrs Batchelor would like to invite parents of military children to a Coffee and Chat on Friday 7th February at 9.05am in the school library. They would love to give important updates and share ideas of things they would like to do with our 'Little Heroes'. They recognise this is an overlap with the potential parent governor session, but there will be an opportunity to do both if any military parents so desire. Thank you.

Request from Robins for reading corner – beanbags and cushions

Mrs Jones would love to hear from anyone who may have any beanbags or cushions that are no longer needed at home. She is looking to freshen up the reading area in the Robins classroom and would be pleased to receive any donations. If you can help, please speak to Mrs Jones or send an email to robins@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Girls socks / Boys socks needed

Our spare clothes supplies are running low again and we are in need of pairs of girls and boys socks. If you have any that you are able to donate please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

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.

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

By email to: 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.

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.

TD days

Thursday 25th June 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Letter sent out this week:

- Flyers for Parent Workshops happening at Exeter House School.

Upcoming dates

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EYFS dates

27.1.20	2.15pm	Stay and do Art – Parents invited
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Year 1 dates

7.2.20	2.15pm	Stay and share a story
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Year 2 dates

12.2.20	9.00am	Stay and visit the museum
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Whole school dates

25.1.20	10.30-12.30	Saturday Sweep Up
3.2.20	2.30pm	Coffee and Chat
7.2.20	9.05am	Military Parents Coffee and Chat – school library
7.2.20	9.15am	Parent Governor Information session – school hall
11.2.20		Internet Safety Day

NB: Blue indicates new date being published

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Natasha Dorrington, Headteacher