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Newsletter 37

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The end of the last full week of this academic year and what a week it has been! There have been teddy bear's picnics, parachute games, writing non-fiction texts about animals, creating games using scratch software and forest school fun too! Year 1 had a great Stay and... event and of course, the children in EYFS and Year 1 spent 2 days with their new teachers for next academic year. More about both of these events is below.

If you are looking for something to do over the weekend, it might be good to dig out the coins hiding down the back of the sofa or lost in the car ready for the Summer Fair on Monday. Please note this is a cash only event and small change will be gratefully received. There will be something for everyone to get involved in, so we look forward to seeing you there.

Menu for week beginning 22nd July:

Monday	Vegetarian Sausage Roll or Macaroni Cheese Dessert: Shortbread Biscuit
Tuesday	Chicken Katsu Curry or Cheese and Tomato Quesadilla Dessert: Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Ham Carbonara with Penne Pasta or Pizza Dessert: Apple Sponge Cake
Thursday	Summer holidays – school closed for children
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Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Evangeline – Hedgehog, Jonathan – Ladybird, Felicity and Joxon – Robin, Edie and Willow – Woodpecker, Haiden and Ethan – Squirrel, Irina – Bee and Poppy – Owl. The Sports Award was won by Maximus – Squirrels. We are so proud of you all!

Well done to all of the children who have been celebrated throughout the academic year. You have worked so hard! We can't wait to see what you achieve in 2024-25 😊.

Year 1 Stay and...Asia

It was wonderful to see so many parents come along to the Year 1 Stay and... Celebrate Asia art gallery on Wednesday, where a wonderful array of children's work was on display.



End of term reminder

Just a little reminder that the last day of term is Wednesday 24th July. This is a whole day and school will finish at 3.05pm. If you are a year 2 parent, please come early from 3.00pm to hear your children sing the Leaver's Song. (You will need to bring tissues to mop those tears – ours and yours!)

EYFS Notice

As a special end of year reward, the Ladybirds, Hedgehogs and Robins are going to enjoy a Beach day on Tuesday 23rd July. There will be a little letter to follow on Seesaw to give parents further details. The teaching team would like to know if any families have a bubble machine or a paddling pool that they don't mind them borrowing for the event, please do let them know. Thank you.

Dojo Rewards

Robins class have voted to have a dressing up day as their dojo treat. This will be on the last day of term, Wednesday 24th July. Mrs Jackson asks that if you do not have any dressing up outfits for your child, please do come and speak to her and she would be very happy to help! 😊

Lost Property

We have a growing amount of lost property that we would like to return to its rightful owners before the summer holidays. We will put this out for browsing after school each day. Please have a look through for any lost belongings. Thank you.

Support through the summer

If your child receives the pupil premium grant, the vouchers for the free school meals for the summer holidays have been set up and should arrive in your email inbox early next week. If you have any questions or queries about this, please speak to Mrs Bowyer in the office.

We know that the long holidays can add additional pressure on families, especially during these financially challenging times. We have some food parcels in school, which we would like to be used by those who might benefit from them. Furthermore, our current stock has best before date of the end September 2024 so we are keen for them to be used. If you would like one, please contact Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk or pop to the school office to collect one.

If, during the summer holidays, you need some additional support such as a food box or a foodbank voucher for your family, please contact requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk and we would be very happy to help.

Uniform

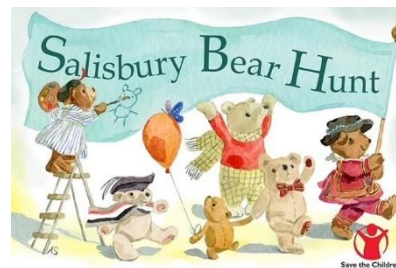
As part of our work on Affordable Schools, we have made some subtle changes to our uniform changes to try and ease financial burden on our families. An updated uniform list is attached in the email containing this newsletter. Please only take note of the changes if you are purchasing new uniform for your child over the summer. We have removed the need for branded items and our PE kits are now using black shorts. This is in line with Harnham Junior School uniform so that parents will not need to purchase everything new when moving schools too. If you are handing down items such as PE shorts to a younger sibling, navy is absolutely fine. Again, please only take note of the changes if you are purchasing **new** items for your child/ren. Thank you.

Year 1 and 2 Dojo Treats

The Year 1 and Year 2 children are having their final Dojo treats on Monday 22nd July. They are having year group water fights. There is further information on the class blogs – please do take a look. Please can children bring in spare clothes including swimsuit, clothes, towel, pants and socks. They are also welcome to bring in water pistols, water balloons, sponges, jugs etc that they can use for the water fight. Clean squeeze bottles also make good water pistols! Thank you for your help – we are sure they are going to have a great time!

Salisbury Bear Hunt

The annual Salisbury Bear Hunt for Save the Children has already started this summer. The big bears have been named by the children of Harnham Infant School, so there's plenty of reason to get involved. Your child will be bringing home a leaflet about this next week. 100 bears are hidden across Salisbury. Pick up your free entry forms from Salisbury Library, The Rocketship Bookshop, Blueberry Den or Waterstones, Salisbury.



Parent and Volunteer Helpers

We would just like to extend an enormous thank you to all of the parents and community volunteers who come in to school regularly to help, especially by listening to children read. You really do make a difference and we are so grateful for your ongoing support. We hope you will still visit us next academic year – thank you!

Good news!



We have been recognised and named as outstanding by The Smallest Things – a charity which recognises our commitment to awareness of the impact on children if they have been born prematurely. We are very proud to be a Prem Aware School.

Summer Fair Donations

It's not too late if you fancy some rainy-day baking over the weekend or having a sort out of those soft toys! We would be delighted to receive donations for the bake sale and the teddy tombola at the summer fair. Thank you for your generosity.

DO YOU HAVE A TEDDY THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED?

The Infant School Summer Fair is in need of good quality soft toys for the Teddy Tombola

DROP OFF TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 15TH JULY

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Infant School need donations of cakes and treats to sell at the Summer Fair on Monday 22nd July.

These can be homemade or purchased items, we welcome dairy free/gluten free/vegetarian/vegan items all that we ask is that **ALL DONATIONS ARE NUT FREE**

DROP OFF TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 9.30AM ON MONDAY 22ND JULY

Dates for your diaries:

Here are some important things coming up over the next few weeks:

Whole School	
22.7.24	Summer Fair
24.7.24, 3.05pm	End of School
8.10.24	Advance notice – launch of Harnham Inter-Faith Group
EYFS	
23.7.24	EYFS Beach Day – please see Seesaw

Transition Week

A whole series of transition events happened throughout this week, such as sharing stories, circles times, playtimes and handover meetings to the new teachers. On Thursday and Friday, the current robins, ladybirds, hedgehogs, woodpeckers, squirrels and bees spent 2 whole days with their new teachers in their new classrooms ahead of September. All of the children were very calm and thoroughly enjoyed their days. On our visits to the classrooms, it is amazing how the children suddenly looked older and ready for their next steps! Thank you to all the parents who were able to pop in and meet the teacher after school on Thursday, it was lovely to see you!

The Year 2 enjoyed their 2 days with additional computing lessons, science experiments and forest school sessions! Harnham Junior School have also sent photo stories for the year 3 classes which are being shared over Seesaw and will be sent out via email too to support your child to get ready for junior school in September too.



Parent Support Advisor:

Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for Harnham Infants, and many families benefit from her expertise, support and advice. She can help parents with all sorts of things including difficulties with behaviour, financial matters, family breakdown and bereavement. Chris is also happy for you to get in touch if you're worried or concerned about any school related matters.

You can contact her by email psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk or by telephone 07595217569



A colorful poster for a Summer Fair. At the top, there are strings of yellow, blue, and pink triangular bunting against a blue sky with white clouds. In the center, a circular logo for Harnham Infant School features two children holding a large green tree with a rainbow arching over it. Below the logo, the words 'SUMMER FAIR' are written in large, bold, pink letters with a yellow outline. Underneath, the date and time 'MONDAY 22 JULY 3.15-4.15pm' are written in blue. To the right, a purple circular badge with a dotted border contains the text 'CASH ONLY' in yellow. A list of activities follows: 'Soak the Teacher • Bake sale • Free colouring competition', 'Name the Soft Toy • Ice lollies • Teddy Tombola', 'Guess the number sweets • Tattoos • Lucky Dip', and 'New 2 You Uniform sale • Hook a Duck and much more!'. At the bottom, a green landscape with a rainbow arching over hills contains the text 'ALL MONEY RAISED IS GOING TO THE INFANT SCHOOL FUNDS'. The final line of text reads 'IF YOU ARE ABLE TO LEND A HAND SETTING UP THE FAIR OR ARE ABLE TO RUN A STALL, PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW'.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GAMBLING

Gambling can be defined as betting or risking money or something of value on the outcome of a situation involving chance. Under current regulations, gambling is legal for adults in the UK. Its potential impacts on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities are well documented – emphasising the importance of safeguarding children and young people against these hazards.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MANIPULATIVE ADVERTISING

Adverts for online bookmakers and betting exchanges can raise concerns about targeting vulnerable groups, fostering addiction, promoting misleading expectations, impacting mental health, affecting social norms, posing regulatory challenges, influencing minors and other ethical issues. Effective regulation, responsible advertising practices and public education are essential to mitigate these concerns and address the potential harms associated with excessive exposure to manipulative advertisements.

FREE BET!

ADDICTIVE FEATURES

All gambling products carry safety concerns, but some can be even riskier and more addictive. The frequency with which people can place bets can encourage them to do so often – with rapid spins and multiple betting options, for example. Betting on sports events, especially with live in-play betting options, can be highly engaging and habit forming. The 24/7 availability of online platforms can also increase the risk of excessive gambling, particularly among young people.

PEER PRESSURE

Exposure to gambling through friends, influencers or social circles can normalise risky behaviour and create unrealistic expectations about the chances of winning. Addressing peer influence requires support services, responsible advertising practices and effective education on the subject to minimise the impact on children and promote healthier choices.

IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

Gambling can exacerbate mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and stress – especially if it leads to financial loss. Individuals with existing mental health conditions may use gambling as a coping mechanism – but the cycle of gambling can worsen their symptoms, creating a detrimental impact on overall wellbeing. Integrated support services and treatment options are crucial to address these interconnected challenges effectively.

GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Certain features of other products – such as video games that offer in-game purchases – can lead to gambling among young people. These mechanisms can sometimes be designed to exploit psychological vulnerabilities, encouraging repeated spending to acquire virtual items or advantages. Such practices can normalise the associated risks and desensitise young people to putting their or their family's money in danger.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The most common impacts of online betting come in the form of financial losses and debt. This, in turn, can lead to distorted perceptions of money, deterioration of relationships, social isolation, and poor academic and career outcomes. Regular gambling can even exacerbate other risky behaviour by making it seem less significant – potentially leading to a cascade of health impacts and financial loss.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Sporting events can be a good opening for conversations about gambling, as some sponsorships may reference and even glamourise it. Talk to children about how these promotions make them feel and encourage frequent conversations about any concerns they may have. Adverts, influencers and online platforms may also feature gambling products. As a child grows, it's important to encourage their critical thinking skills to help them avoid being manipulated by this type of marketing.

MONITOR SPENDING

In-game purchases can be appealing to children, allowing them to unlock new features or cosmetic items in a fraction of the time it would take to win them by playing. Talk to children about how they spend money online; an interest in what video games they play can encourage the conversation. Consider setting up restrictions on their devices, requiring their parent or carer's permission before making any purchases. Talk about finances regularly and openly.

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Parents and educators should be vigilant for signs of gambling harm among young people. Look for changes in their behaviour such as increased secrecy, unexplained money issues, mood swings or withdrawal from their usual activities. Open conversations about gambling risks and maintain a supportive, non-judgemental environment. Try to familiarise yourself with resources and helplines for assistance and guidance.

GET FURTHER SUPPORT

Support and treatment for young people is available via the Young People's Support Service at GamCare, who can be contacted at 0808 8020 133. A link to their website has also been included in the sources of this guide, along with links to several other support networks. Your GP and local NHS gambling clinic are also available if you require additional advice. Don't hesitate to reach out for help if you're concerned about a child's gambling behaviour or their financial situation.

Meet Our Expert

Ygam's mission is to prevent children and young people from experiencing gaming and gambling harms through awareness raising, education, and research. The charity was established in 2014 as a result of the lived experience of their founders.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/gambling>

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SUMMER HOLIDAY MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

MONDAY 29TH JULY - FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2024
TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST - FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2024

Camp Venue

HARNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

Saxon Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 8JZ

Register Online

<https://district-sports-south.classforkids.io/camp/11>

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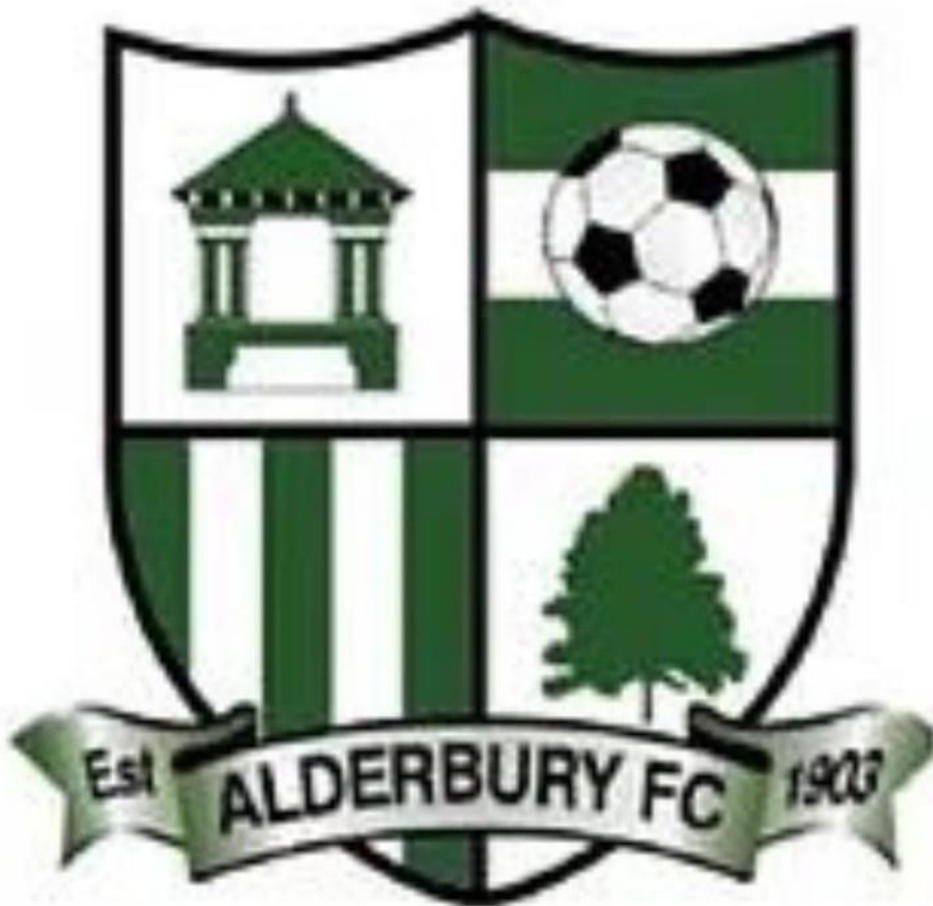
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