



## HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

We have come to the end of another busy week in the life of our school with lots of learning to celebrate and successes in the wider school community too. This week, Mrs Sowerby ran a Community Forest School Event for Under 5s, which was incredibly well attended and we have received some very positive feedback about this event. She is going to be running another one in June, so if you have a little one at home or know someone else who might benefit, we'd be delighted to see you.

We have also had a Full Governing Body meeting where we had valuable discussions about the responsibilities of governors and the evidence of accountability that we have towards the success of Harnham Infant School, looking at themes around the curriculum, finance, safeguarding, pupil premium, attendance and welfare to name a few.

Just one more week of this half term to go. We look forward to seeing you on Monday but in the meantime, have a lovely weekend!

### Menu for week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May:

<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Nuggets or Cheese & Onion Pasty with potatoes <b>Dessert:</b> Marble shortbread biscuit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Curry with Rice or Plant-based Hotdog <b>Dessert:</b> Apple Crumble
<b>Wednesday</b>	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake or Pizza <b>Dessert:</b> Chocolate Banana Cake
<b>Thursday</b>	Gammon or Quorn Pieces, Yorkshire Pud, Potatoes and Veg <b>Dessert:</b> Lemon Drizzle Cake
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers and Chips or Cheese and Potato Frittata <b>Dessert:</b> Flapjack

### Celebration Assembly:

Congratulations to Queenie – Hedgehog, Suzanna – Robin, Georgia – Ladybird, Nirbhrit – Woodpecker, Huxley – Squirrel, Ivy – Bee, Jasmine – Dragonfly, Toby – Owl and Phoebe – Badger. The Sports Award was won by Jensen – Badgers. We are so proud of you all!

Next week, there will not be a celebration assembly due to the Year 1 Stay and... event happening. We look forward to celebrating with

### Dojo Rewards:

Congratulations to the Squirrel class who have reached their 4,000 dojo point milestone. The Squirrels have chosen to have an "All things disney" afternoon, which is happening next Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Children are welcome to come to school in any Disney related dressing up if they would like to – we do have some spare outfits in school for children to borrow if needed and there will be a range of Disney activities on offer. Well done Squirrels!

### Free School Meal Vouchers for May Half Term:

For pupils in receipt of pupil premium, the vouchers for May Half Term have been sent to your email inbox. This is to the value of £15.00 for the week. If you have not received it by next Wednesday, please do pop along to the school office to check.

### **Food Parcels Available:**

If you feel your family would benefit from a food parcel, we have a good supply in school and you would be very welcome to have one. These are available to anyone in the school community, you don't have to be in receipt of pupil premium or otherwise. Please either pop to school office or email [requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk) and we can arrange this for you.

### **Reporting Absence:**

If you are contacting us regarding your child being absent from school due to being poorly, we would like to request further information rather than "unwell" or "tired" as a reason. Please include a more detailed description of symptoms so that we can update our registers with the correct codes. Many thanks for your support.

### **Wrist band amnesty:**

We have started using wrist bands to show which "colour" school dinner your child is having each day but the supply of these is running low already. If your child has accidentally come home wearing one, please may you send these back into school for us. Thank you.

### **Communication:**

We pride ourselves at Harnham Infant School at being effective communicators with parents and have various avenues for this whether a chat on the playground, a telephone call or emails. Please remember that teachers are busy teaching your children so will not be looking at emails through the school day. We ask all staff to ensure they have checked their emails by 8.30am but if you have an urgent message, please telephone the school office who will be very happy to help you.

### **Pokémon Cards:**

We have been made aware of some trading of Pokemon cards happening in the playground before or after school. This is causing some children to come in to school upset as they have traded the wrong card etc. Please may we ask that this does not happen any longer and for any trading to take place outside of school. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Assemblies – can you help?:**



We are in search of parents who would be happy to come in to school to talk to the children about their jobs. This can be any job at all! We are wanting to aid children's understanding of citizenship and inspire them for their future and the broad range of opportunities available to them. If you think you might be able to help, please do sign up via school gateway – clubs section. Please note, there is no requirement for big PowerPoint presentations or demonstrations, this can be through a question-and-answer type approach and members of staff being on hand to support. If you are unsure or would like more information before signing up, please come and chat to us.

### **Mental Health Awareness Week – 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May:**

The theme for this years mental health awareness week has been "Move More". Here are some ideas that the Local Authority have sent us for you to try at home:

***Move More for your Mental Health: Mini Moments to Move, and Make it Fun!***



*Life is busy, many of us don't have time to go for run, or long walk. So set small and realistic goals that you can slowly build from- and make the activity fun!*

- *Make it fun; dance, play and be competitive*
- *If you drive to and from work, walk to the end of your street and back to your house before you go in*
- *Take a Break, Take a Stand. Set a timer when you know you will be sitting down, every 15-20 minutes you can stand up, stretch, have a little wander.*
- *You can also do some chair exercises!*
- *Sign up to Street Tag - an Interactive app that turns the world around you into a virtual playground, where you gain points through being physically active!*

**Save the Children: Salisbury Bear Hunt:**

It's the time of year where as a school, we like to get involved in naming the bears for the Salisbury Bear Hunt. This year, Harnham Infant School are naming the larger bears taking part in the hunt. There is a bear per class and some extras, so do look out for these on class blogs and when completing the hunt in the summer! What an amazing fundraising opportunity to support the work of Save the Children.

If your child would like to have a go at naming a bear individually, this is available as an activity at the People in the Park day tomorrow in Lizzie Gardens, 10am – 4pm.



**Dates for your diaries:**

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

<b>Whole School</b>	
4.6.24	Sports Day
<b>Year 1</b>	
20.5.24	Year 1 Allotment Visit
24.5.24, 2.30pm	Year 1 Stay and... Share a Rainforest Book
<b>Year 2</b>	
20.5.24 and 21.5.24	Year 2 Mini Medics Training
22.5.24, 2.00pm	Open Classroom to share learning from the term

**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](mailto:psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk) or by telephone 07595217569



**Attendance:**



## News from the HSA:

### Stikins:

In the email containing this newsletter, you will find a PDF document of leaflet below regarding Stikins. This is a company the HSA have registered with. If parents use this company, HSA received 30% commission to support funds, as long as you use the code 8980. This may be a time of year where there will be new uniform and school related items as parents prepare for transition.

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### Micro Scooter Helmets:

The HSA have 3 brand new Micro Scooter helmets which were left over from the Christmas Fair. There is 1 x medium size and 2 x small size and they all carry a RRP of £32.95. If any parents would like one and is happy to give a donation to the HSA of £10.00 then please do get in touch [hsaeventscoordination@gmail.com](mailto:hsaeventscoordination@gmail.com)



### In the Community:



**Saturday 18th May 2024**  
**10am-4pm @ Lizzy Gardens**

- Live Music
- Community Groups
- Family Activities
- Craft Sellers
- Guest Speakers

**People in the Park '24**

Salisbury Transition City

[www.transitionalsalisbury.org](http://www.transitionalsalisbury.org)



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ▶ YOUTUBE ▶

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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