

HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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Friday 7th February 2025

This week the KS1 children enjoyed a workshop assembly run by Richard from The Stay Safe Initiative, where they learnt about how to stay safe online. Richard also ran staff training after the workshop which touched on understanding the online world and the risks it can hold for children. Next week we will continue our Online Safety Learning as we celebrate Safer Internet Day. Richard is also offering an online workshop session for parents on Monday 10th February.

Don't forget to head over to Seesaw to read your child's class blog for the week, these will be full of information about the lessons that have taken place as well as some lovely learning photos!

Please look at the 'WEEK 3 Menu' for week beginning 10th February 2025:



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Zakwan - Ladybirds, Harriet - Hedgehogs, Mason - Robins, Ottilie – Bees, Gracie - Squirrels, Ana-Maria - Woodpeckers, Georgia - Badgers and Bella – Owls, Milly – Dragonflies, James - Dragonflies. We are so proud of you all!

Invitations to Celebration Assembly are sent on a Friday for the following week, plus a reminder the day before. Please check your email inbox carefully.

Staffing News

We are sad to let you know that Ms Efrim Niccals has resigned from her position as Speech and Language Teaching Assistant at Harnham Infant School. Ms Niccals is a very loved, fun, and positive member of the Harnham family, who has made such a difference to so many children. We shall miss her lots when she leaves us at February half term, although luckily Ms Niccals will remain as one of our School Governors so you will still see her around school.

Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Ansell will be taking on the Speech and Language Teaching Assistant role, Mrs Hopkins will support the Year 1 children and Mrs Ansell the Year 2 children, whilst also remaining in class as the Squirrel and Dragonfly Class Teaching Assistants.

Congratulations

Miss Greenough's baby girl has arrived! Claudia-Elizabeth was born on Sunday 2nd February, both mum and baby are doing well. We are sure that you will all join us in sending Miss Greenough and her partner, huge congratulations!



Parents Evening

The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you at Parents Evening on Monday and Tuesday next week. When you arrive, if you go to the school hall, you will find your child's books to look through and your child's class teacher will come and get you when they are ready for you. Please arrive at least ten minutes early for your appointment – thank you.

New 2 You

The New 2 You rails will be available to look through at Parents Evening on Monday 10th February and Tuesday 11th February.

Year 1 – Scootability

There is still a lot of outstanding consent for the Year 1 Scootability sessions, if you have not already given permission on the School Gateway app, please can you complete this as soon as possible – thank you.

Year 2 – Castle Banquet Day

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Year 2 are taking part in a castle-themed activity day on Wednesday 19th March. Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress – either castle-based outfits such as, knights, princesses, kings, horses, queens, even dragons or party clothes if you'd prefer. Thank you!

Social Media

Find our Harnham Infant School accounts on Facebook and Instagram – give us a follow! https://www.facebook.com/HarnhamInfant/
https://www.instagram.com/harnhaminfant/?hl=en

Upcoming Dates

Whole School			
	Term 3		
10.2.25	7pm - Online Safety Parent Information Session 'Parenting in the Digital		
	World' Zoom Meeting		
10.2.25	Parents Evening (4-7.30pm)		
11.2.25	Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)		
11.2.25	Safer Internet Day		
14.2.25	Teacher Training Day – School closed for children		
	Term 4		
6.3.25	World Book Day (children to dress up as their favourite character)		
18.3.25	Community Forest School (10am-12pm)		
	EYFS		
12.3.25	Stay and mark make, 9am		
3.4.25	Trip to Hillier Gardens (Letter to follow)		
	Year 1		
11.3.25	Stay and DT, 9am		
24.3.25 / 28.3.25	Scootability training		
26.3.25	Year 1 Show, 9.30am		
27.3.25	Year 1 Show, 2pm		
	Year 2		
19.3.25	Castle Banquet Day (children to wear party clothes or castle themed fancy		
	dress)		
26.3.25	Trip to Old Sarum		
2.4.25	Stay and play with number, 9am		

Attendance

Weekly whole school	94.9%	Number of late marks in	34
attendance:	↓ from last week	the Registers:	↑ from last week



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GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for.
Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

et aside certain times when he whole family puts their jadgets away and enjoys an ictivity together: playing a ooard game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

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WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

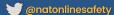
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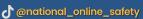
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