

HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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Friday 18th October 2024

An incredible week draws to a close at our school! This week in our values assembly, we talked about our Harnham Infant School value of kindness. Mrs Pike asked the children whether they are builders or bulldozers! What the children unpicked from this is that bulldozers knock things down whereas builders build things up and create things. We then thought about our own words and actions to make sure that they are used to build people up and encourage them rather than tear them down. The children were very good at saying kind things (3)

It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school this week for the year 1 and 2 Stay and Phonics events. We hope you have found these worthwhile and that they can help how you read with, and support your child at home. Year 2 also enjoyed a visit to Rose Cottage in Harnham and a walk around the water meadows linked to their environment topic. Thank you to the year 2 team for organising this visit and to all the parent helpers who supported the children too!



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Miley – Robin, Issac – Ladybird, Beth – Hedgehog, Dante – Bee, Thea – Woodpecker, Ollie – Squirrel, Leon – Dragonfly, Rory and Maximus – Badger and Lucas – Owl. We are so proud of you all!

We look forward to celebrating with more children on 8th November.

Invitations to Celebration Assembly are sent out on a Friday for the following week, plus a reminder the day before. Please check your email inbox carefully. We look forward to celebrating with more children and their parents next week.

Menu for week beginning 21st October: PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRE-ORDER ONLINE

	Choice of Main Meal	Served with	Choice of Dessert
Monday	Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza	Green Beans	Ice Cream and Fruit
	Sweet and Sour Noodles	Sweetcorn	Homebake
	Jacket Potato and choice of fillings	Salad bar	Fruit
	Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Homemade Bread	Yoghurt

Tuesday	Chilli Con Carne with Nachos Tomato and Herb Pasta Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Hot Sandwich: Ham or Pepperoni Melt	Steamed Rice Carrots and broccoli Salad bar Homemade bread	Chocolate Pear Cake Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	TD day – school closed for children		
Thursday	Half term		
Friday	Half term		

Menu for week beginning 4th November: PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRE-ORDER ONLINE

	Choice of Main Meal	Served with	Choice of Dessert
Monday	Margherita or Pineapple Pizza	Potato Wedges	Lemon Drizzle Cake
	Mexican Plant-based Chilli with Rice	Green beans, Sweetcorn	Homebake
	Jacket Potato and choice of fillings	Salad bar	Fruit
	Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Homemade Bread	Yoghurt
Tuesday	Macaroni Arrabiata	Peas	Chocolate Sponge and
	Fisherman's Pie	Carrots	Custard
	Jacket Potato and choice of fillings	Salad bar	Homebake
	Hot Sandwich: Ham or Pepperoni Melt	Homemade bread	Fruit, Yoghurt
Wednesday	Slow Roast Pork or Chicken	Baked New Potatoes	Jelly and Fruit
	Italian Borlotti Bean Stew	Carrots, Cauliflower	Homebake
	Jacket Potato and choice of fillings	Salad bar,	Fruit
	Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Homemade bread	Yoghurt
Thursday	Roll your own wrap (Chicken / Quorn)	Steamed Rice	Peach Cake & Custard
	Butternut Squash Hot Pot	Broccoli, Sweetcorn	Homebake
	Jacket Potato and choice of fillings	Salad bar	Fruit
	Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Homemade bread	Yoghurt
Friday	Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips	Vanilla Crumble
	Homemade Cheese Pasty	Peas or Baked Beans	Homebake
	Jacket Potato and choice of fillings	Salad bar	Fruit
	Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Homemade bread	Yoghurt

Dojo Rewards

A huge well done to the **Bee** class who have passed the 1000 dojo point milestone. Bees have voted for a pyjama and teddy day for their reward. Mrs Kinder would like this to happen on **Monday 21**st **October**. Congratulations Bees!

Congratulations to the **Robin** class who have earned 1000 dojo points. The Robins have chosen to wear their pyjamas to school and bring in a soft toy on **Tuesday 22**nd **October**. Mrs Jackson requests that if the children bring slippers that they remember their shoes too! Thank you.

Congratulations to the **Badger** class who have earned their 1000 dojo point reward. Badgers have chosen to wear their pyjamas to school on **Tuesday 22**nd **October**. Well done Badgers!

Well done to Ladybird class too! They have also reached 1000 dojo points. Ladybirds will be wearing their pyjamas to school on Monday 21st October. (Please may Ladybirds not bring a teddy as Miss Spellar is concerned about any becoming lost – thank you!)

Parents Evening

Just a reminder that 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 the class teacher will come and get you when they are ready for you.

New 2 You - uniform available at Parents Evening

Our 2nd hand uniform shop New2You is going to be at Parents Evening next week. There will be a selection of items available for you to purchase at low prices so it might be worth bringing a little bit of cash with you for this. Alternatively, it is set up as an option to pay online using the School Gateway App too. Not only will you be able to grab a bargain but it also supports to raise some funds to go straight back into the school too! Thank you for your support.



DONATIONS OF CLOTHING ALWAYS ACCEPTED

We welcome your donations. Simply drop off your good condition, clean and washed items to the Donation Box, located by the school Reception area, and we will collect items from there. We accept: Jumpers, Cardigans, Thousers, Shorts, Pinafores, Shirts, Further, Summer Dresses, Polo Shirts, PE lat (including trainers and pilmsoils), Forest School Waterproofs, Costs, School Shoes, Welly Boots, Boots bags, PE kit bags, Tights, Socks, Hats, Scarves and Clioves. We don't accept underwear but the school will still continue to take these for their apare uniform store. Any questions just contact us!

School Management System

Over the last couple of days and into next week, our school is moving over to a new information management system, Arbor. This is a system we use for registers, attendance and communication with parents, amongst other things. We are not fully aware yet of what any teething issues might be when migration has finished with the new system but we are sure there might be some, especially linked to communication systems such as School Gateway. Please be patient with us while we adapt to the new system and we will endeavour to keep you full informed of any changes that might be necessary as they arise.

Pupil Premium Vouchers for October Half Term

Wiltshire Council have let us know this week that they are offering the Free School Meal vouchers for October Half term. The funding per day has been reduced slightly. The children who are eligible for Pupil Premium will receive a voucher, sent directly to your email addresses to the value of £14. These can be redeemed at your chosen supermarket.

If you are unsure if your child is eligible or if you have any questions at all, please do contact Mrs Pike who would be pleased to help you — lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Here is a link to further support with the rising cost of living:

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6665/Council-tax-benefits-and-financial-support

No Cold Child - New Winter Coats – do you know a child in need?

Thanks to the generosity of the HSA, <u>www.nocoldchild.org</u>, combined with a uniform grant provided by the local NISA store, we have been able to acquire some <u>brand new</u> FatFace winter coats. We would love these to go to a child who is in need of a new coat for the winter and who otherwise may not be able to afford one. There are 2 girls (teal colour) and 2 boys (navy colour) coats available (total of 16 coats) in each of the following sizes:

Age 5/6

Age 6/7

Age 7/8

Age 8/9

If your child would benefit, or you would like to nominate another Harnham Infant child who you are aware of will benefit from one of these coats, please do reach out to us so that we can gift them to you. Please email requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk and be assured we will treat your request with confidentiality and sensitivity. We trust that you will only take advantage of this offer where there is a real need. The coats are intended to be used for school but of course children may take them home so that they can wear them to and from school too. Thank you.

Communication to parents / Acceptable Use Policy

In last week's newsletter we sent a copy of the Acceptable Use Policy for parents. A parent has asked if there are comms going out via Social Media that they wouldn't find via the usual email, newsletter and Seesaw channels. In short, no. All information will be shared via the school newsletter and from the class teacher via the blogs on Seesaw. However, social media channels are useful for giving reminders or promoting our school within the local community.

Parking

We have received some very worrying emails from parents giving us details about some dangerous and thoughtless parking that is happening on the roads around school and also in the school car park. Saxon Road and Hollows Close are permit only roads and parents are not permitted to park there. The school car park is for staff use only. With the infants and junior schools having more than 500 children between them, there is a significant danger of someone getting seriously hurt if the rules of the road are not respected and followed. Thank you for your support with this.

EYFS Firework Day – Tuesday 5th November

Whizz, pop, bang, sizzle! On Tuesday 5th November the Hedgehogs, Robins and Ladybirds are going to enjoy a Firework Day. There will be lots of exciting activities for the children to get involved with including some rather tasty sparklers and some dazzling indoor fireworks. To make our day sparkle, please send your child in to school wearing their best firework inspired outfit, this could be party clothes, bright clothes, glittery clothes or maybe just their favourite outfit. We will be making sparkly accessories in class to add to the children's outfits. If you have any questions about this day please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Change of day for Year 1 Forest School

Year 1 Forest School day is changing in term 2. For the first week back, week beginning 4th November, this will still take place on Tuesday 5th November – they are having a bonfire for bonfire night! However, from week 2 onwards, starting on 11th November, Year 1 Forest School will now be on a Monday. Please send your children to school in their home clothes on these days. Thank you.

Year 1 Grandparent Tea Party

Just a reminder about the Year 1 Grandparent Tea Party. A letter was sent out about this a couple of weeks ago. Please sign up on the School Gateway App – Clubs section and let us know how many Grandparents / Grandfriends are coming. Thank you.

Winter Wonderland - Wednesday 4th December

In December Mrs Sowerby is very excited to be hosting another Community Forest School event. The theme of the event will be 'Winter Wonderland', the woods will be transformed into a mystical, magical snowy landscape. To create this winter experience, we are asking for donations of the following items, plus anything else that you think might enhance the experience!

- White sheets
- White / silver material
- White tarpaulins
- White Pom poms / snowballs
- White / silver paper decorations
- White / silver lanterns
- Snowy animals
- Snowflake decorations
- Fake snow

Not only will this event be open to the community but all the children from EYFS to Year 2 will have some time to explore the Winter Wonderland too. We are very much looking forward to the event and thank you in advance for any donations that you may be able to gift the school.

Radio Odstock

We were privileged this week to support Mr Lawrence, one of our regular supply teachers, with being able to wish one of his listeners at Radio Odstock a very Happy 100th Birthday! Mr Lawrence recorded the children singing Happy Birthday to a local lady called Joan who turns 100 on Saturday! In addition, children have been involved in making 100 flowers to give to her as part of her celebration. This is going live on Radio Odstock on Monday afternoon at 1.15pm. If you would like to listen, you can hear it here: http://www.radioodstock.org.uk. We are hoping to share it with the children on Monday afternoon too. Special thanks to Mr Lawrence for allowing us to be a part of it – what a privilege!

Attendance

Weekly whole school	94.87%	Number of late marks in	15
attendance:	Same as last week	the Registers:	↓ from last week



HSA Chocolate Bingo

This event is always popular! Please see the poster below. Tickets go on sale on Monday 4th November at 3.30pm. We do hope you can join us!



FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2024

HARNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

DOORS OPEN 5.45pm | EYES DOWN AT 6.15pm | BINGO ENDS 8.30pm

£3 PER PERSON

Includes a Bingo Book (6 games) additional Bingo Books can be purchased on the night

PRE-BOOKING ONLY LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Book via the School Gateway app!

If you are an Infant & Junior family please only book via one School Gateway app for your entire family

BAR & TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE

SERVING ALCOHOLIC & SOFT DRINKS AND SNACKS

YOU AREWELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN FOOD BUT WE HAVE A ZERO NUTS POLICY

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

Additional Club Opportunity for Next Term

Mad Science will be running a club in Term 2 for children in year 1 and year 2. If you are interested in your child taking part, please follow the instructions on the poster to get them booked in. This needs to be done by 21st October. Thank you.



Upcoming Dates

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Whole School			
21.10.24 and 22.10.24	Parents Evenings		
23.10.24	TD day – school closed for children		
8.11.24	HSA Chocolate Bingo Event – see poster for details		
EYFS			
5.11.25	EYFS Firework Day – see notice above		
Year 1			
13.11.24, 2.00pm	Grandparent Tea Party		

In the Community: Please note that our school is neither involved with or endorsing the use of the services being advertised here. They are for families to access at their own discretion. Thank you.







October Half Term Takeover

24 October – 3 November 10am – 5pm Museum Hall

Come along to our first half term takeover of the school year! Every half term, our new hall or ground floor creative space gets taken over by you! Filled with dressing up, building blocks, activity sheets, a cosy book corner, and more, the Hall will be open to all ages to stay and play during your museum visit.

This October we have a special Oi Dinosaurs! theme, with Oi Frog and Friends activity packs and an exclusive Oi Dinosaur artwork print giveaway.



October Half Term Discovery Day

the line that went for a walk

Tuesday 29 October 10am – 4pm Museum Hall

To complement the museum's Trinity Buoy Wharf Exhibition, this half term's Discovery Day is being led by artist Sue Martin.

Sue is transforming the museum's hall into a giant artist studio, with an opportunity for you to contribute to a huge contemporary drawing, as well as making your own smaller drawings to take home.

You will be trying methods of drawing you probably won't have tried before and rethinking what a drawing is and how it is made! Lots of fun for all ages. Not just for children, we want to see parents, grandparents, everyone have a go!

