



## HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

What a wet week it has been! Thank goodness it hasn't dampened our spirits or enthusiasm for our learning at all, the children have been amazing. We have had many visits from children for Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher awards for being helpful to staff members and completing fabulous maths work, among many other things.

This week, we have had the Curriculum Committee governor meeting, where we have discussed current development priorities for the curriculum and inclusion. Our Safeguarding governor has also been in school to monitor our Safeguarding arrangements and collected some views from the children too. Not only that, but the Harnham Schools Association (HSA) have also met this week to discuss plans for fundraising initiatives this term and beyond. We look forward to sharing more details about this with you in due course.

In the meantime, we hope you have a lovely weekend.

### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Clara – Robin, Charlie – Ladybird, Morris – Hedgehog, Ivy – Bee, Levi – Woodpecker, Austin – Squirrel, Samuel – Dragonfly and Henry – Owl. We are so proud of you all!

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 30<sup>th</sup> September:

	Choice of Main Meal	Served with...	Choice of Dessert
<b>Monday</b>	Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza Sweet and Sour Noodles Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Green Beans Sweetcorn Salad bar Homemade Bread	Ice Cream and Fruit Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken Cheddar and Broccoli Quiche Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Mashed potato Peas, carrots and gravy Salad bar Homemade bread	Ginger Cookie Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Character Favourites – see poster below		
<b>Friday</b>	Breaded Fish Fingers Moroccan Vegetable Tagine & Rice Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Chips Peas or Baked Beans Salad bar Homemade bread	Iced Sponge and Custard Homebake Fruit Yoghurt

# CHARACTER FAVOURITES

Thursday 3rd October 2024

## Mains

- Spongebob's Krabby Patty with Cheese (Cheeseburger)
- Lilo & Stitch's Hawaiian Pizza Adventure
- Sonic's Golden Coins (Vegetable Nuggets) (VG)
- Mr Jacket Potato Head (GF)

## Sides

- Mickey's All American Fries
- Super Mario Slaw
- Barbie Beans
- Ken's Ketchup
- Spiderman Salad Bar

## Desserts

- Willy Wonka's Ice Cream Factory (V)
- Gingerbread Man from Far Far Away (VG)
- Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

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## **Clubs**

Extra-curricular clubs have started this week. Please remember if your child has been booked in to a club then they are expected to attend. You will have noticed that clubs are limited in terms of how many we have running at the moment and if your child is choosing not to attend, they are taking up a space that could be for another child who would like to attend so please be mindful of this.

Extra-curricular clubs are just that – they are extra and not an automatic entitlement. Please remember the school staff who run clubs are doing so out of their own kindness and goodwill and are giving up their own time to do so.

We are always on the lookout for additional opportunities for the children so if you know of any external registered companies that will run some clubs for us (subject to the usual safeguarding and health and safety processes etc) please may you let us know. Thank you.

## **Parking**

We have taken several phone calls this week from local residents who have been left upset after being spoken to rudely by parents who are dropping off or picking up from school. In school, our 3 expectations are ready, respectful and safe and this is an expectation on all children, staff and parents. Please continue to respect our neighbours when accessing the school site. Thank you.

## **Policies**

We would like to draw your attention to two of our school policies. Firstly, the Safeguarding Policy which is updated every year and secondly, our Behaviour and Relationships policy, which has undergone a significant change this year. One of the main things being that instead of 'Behaviour Management' (implying that behaviour is something to be managed) we now have an increased focus on how good relationships of all kinds are a way to support the development of good behaviour in our school. Families are warmly invited to read these policies, available [here](#) and contact us if you have any questions or feedback that you would like to share. Thank you.

## **Dojo Rewards**

Congratulations to the Owl class who have already reached 1,000 dojo points this academic year. They have chosen to have extra playtimes on Wednesday throughout the school day as their reward. Well done Owls – keep up the hard work!

## **Lockdown Policy**

This week, we carried out a trial run of our lockdown policy with the children. This is different to the fire alarm and would be set off in the event of a threat to school security. We told the children we were pretending that an unknown dog was on the school site and that we needed to stay inside the classrooms, stay down low and shut all the doors and blinds so that we couldn't be seen until Miss Dorrington told us it was safe to come out. The children were amazing and handled everything really well and Miss Dorrington spoke about it during her assembly on Tuesday so that everyone understood what was going on.

## **Careers assemblies**

Towards the end of last academic year, we started hosting careers assemblies to begin placing thoughts in children's minds about the wealth of experiences and opportunities that would be available to them in the future. So far, we have met and heard about being a paramedic, joining the navy, being a research scientist, designing your own stationery and running singing and moving workshops for babies and toddlers, amongst many other things.

These assemblies take place on a Monday morning and we are always looking for more volunteer parents or members of extended family or the community to come in and talk to the children about their jobs. If you would be able to take part, please may you sign up on the School Gateway App – in the clubs section?

The assembly part would last about 20 minutes and parents can bring slides, photographs or simply be there for the children to ask some questions. We are looking for as wide variety as possible, so do have a think about whether this is something you might be able to support us with. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs Pike, who would be very happy to help [lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)  
Thank you.

### **Reading to Murphy**

Murphy, our school dog, loves to listen to children read! This happens on a Friday afternoon across the school. If you are happy for your child to take part, please may you give your consent using the School Gateway app – payments section. It does not cost any money but Murphy will not be able to listen to your child read if we do not have your permission. Thank you.

### **Lunch Orders**

Please may we ask you to only order a lunch on the system for your child if you want one for them? If you order a lunch but then send your child in with a packed lunch, school still gets charged for the lunch that has been cooked for your child. Orders can be cancelled online but if you need any help with this, please contact the school office who will be very happy to help.

### **Absence**

If your child is going to be absent from school, an email to the class teacher is not a sufficient way of letting us know and therefore the absence will not be authorised. As shared at the beginning of the academic year, **parents must telephone the school office to notify an absence by 8.40am each morning their child is not in school.** Emails and the School Gateway App are also not acceptable methods of communication for this.

### **School Photographs – next Friday**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the school photographer is in to take portrait photographs of the children and sibling groups too. Please may all children come to school in their school uniform that day? This includes Year 2 children who do not need to wear their Forest School clothes to school but will instead complete their Learning Outside the Classroom in their wellington boots after their photos have been taken. Thank you.

During the day, the photographer will also take pictures of infant school siblings together but if you would like older / younger siblings to take part, please form an orderly queue outside the library straight after school. (Please consider whether your child will need to not attend an extra curricular club too) The photographer will stay as long as is needed for all families to be seen.

### **Staffing news**

We are sure you would like to join us in saying Congratulations to Miss Tracey Greenough and her partner who are expecting a baby in February. This is a very exciting time for their family and we wish them all the best over the coming months.

### **Jigsaws**

Mrs Pike is running Jigsaw Club this term. If any families have any children's jigsaw puzzles at home they are no longer using, we would be very grateful of any donations. These can range in number of pieces and size, from wooden puzzles to floor puzzles – anything goes! Thank you in advance for your help!

### **Request from EYFS**

The Robins, Ladybirds and Hedgehogs would be grateful of any donations of toilet roll tubes, wool, unwanted wrapping paper and cards for their creative areas. Thank you!



## **Thank you**

We would like to say thank you to Gracie's family for the donation of a tent following the request in last week's newsletter. We are so grateful for your generosity! Thank you.

## **Mobile Phones**

We are a mobile phone free site. This is a Safeguarding risk. Therefore, please may we politely ask parents to not use their phones on the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. This includes when waiting in the playground for children to come out at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation in this. Please do not be offended if a member of school staff reminds you of this rule – it is for everyone's safety.

## **Inter-faith Parents Group**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October we are excited to launch our new Inter-Faith parents/carers group! Please come and join us 8.45-9.45 as we enjoy coffee/tea and breakfast pastries together and celebrate the different faiths we have in our school. Everyone is welcome, those parents with a faith/belief, and those with none. If you are planning to join us, then please let Mrs Allexant know by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October via email: [nallexant@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:nallexant@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk). She will then contact you with further details. If you have any further questions then please do let her know or come and see her in the Woodpecker classroom after school.

## **EYFS Parents**

All parents and carers of reception age children starting school in September 2024 in Wiltshire are invited to complete a school digital health and wellbeing questionnaire. A letter about this was sent out with last week's newsletter but a link to complete the questionnaire is included here as a reminder:

<https://forms.chathealth.nhs.uk/index.php/113111?lang=en>

Thank you!

## **Bitesize Support for Families**

On 15<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am, Chris Lister our PSA is going to be leading a very short workshop about establishing sleep routines at home. This will be the first in a series of workshops about a range of subjects. Future events plan to cover areas such as fussy eating, when your child finds it difficult to leave you (attachment) and big emotions. You can book into this using the school gateway app – clubs section. Tea and Coffee will be available and the short presentation will be only 5-10 minutes long with an opportunity to ask questions and take away some useful hints, tips and goodies. We do hope you will join us!

## **Volunteers**

Thank you to those parents who have completed the form to volunteer with us at Harnham Infant School. Mrs Pike will be in touch with you about the next steps over the next couple of days. Thank you.

## **Parents Evening Letters**

The teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents in just a few weeks time. Following the sending out of this newsletter, a separate letter regarding parents evening will arrive. Please click the link to complete the form to request your appointment slot on these evenings. Many thanks!

## **The Power of having a Growth Mindset**

We have learnt about the power of having a Growth Mindset and how this can help us overcome hurdles in our life and learning. We saw the challenges that Tisha has when she goes shopping **but** she does not think 'I won't and I can't'. Tisha uses her Growth Mindset and says 'I will and I can'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tRNdO9CGJQ>

We were also inspired by Jennifer, who has used her Growth Mindset to become a tumbling champion!

[Never Say You Can't: Jennifer Bricker Story \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

We are going to follow Jennifer's advice "*If you put your mind to it, you can achieve anything*'



### **Bob and Lola**

This is Bob and Lola, our fictional characters. We learn how Bob and Lola change from having a fixed mindset...always saying '**I won't and I can't**'



to a Growth Mindset, always saying '**I will and I can**'. By changing their mindset they are learning and remembering more and have lots more opportunities. By having a Growth Mindset they have now learnt how to swim, where as before they wouldn't even get in the pool!



### **Community Forest School**

The date of this event has been changed due to lack of numbers. Please see the revised poster below. If you, or a local family you know would be interested in attending the Community Forest School event, please share the information with them and encourage them to book a place with the school office. We look forward to seeing them!



Harnham Infant School warmly invite you to join us at our

# Community Forest School

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 10am - 12pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 10am - 12pm

Do you have a child or children under 5, then why not come along to our FREE forest session where we will be offering a range of fun forest based activities including pond dipping, willow weaving, find the animal activities and a fire pit! Plus a snack and drink will be provided.

**Everyone must come appropriately dressed – this includes wearing long sleeves and long trousers, suitable footwear, sun hats and sun cream if it is sunny, waterproof trousers and coats if its wet.**

Parents, Grandparents, Childminders and all most welcome – you do not have to be a current Harnham Infant school family to attend – we can't wait to meet you all!



**Please book a space by calling us on 01722 327 338**

## 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



## Upcoming Dates

Whole School	
1.10.24	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
3.10.24	Autumn Census Day – please may as many as possible order a hot dinner.
4.10.24	School Photographs, including sibling groups after school
8.10.24, 8.45am	Parents Inter-Faith Group
15.10.24, 8.45am	Bitesize Support for Families – workshop with Chris Lister
15.10.24, 10.00am	Community Forest School Event
21.10.24 and 22.10.24	Parents Evenings – see separate letter for details
23.10.24	TD day – school closed for children
EYFS	
8.10.24, 2.00pm	Stay and Phonics / Read
Year 1	
18.10.24, 9.00am	Stay and Phonics / Read
Year 2	
16.10.24, 9.00am	Stay and Phonics / Read

## Online Safety





**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.



**ENROL  
TODAY**



**AMESBURY**  
**Where:** Amesbury Baptist Church  
Amesbury, SP4 7SN  
**When:** Thursday 10th October  
**Time:** 4-6 Years 4.15-5.45pm



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**SALISBURY**  
**Where:** Greentrees Junior School,  
Salisbury, SP1 3PG  
**When:** Saturday 12th October  
**Time:** 4-6 Years 11.15-12.45



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Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

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