

Blog Updates: On Seesaw you will find a weekly update from your child's class teacher and some photographs. We hope you find this a helpful link between home and school with some ideas for supporting learning too. ☺ Friday 5th November 2021 Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2 of this academic year. It is lovely to see the children back in school ready for learning.

This week, the staff have been involved in Pupil Progress Meetings where we discuss every child in detail and plan for their next stages of development. These have been really successful and it is always wonderful to hear our teachers and teaching assistants talking so knowledgably about your children and knowing them as individuals. We are confident in our child-centred ethos in our school that equips children to 'enjoy, explore and learn'.

We have also been in touch with Public Health England this week regarding the high levels of Covid currently in Wiltshire and would like to ask that we all continue to follow the covid-safe guidelines and risk assessments in place. These may look different in different schools and can vary given the age of the children and any risks in place. We do of course continue to be responsive to this changing situation and thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend – stay safe if you are out to enjoy the fireworks! The Harnham Infant School Team

Updated Whole School Calendar:

Attached to the email with this newsletter, you will find an updated whole school calendar with dates for this academic year. The new additions are written in green, including some dates for this term. We will, of course, keep you informed of any changes.

Celebration Assembly!

This week's celebrants are:

1st November 2021

Danielle – Hedgehogs, Jude – Ladybirds, Cody – Woodpeckers, Joshua – Bees, Nina – Squirrels, Nathan – Owls, Benjamin – Dragonflies.

A huge well done to all of these children. We are so proud of you all!

We look forward to celebrating more children on Monday 8th November! Invitations to parents are sent via email on Tuesdays and a reminder on the Sunday before too. ©

Farewell:

Today, we bid a sad farewell to Mrs Robinson, who is moving to Australia with her family in a couple of weeks time. Mrs Robinson leaves behind an incredible Forest School legacy and we shall miss her very much. We would like to wish Mrs Robinson and her family the very best for their new adventure together. We think Forest School would look very different in the Rainforest!

Menu for Week Beginning 8.11.21:

We are pleased to be offering the following choices of hot dinners: Monday: Sausages and Mash or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Dessert: Fruit Salad and Ice Cream Tuesday: Lemon & Herb Chicken with Cous-Cous or Macaroni Cheese Dessert: Fruit Crumble and Custard Wednesday: Vegetable Goujons or Pizza with Potato Wedges Dessert: Freshly baked Gingerbread Thursday: Turkey Meatloaf, Mash and Veg or Vegan Cottage Pie Dessert: Jam Sponge Friday: Fish and Chips or Cheese and Tomato Omelette Dessert: Selection of Cold Desserts

Year 1 and 2 Cinema trip The Year 1 and 2 children are going to the cinema as part of the Into Film Festival on Thursday next week. Due to the time the film finishes, the pick up time for your child will be

at 3.30pm, from the usual playground. Thank you ©



Resignation:

It is with sadness we must inform you that after 14 years as a teaching assistant at our school, Mrs Salmon will be leaving us on 10th November. Mrs Salmon is going to be taking on a new challenge at Salisbury Sixth Form. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Salmon for all of her hard work, dedication and commitment to the children and staff of our school community. There are more children than we could count who have benefited from Mrs Salmon's nurturing care and guidance and we shall miss her very much. We know that she will be an enormous asset in her new role and wish her all the very best for the future.

Remembrance:

We have some Poppy merchandise (snapbands etc) available for sale. This will be available in the playground after school each day next week.

We have a box of poppies too. If you would like your child to wear one, please send them in with some pennies to put in the collection pot. Poppies will be taken round the classes for the children to choose one each day next week. Thank you.

For Year 1 Parents:

Year 1 children are invited to bring a toy in to school next week for the whole week. This will stay at school and support them with their learning in English and History. Please do not send in anything that is too valuable or that the children cannot sleep without. Thank you.

Anti-bullying Week:

Anti-bullying week begins on **Monday 15th November**. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on this day as a launch to the week and to remind us that we are all individuals and that we can celebrate differences.

For Year 2 Parents:

It is time to apply for your Junior School place for September 2022. Please see one of the posters around school for further details or click on this link: <u>https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/</u> Apply-for-a-school-place

Safety Reminder:

We have had several reports this week of parents not considering the safety of others. Cars are not permitted to drive up Saxon Road without a permit or a disabled badge at any time of day, including before or after school.

Furthermore, we have been made aware that some parents are parking thoughtlessly, such as on double yellow lines or blocking the pedestrian crossing.

We would hate for there to be serious accident and for someone to get seriously injured or worse. We would like to remind you to be considerate and park with the safety of your own children and others in mind. Thank you.

Next Week – Stay and...:

There are 2 Stay and... events happening next week. On **Monday 8th November, Year 1** parents are invited in to school at 2.00-2.45pm for Stay and Do Maths! This is happening in the children's classrooms. Parents are requested to wear a mask please due to our ongoing Covid measures.

On **Thursday 11th November**, **Year 2** parents are invited to remain after drop off time at 9.00am to come into the school hall for Stay and Remember. Again, parents will need to wear a face covering in order to come to this event.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to be part of the children's learning. 😳

Christmas Holidays FUEL Programme:

For families whose children attract the Pupil Premium Funding, there is an opportunity for a free holiday club in the Christmas holidays, starting on 20th December for 4 days. This will be at a venue in Salisbury. Mrs Pike will be in touch with further information for eligible families about how to book your children in. Do look out for an email very soon. If you think your child may be eligible for the pupil premium grant, or if you have any questions about the funding, please do not hesitate to get in touch. <u>Ipike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk</u>



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(URGENT) LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

RICE 500G

SMALL BOTTLES OF SQUASH

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DRIED MILK

COFFEE

MASH POTATO

SPONGE PUDDING

PACKET PUDDING, ANGEL DELIGHT

CHOCOLATE BARS

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

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TINNED VEG

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helping one person might not change the whole world,



but it could change the world for one person.

Kindness donations:

We are still collecting any donations to the Salisbury Foodbank as part of our school value of Kindness. A helpful shopping list of items that are in short supply in included here ←. Please do bring any donations into school by **Friday 12th November** so that we can arrange delivering them to the Foodbank. Thank you for your support.

Children in Need 2021:

On **Friday 19th November**, children are invited to come to school dressed in spotty clothes (or any of their own clothes if they prefer) and donations to the Children in Need appeal can be made via the School Gateway App. We have some Pudsey Bear ears for sale for £2.50 per pair. They will be on sale in the playground after school each day next week.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Please don't forget to bring in any completed Christmas Shoeboxes for the FSCI appeal. These need to be in school by Monday 15th November by 9.00am at the latest in order for them to be collected on time. For more information, do have a look at the website: <u>https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/</u>

Breathing techniques for children



Forest School:

With the weather changing, we would like to remind about suitable Forest School clothes. This week has been rather chilly and the children are spending lengthy amounts of time at Forest School so please make sure they are wrapped up warm and in suitable, thick clothes and layers. Gloves, scarves and hats are a bonus too! Thank you.

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Parent Support Advisor Contact:

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 <u>psa@harnham-</u> <u>inf.wilts.sch.uk</u> or by telephone 07595217569

Children's Flu Vaccines

We have heard from the School Nursing Team this week that the children's flu vaccinations have needed to be postponed until 24th January 2022. Updated links will be sent out nearer the time. Please see the message below:

Dear Parents,

Where the School Aged Immunisation Team would normally aim to complete the flu vaccine offer in schools by the end of December, this year there has been significant additional work to deliver to support the Covid 12 -15 vaccines and all year group flu vaccines programme. In view of this the flu delivery schedule has been extended to February, although we will aim to complete all sessions by the end January where at all possible.

Advice from Joint Committee for vaccinations and immunisations (JCVI) recommend, whilst flu often starts to circulate from late December, the peak can occur at any time and can often occur in February or later. Immunising children in January will still provide protection in these circumstances and is therefore beneficial. We apologise that this is later in the season than we would normally like to deliver and we thank you for your ongoing understanding at this time. Best wishes

School Age Immunisations Team

Keep on Reading:

Please keep reading with your child at home, it is so important for their learning and development. Thank you for your support.

Parent and Community Volunteers:

Our Parent and Community Volunteers have started coming in to school this week and it is wonderful to have them here and supporting the children again. Thank you so much to everyone who is giving up some time.

Our EYFS staff have asked whether anyone has any additional time to support them. This would be particularly to support children through their play in Rainbow class (outside) so that more children can access this area at all times. If you can help, please make contact with Mrs Pike, who is coordinating the timetable of support. <u>lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.kuk</u> Thank you.



Just for Fun – Game of the Week:

This week's game promotes confidence and fun! It is called, You make me laugh!

Tell your child they need to make you laugh but need to do this by telling jokes, pulling faces, doing actions etc but not by touch / tickling. You need to try and keep a straight face and not laugh. Once they have made you laugh, swap over and see if you can make your child laugh.

Have fun!

Christmas Post



West Dean, West Grimstead, Whaddon, Whiteparish, Wilsford, Wilton, Winterbournes, Winterslow, falls, Woodfe rds, Wylye.

If further Covid restrictions come in to place we may not be able to deliver before Christmas.

Harnham Community Notices Plant Swap and Christmas Sharing Table - Sat. 20th Nov., 12-3pm

Last year we held our first Christmas Sharing Table. Such was its popularity that we plan to hold one this year on Saturday, 20th November in the Parish Hall from 12 - 3pm. This year we are combining it with a new feature: a plant and seed swap. So please start thinking about what you could bring along to share in the way of plants and seeds, as well as Christmas decorations, gifts and toys, jams and chutneys, wrapping paper, mistletoe and all things festive. No charge. All free. Just sharing. Bring what you can spare, take what you can use. There will also be a stall where you can buy Christmas cards in aid of the Sudan Medical Link. Refreshments will be available, too. Women's Safety Conference - Feeling Safe in

Salisbury - 18th Nov

A community conference on Women's Safety is being held at The Chapel, Milford Street on 18th Nov from 10am - 3pm. The keynote speak is Dame Vera Baird Q.C., Victims Commissioner. For further info and to register:-

feelingsafeinsalisbury.eventbrite.co.uk or contact sarumsoropts@gmail.com

Scout Christmas Post:

Please see the poster \leftarrow regarding the Scout Christmas Postbox, which is open at the school office until 3rd December.

Salisbury Pantry

Salisbury Pantry was set up to provide affordable and nutritious food to local residents. Membership is open to any residents from the Salisbury City Parish area who are struggling to pay bills. For a weekly membership of £5.00, members will be able to choose from a selection of food with the average value of £20-£25 to help you top up your weekly shop. In general they stock a variety of food including fresh fruit and vegetables, store cupboard favourites, bread and some fridge & freezer products. What we have varies from week to week depending on availability. For further information, click on this link:

https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/salisburypantr y/

Children's Centres:

Wiltshire Children's Centres have sent us this poster with information about activities you can find on their website. Click on the image to take you there.

