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## Newsletter No 36

### Dear Parents/Guardians,

I thought we'd start off this week by looking back on this busy week, to give you an idea of the number of opportunities activities which are available to the children, and which must be juggled by the staff at this time of year –

Monday, for example, was interesting because we had several class teachers out of School (to undertake some rare and unmissable training) and despite this, most of the day went really well, and what wasn't as good as we would like for the children, was used to improve provision for the future;

On Tuesday the infants used the field (which resulted in some disruption for our classes) but it was great to see the community working together;

Wednesday was our Transition Day – so the children were almost all out of their normal environment (but they reacted really well) – and included Year 2 children visiting, their parents having a welcome meeting, followed by one for the Year 5 parents about the Newbarn Trip in September; (Here I would like to say very well done and thank you to all of the staff in School for Bump Up day because the care and attention they paid - quite naturally - to the children and their parents was evident. Both children and parents/guardians to whom I have spoken, have shown – and spoken about – great confidence in the School, and in individual members of staff.)

Also on Wednesday, we had children in Marlborough at a sporting fixture and, again, we had really positive comments about the way they behaved socially, and in terms of Sportspersonship;

Thursday was a quieter day, during which, however, excitement was still present for the Year 6 children going to the Burgate, who had their transition day – obviously entering into the event with the expected levels of positivity, from the comments we have received; and last, but not least;

Friday – a quiet day at the office – no; Year 5 walked to the Playhouse for their matinee Viking performance, and are coming back there for their 6.00pm performance. Whilst they are off-site, the Year 6s have been putting together their last performance, 'The Lorax', in to which they are investing a great deal of effort and talent – we look forward to seeing the final product.

Whilst all of these events were happening, the School operated as normally as possible to maintain stability for the children, despite the tiredness and heat expected, and otherwise, as we hurtle towards the end of the academic year. When the children finally get home this evening – and over the weekend – please allow them some relaxing downtime – we have been promoting tolerance all week. Knowing how irritated and prickly we are as adults when overly hot and tired, for children it is worse because they haven't always built up the experience and bank of techniques to maintain balance.

### And now, The Newsletter...

**Green Cards** – Well done to Mulberry and Birch classes who both received the most green cards this week for their good deeds, outstanding behaviour and achievements. I hope you enjoy your non-uniform day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**Attendance** – The winner of the Smith Cup (for the second week in a row) for the highest attendance for last week is Rowan Class who achieved an excellent 99.4% attendance.

Whilst writing about attendance – some of you may be getting a letter about your child(ren)'s attendance. At this time of the year, and periodically at other times, we are required to get in contact if your child(ren)'s attendance falls below 90%. Even though there are often really genuine reasons why this may happen – that we know already – we still have to write to you if this percentage of attendance is not met. Please do not feel that receiving a letter is a form of judgement – it's something we have to do, and we use it as a way of offering support; if we know the reason, we are probably helping out as much as we can (as appropriate) and if we don't know the reason, we can start a conversation which will allow us to decide the best way of offering help.

**Happy Anniversary (to us)** – we hope you have all received the letter sent home this week about our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. We are so pleased to invite you all into School for our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 1.45pm and look forward to seeing you there.

**Anniversary Lunch** - we will be celebrating with a Whole School Picnic lunch on the field, so please send your child in with a packed lunch on Tuesday. If your child usually has school lunches and you would like the kitchen to provide them with a picnic lunch then please make sure that you order this on Monday morning.

**Summer Dance Classes** - Salisbury Dance Studios have been in touch about a day/or two of dancing including jazz, tap, musical theatre, contemporary and more over the Summer - 21 August 5-7 year olds, 22 and 23 August- age 8 up. Led by Miss Katy with a team of professional performers - held at Salisbury Dance Studios. For more information email [katycolegrove@gmail.com](mailto:katycolegrove@gmail.com)

**Brass and Woodwind Students** – we hope that you have had Mr Walker’s invitation to Monday night’s Brass and Woodwind Extravaganza, we know it’s been in the dates for your diaries on our newsletters for a little while now. Please see the attached poster, by way of a reminder.

**Water ... Water** – as the hot weather continues please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school. This can be any bottle, it doesn’t have to be a School logo’d one. This will mean that they can comfortably get on with the day rather than having to come out of class to ask for cups.

**Vikings** – we wish all of our Year 5s all the best for their performance at the Playhouse this evening, if it’s anything like the matinee performance, all those of you watching are most certainly in for a treat.

**Music Lessons** – some spaces have become available for music lessons from September – please let the Office know (preferably in writing) if your child is interested in learning a musical instrument and they will pass your details on to the appropriate music teacher.

**Year 6 Lorax** – tickets are now on sale and hopefully you received the message earlier in the week. To make sure that everyone has equal access, without doing multiple performances (with the overly tired children mentioned above) tickets are limited to 2 per child, in the first instance, and we will then see how many extras we have left over. Any extra tickets will be available on a first come first served basis, so look out for a message next week.

**NSPCC** – A reminder that the NSPCC will be coming to collect sponsorship monies and forms on Monday. Please remind the children to bring them in.

Have a super weekend

**Mr L Coles - Headteacher**

### Important Dates for Term 6

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	NSPCC Sponsor Money Due Brass and Woodwind Concert
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Harnham Junior School’s 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Open Afternoons for All Classes
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 5 Masterclass – Trafalgar School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Presents: ‘The Lorax’ – 6pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Presents: ‘The Lorax’ – 1.30pm Year 6 Presents: ‘The Lorax’ – 6pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Leavers Party – 6pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 10am BREAK UP AT 3.15pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	TD DAY – School Closed
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	SUMMER BREAK – School Closed

## Dates for the 2018-2019 Academic Year So Far

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	TD DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	BACK TO SCHOOL – Start of Term 1
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	TD Day – School Closed
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	HALF TERM – School Closed
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	BACK TO SCHOOL – Start of Term 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018 – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	CHRISTMAS BREAK – School Closed
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	BACK TO SCHOOL – Start of Term 3
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	HALF TERM – School Closed
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	BACK TO SCHOOL – Start of Term 4
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	EASTER BREAK – School Closed
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	BACK TO SCHOOL – Start of Term 5
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	HALF TERM – School Closed
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	BACK TO SCHOOL – Start of Term 6
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	SUMMER BREAK – End of the Academic Year

**Don't Forget –**

### **PSA Weekly Parent Support Drop In**

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays @ 2.30pm or **Call** 07542 822 846 to speak to Mandy.

**School Office Opening Times** - Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 3.30pm – or **Call** 01722 327218 **Email** [office@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk)