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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week is Willow Class with an attendance of 100% - very well done to you all.

Green Cards – the class which won the most Green Cards this week for good deeds, outstanding behaviour and academic achievement this week is Birch and they have therefore earned themselves a non-uniform day on Friday 5th May – well done.

Once Upon a Dream – is the name of a recent poetry competition which some of the children from this school decided to enter. Very well done to those of you whose poems have been selected to be published in the book – details of the book and how to purchase a copy if you would like one, to follow shortly.

Year 6 SATs Week –The children are ready and raring to go for next week's SATs – and need only to take the time to relax, take exercise and most importantly enjoy themselves –as ever, a healthy diet, water and plenty of sleep will benefit them as well. To help get the day(s) off to a good start we would like to invite the Year 6s to breakfast in the hall from 8.20am each morning next week.

Year 6 Secondary School Visits – hopefully you have all, now, received offers from your schools of choice and are starting to receive information about transition events and invitations to visit. It is really important for the children to go and get a taste of their new schools, meet some of the children they will be with next year, and some of the teachers, and we wholeheartedly encourage their attendance at these events, all we ask is that you let us know so that we don't chase you with an absence text, and so that we can have them ready for you in reception if you are collecting before the end of the school day.

If you haven't received an offer, or have missed the application process, please let us know, we might be able to help.

Year 5 Secondary School Visits – we know that all the Year 5s, and you as parents, are thinking about what schools they would like to apply to next year, and some of the schools are advertising open events and taster sessions. Please keep an eye on their websites for any events and, as for the Year 6s above, let us know if you are taking your child out of school for a visit.

Healthy Schools – from the School Councillors – it's great to see all the healthy food coming into school for snack time! Thank you for helping Harnham Junior School to make a difference. This week's winning class, and the custodians of the brand new Silver Pineapple Trophy is Cherry- well done.

Important Notices:

School Times and Attendance – a reminder – As you know, the school day runs from 8.40am to 3.15pm. Please make sure that your child(ren) is(are) in the playground by 8.40am so that they can line up with their class ready for registration. Any late arrivals must report in to the office so that we know they have arrived, otherwise you will receive a text asking you to call us. Any child arriving after the register has been completed will automatically receive a late mark and it will count against their attendance score. Please let us know in advance, in writing, if your child is going to be absent, late due to a **necessary** appointment, or collected early for a **necessary** appointment, by emailing us at absence@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk.

Gate Opening Times – we know that there have been some occasions where the gates have either been locked early or not unlocked early enough but we hope this issue has now been resolved. The gates are unlocked at 7.55am to allow access to Breakfast Club, and they will be open until 9.15am, which should allow enough time for Junior School, Infant School, and Puddleducks parents, alike, to exit the grounds. If you would like to leave after this time, please use the main school exit onto Saxon Road. The gates will be unlocked again at 2.55pm and will remain open until After School Club has finished for the day. We hope this helps to avoid any confusion.

Community News: - No news this week.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

With Kind Regards

Mr L Coles - Headteacher