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Green Cards – Well done to Mulberry & Birch Classes who have earned the most Green Cards this week and will, therefore, be rewarded with a non-uniform day each. Mulberry will have their non-uniform day next Friday 8th July 2016, whilst Birch (because of visits, services, mystery trips etc) will have some delayed-gratification, having to wait until Friday 15th July for their non-uniform day.

Sports Day – We were very disappointed to cancel Sports Day today, believing in its role of bringing the community together and encouraging children to compete in a fair and friendly way. As I'm sure you will appreciate, although we like to plan ahead, the weather is outside our control, especially as the last few weeks' rain continues to drain off the Harnham Slope and onto the field.

Cake Sale – It was lovely to see so many of you supporting the Year 5 Cake Sale. Thank you for your generosity. Your pennies are being counted as we speak and we will hopefully be in a position to let you know the grand total raised for Race for Life next Friday.

Bump Up Day – We are really looking forward to Bump Up Day on Wednesday and hope that the children are too, we are sure they are excited to find out their new classes and meet their new teachers. As the Wiltshire-ish-wide school "Bump Up" day is 6th July, please do remember to let us know if your Year 6 child is attending any induction days or workshops other than on that day, we are aware, for example, that the Burgate Induction Day is taking place on the 5th July.

Year 4 – New Barn – Straight after School on Bump Up Day (Wednesday 6th July) parents/guardians, whose children are presently in Year 4, are invited to find out all the details about the trip from next year's Year 5 staff team. Please remember, full payment is now overdue, so, if you haven't yet been able to pay the balance of monies for this trip, please do pop in and see us; there may be some way we can help. We don't want children missing out, and will do all we can to help.

Year 6 Leavers Events – We are very pleased to have planned a number of events for our Year 6 leavers, as detailed in the important dates section of this email. To clarify, the Leavers Service at Salisbury Cathedral is for the Year 6 children only; unfortunately, as children from across the Diocese join together, there is not enough room for parents to attend. So you can join in with the celebrations, however, we are staying with our tradition of conducting our own very special assembly for our Year 6s on the last day of term. On Wednesday 20th July, we are holding the famous Harnham Junior School Leavers' Service, which will be at 10.00am in the school hall – parents/guardians of Year 6 children are very welcome.

We are also offering the Year 6 Leavers a fantastic party from 6.00-8.00pm on Monday 18th July 2016. There will be a selection of activities and games. Traditionally the children have come to this event dressed for the Job they would like to do when they grow up. Although we will be very sad to see them go, the children are ready to move on to secondary school, and are enjoying the last few days of their primary schooling.

Year 4 Charity Event – A reminder - Year 4 are planning a Fundraising event in aid of the Stars Appeal which will be held on Friday 8th July, first thing in the morning. The children will be making games using their DT and Science skills and you are invited to support the charity by coming to play the games at a cost of 10p per go. Year 4 parent volunteers would be warmly welcomed, to help set up and run the stalls; if you are able to help please let your child's class teacher know.

Music Students – Mr Walker and Mr Parsons will be in school for their final lessons of the academic year this week; Mrs Hooper, however, will be returning on the 14th July to catch up with some missed lessons from earlier this term. Mr Blackham has contacted parents directly to let them know his end of term dates.

Traffic and Parking – Please remember, again, that access to Hollows Close, Folkestone Road and Saxon Road is for permit holders only. Please be aware that you are breaking the law if you drive up and/or park on any of these streets. There are plenty of other options for drop off/pick up, including spaces on the Old Blandford Road, St Georges Hall Car Park and the Cricket Field Car Park, all of which are only a very short walk away.

Year 5 – Osmington Bay Payments – Although the deadline for receiving full payment for this trip has now passed, as for New Barn, above, if you need any assistance at all to fund the trip please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Year 5 Secondary School Plans – Taster Days – We thought it might be helpful to list some of the taster events available to the year 5s at the moment (in date order). As always, however, please keep an eye on the websites of any schools that interest you, in case you see something that we haven't.

School	Event	Date	How to arrange:
Bishops Wordsworth's Grammar School	Open Afternoons	28 th June to 4 th July 2016 from 2pm to 3.30pm	No need to book. Please see the BWS website or contact them on 01722 333851 or email admin@bws.wilts.sch.uk
South Wilts Grammar School	Open Afternoons		No need to book. Please see the SWGS website or contact them on 01722 323326 or email head@swgs.wilts.sch.uk
St Edmunds Girls School	Taster Day	30 th June 2016	Please book online using the school's website or contact them as above.
	Taster Day	7 th July 2016	
Wyvern Boys College, Laverstock	Taster Day	7 th July 2016	Please contact Wyvern directly.
	Open Evening	29 th September	Please contact Wyvern directly.
St Joseph's School	Please contact St Joseph's Directly		
Burgate & Trafalgar	Although the Taster Days have now passed, please remember you can contact the schools directly to make an appointment to view them.		

Harnham Schools Association AGM – is taking place on the 14th September 2016 and will be followed by a committee meeting to which all are welcome. Items on the Agenda for the AGM include:

- Apologies
- Matters Arising
- Treasurers Report
- 200 Club
- Requests from Schools
- Diary Dates
- AOB

Some Reminders:

Drop-In to see Linda in the Lodge– Please remember that Linda Kendell-Scott (our Parent Support Advisor, or PSA) is available in the Lodge for Drop-ins. If you would like to contact her, you can call her on 07584087059

Smoking, Electronic Cigarettes & Vaping – In line with any traditional forms of smoking, please note that the use of electronic cigarettes is not allowed on the School Site. Whilst electronic cigarettes are not specifically mentioned on signs around School (because they were not then invented), we do have a smoke-free site on which we model healthy behaviours, and encourage children to follow that example. As there has been insufficient time for the use of electronic cigarettes to be seen as demonstrably safe over the long-term, we liken their use to other nicotine based products.

Hot Chocolate – A Reminder - If you would like to buy your child a hot drink on the Purple Bus, before or after school, please not only stay with them whilst they drink it, but also for Health & Safety (to Give Peace a Chance) on the playground stay on the Bus, or on the new picnic tables behind the bus, to drink it. Don't forget: If you are CRB/DBS cleared and would like to serve refreshments on the Purple Bus, even for just one afternoon a month, please contact the office. In the immortal words of General Kitchener, rather than Errol Brown: "Your Bus Needs You".

Community News

Salisbury Dance Studios – are running summer dance workshops on 25th and 26th July, and 27th and 28th July, 10am to 3.30pm at a cost of only £40. Contact Katy Colegrove at katycolegrove@gmail.com or on 01722 329007 for more information.

Starcast - are delighted to let you know that they are now enrolling students for their Annual Starcast Workshop which is from Monday 8th August. Details are attached with copies in Reception.

Holiday Camps - There will be holiday camps at South Wilts CC. For your diaries, they have 3 camps planned for the season - 1st-3rd June, 25th-27th July, and, 15th-17th August.

Steeple Langford Cricket Club – although the term has started, newcomers are always welcome on a Wednesday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, for more information please contact andyfoyle@hotmail.com. There will be a holiday camp at Steeple Langford from 1st August to 3rd August.

Girls/Ladies Cricket - South Wilts ladies and girls cricket section is growing rapidly and will have a programme of friendly and competitive matches over the summer, alongside weekly training with qualified coaches. We will be training on Monday nights starting mid-April, with matches on weekday evenings and on Sundays. They are always on the lookout for new players, or ladies and girls just wanting to give cricket a try. So, if you've played before or just want a fun and competitive sport to play over the summer, please contact nigelsell@aol.com for more details.

We hope you have a relaxing week-end.

Mr L Coles – Headteacher

Important Diary Dates

5 th July 2016	Parents' Evening
6 th July 2016	"Bump Up Day" (children will spend time in their new classes and meet their new teachers)
6 th July 2016	HSA Second Hand Uniform Sale
7 th July 2016	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Salisbury Cathedral
11 th July 2016	Year 6 Evening Performance
12 th July 2016	Year 5 Productions at the Playhouse
12 th July 2016	Year 6 Evening Performance
13 th July 2016	Year 6 Afternoon Performance
13 th July 2016	HSA School Disco
Monday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Party (6.00-8.00pm)
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service (10.00am)

SUMMER BREAK	25 th July to 31 st August 2016
1 st September 2016	Term 1 Starts – All Children in School
6 th September to 9 th September 2016	Year 5 – current Year 4 – trip to New Barn
14 th September 2016	HSA AGM followed by a Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Junior School Library
30 th September to 3 rd October 2016	Year 6 – current Year 5 – trip to Osmington Bay
6 th October 2016	HSA Cheese and Wine Night with Live Music

A Reminder of Timings & Some Things which just Make Life Easier:

- The School Day is from 8.40am to 3.15pm.
- Please remember - If your child arrives after 8.40am and the class lines have already been taken in, please make sure you bring them round to reception to report in with the ladies in the office. You will receive an absence text if the registers have already been completed and your child has not signed in at the office.
- Please try to let us know by 8.30am if your child is going to be absent.
- The playground is supervised by School Staff from 8.30am and not before.
- The School Office is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm but you can leave a message for us at any other time either by email: office@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk or as a voicemail on 01722 327218. Absence reports can also be left on our voicemail.

Please also remember that you don't need to queue to hand in slips or letters, there is a post box by the letter rack (where you should be able to find the most relevant, recent letters that have been sent home, or emailed home) in the main reception area, (not the HC3S one which is for dinner monies) where all correspondence will be safe until we open it after the morning rush.

Envelopes can also be handed to the Class Teacher as these are brought safely to Reception with the Registers/Tray. Please do make sure that all monies are clearly labelled with your child's name and class (and what the money is for) and in a sealed envelope. The correct money is always appreciated as we don't always have change. We hope these systems make it easier for you during the morning drop off, and afternoon pick-ups.

For your safety, and for that of the children, we cannot let unauthorised visitors go past reception. We are really happy to help you with anything though, so please just ask.