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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to thank everyone in the School Community for their mutual support during this difficult week. Despite the circumstances, it has been rewarding to see the way the overwhelming majority has cared for each other. The Memorial Service held this afternoon allowed the children to be together, as a community. Those who were unable to join in the Memorial Service, were looked after in a friendly and caring way, undertaking social activities. As ever, we will keep a careful eye on your children; emotions and memories may be set off at any time, and by unexpected triggers - please do let us know if your child would benefit from any help we can offer.

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week are Ash with an attendance of 99.3% congratulations.

Green Cards – the class which won the most Green Cards this week for good deeds, outstanding behaviour and academic achievement, and have therefore earned themselves a non-uniform day on the first Friday after half term is Sycamore Class. Well done.

Parent Consultation Meetings – **don't forget** you should have received a letter about the consultations which will take place on April 5th. If not, please pop into reception where there are hard copies available on the letter display. Your class teacher will send you a slip with the time of your appointment nearer to the event.

11+ Club – This ever popular familiarisation club will restart on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March 2017. If any additional Year 5 pupils would like to join in, they would be very welcome. Forms are available from the school office if you are interested, because it is necessary to sign up in advance. This term the main focus will be on mathematics and after Easter we will be sitting, and then going over, examination papers.

Readers in School – we would still gratefully welcome any help with reading in school. If you, or a family member or friend, has any spare time to come and hear some children on a regular basis we would be very grateful. Please pop into the office if you can help, even if just for half an hour a week, or speak to your class teacher.

World Book Day – as per our pre-half-term newsletter, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March and we will be celebrating this in school through a variety of activities. As part of the celebrations, we would love for each child to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

On the day, all children will be given a book token which can be taken to a book shop and swapped for one of the ten exclusive and completely free World Book Day books. Alternatively, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead.

Harnham Schools Association News:

Here is a list of up-coming events from the HSA so you can save the dates.

- March 2nd - HSA committee meeting 6pm all welcome.
 8th - Disco 17th Wear your own cloths and donate a box or bar of chocolate for chocolate bingo night
 24th - Chocolate bingo - more details to follow
 30th - At the Parents Consultation in the INFANTS - Sally Firino prints display for silent auction -for more details please see the letter attached with this newsletter.
- April 2nd - car boot sale £5 per car. Get clearing out ready for spring ☺ – please see the poster attached with this newsletter.
 5th - at Parents Consultation JUNIORS - Sally Firino prints display for silent auction - for more details please see the letter attached with this newsletter.

1HC3S - Overdue Payments – apologies to all those who do pay promptly, but, please ensure that you pay for school meals promptly as it is HC3S policy not to feed the children of parents who owe money – whether or not they do take pity on a child who does not have any food for the day is up to their generosity – but it would be embarrassing all round. Please make sure that your payment is in a suitable envelope and marked clearly with your child's name and class. Remember, if you do have difficulties paying for lunches, ask us, with full confidentiality, about help that we can give. If you qualify for Free School Meals, we can help with lunches, trips and the purple parts of the School Uniform – even if your children don't want to take up the offer of lunches.

Bikeability – Year 6 – Our first lot of Year 6 bikers thoroughly enjoyed their 2 day Bikeability course this week, even going for an off-site guided ride today. The March course has one place left and we are planning another course in April. The course teaches the children basic cycle proficiency, including road awareness & safety and basic bike maintenance. If you would like more information, or to sign your child up for the next course, please pop into the office, or email the office@ email address at the top of this newsletter with the subject heading BIKEABILITY. We will open the course out to Year 5s who are already 10 once we are satisfied that there are no further Year 6s waiting to attend. We run courses every year so please don't worry, your Year 5 child won't miss out.

Important Notices:

School Times – the school day runs from 8.40am to 3.15pm. Please let us know in advance, in writing, if your child is going to be absent, late, or collected early, 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.

Lost Property – all named items of lost property (that have been handed in) have been returned to children in class. If your child is missing something, please speak to their class teacher. We will continue to display un-named items in reception, or on the playground on dry days, towards the end of every term. Please do come and ask us, though, if you are missing something in the meantime.

Community News:

Zumba Fitness – There will be no Zumba classes on Monday 27th February and Monday 6th March.

Becci looks forward to welcoming you back to class on Monday March 13th at Harnham Junior School Hall from 6:15 - 7:15pm.

Healthy Me – Five Rivers Leisure Centre continue to run a Healthy Me programme on Wednesdays from 4.30pm to 6pm. It is a fun healthy-lifestyle journey for children aged 7-11 and supports children and young people to achieve a healthy lifestyle through fitness and diet. Call 01225 716674 or email healthyme@wiltshire.gov.uk for more information.

With Kind Regards

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