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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Traffic and Parking – Again - There are still vehicles driving up Hollows Close and Saxon Road despite the rules and regulations. You may know (we have heard many comments) that tickets are being issued to those choosing to ignore the rules of the road. It has been confirmed that regular enforcement of the no-driving policy, up both Hollows Close and Saxon Road, will continue. Please help us to keep our children, parents and members of the public, safe – as well as being considerate of our neighbours. This week we have received a letter from a resident of Wesley Court, on Parsonage Green, who returned home one day to find that he could not park in his own car parking space because there were eleven ‘visiting’ cars.

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week is Willow Class with an attendance of 97.5 - 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 Friday 28th April is Cedar – well done.

Healthy Schools – during the spring term, as part of our ‘Make a Difference’ project, school council members have conducted research to understand what sort of snacks children across the school have been eating. We realise that, although some people are choosing to bring healthy snacks, lots of people are bringing unhealthy snacks which only give us short bursts of sugar filled energy. These type of snacks do not help us to maintain our focus in lessons. We would like to address this issue by encouraging pupils to bring healthy snacks to school throughout the summer term. A healthy snack is something that comes in ‘mother nature’s’ packaging, for example: a banana, apple or orange to name just a few. There will be rewards for children who are able to regularly bring in a healthy snack. Thank you for helping Harnham Junior School to make a difference.

Parent Consultation Meetings – it was great to see so many of you at school on Wednesday for the Parent Consultation Meetings. Please don’t worry if you haven’t met with your child’s class teacher, we can still arrange that for you, just let us know.

Mrs Newsom’s 11+ Familiarisation Club – Year 5 – The 11+ Familiarisation Club will run every Tuesday and Wednesday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm, during next term, when there will be an opportunity to sit and go over exam papers. If any Year 5 pupils are interested, please collect a letter from the office.

Sporting News

Netball Club – our Netball Club is opening its doors to more players! There will now be an extra session on Tuesday mornings at 8am for Year 6s, current and new players, and our current Year 5 players. Year 4s are now, also, welcome to join in on Tuesdays after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Please email the office, over the holidays, with “NETBALL” as your subject heading (make sure it stands out, we’ll no doubt have a few emails to go through when we return) and we will add your child to the list. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Rugby – On Wednesday 20 children took part in the local schools Tag Rugby Festival. Both the ‘A’ and the ‘B’ team played some fantastic rugby, demonstrating great skill and teamwork. After doing well in the group stages, the two Harnham teams had to play each other in their final match of the day. After a close start, the ‘A’ team won, securing themselves a place in the County Finals in May, with the ‘B’ team narrowly missing out on a place. Well done to both teams who represented the school so enthusiastically and thank you to the Adults who accompanied the children on the day.

Summer Dresses – Kids Klobber now have purple gingham dresses in stock, in a range of sizes.

Lost Property – we have scoured the school for items of lost property this week – hunting high and low. All named items, that have been found, have been returned to the children in their classes. All un-named items are in a box in reception – pop in and have a look through. We will, as always, donate the items to a charity of our choosing if they remain unclaimed by the end of the first week back after Easter. Mrs Knight’s charity of choice this term is ‘Mind’.

Harnham Schools Association News:

Sally Firino Prints Silent Auction – Thank you so much to all who took part in the auction and also to Sally Firino for donating the

prints to the HSA. The amount raised was £130.57 and lucky winners of 4 of the prints are as follows:

Sarah Robertson	- ABC animal print
Vicki Poole	- Coffee pot print
Viki Ford	- Camper Van print
Alex and Melanie Warner	- Town Path print

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New School Dinner Menu – there are plenty of hard copies in reception if you would like to pop in and collect one, there is also, now, a copy on our website.

Overdue Payments – Apologies, again, to those of you who pay promptly and in advance. There is still a significant number of overdue payments(a total of £390 is outstanding) for hot school meals, despite weekly letters and text messages. Please make sure that your payments are in a suitable envelope (it doesn't have to be a school envelope) with your child's name and class written on – Mrs Trendall can work out the rest. Please, if you receive a request for payment from us, pay promptly. Our ladies in the office have, very helpfully, worked out that the cost of daily dinners for one child next term is £48 – why not pay up front in advance!

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:

Kicks'n'Tricks - Easter Holiday Football on Tuesdays' and Wednesdays' 11th, 12th & 18th, 19th April. Cost is £12 per day or £20 for both days in same week. Please see Posters for more information or contact Kieron by email to kicks-n-tricks@hotmail.com or by ringing 07708 407264.

Charity Coffee Morning – one of our pupils is holding a coffee morning on Saturday 15th April at St Thomas' Church in aid of UNICEF and linked to the more recent events in Syria. It would be lovely if you could pop along and give your support.

Cricket at Steeple Langford - SLCC would like to invite any keen junior cricketers in the Salisbury area to attend a free of charge pre-season taster session on Wednesday 19th April at SLCC from 18:30 to 20:30 to see if we are the club for you or cricket is your sport before you actually commit. Can you please email andyfoyle@hotmail.com to register interest or ask any questions. Following this pre-season session if you would like to join SLCC, the outdoor coaching program and cricket offerings are outlined in paperwork emailed with the newsletter last week and hard copies can be found in Reception.

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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