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Newsletter No 3

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have all had a delightfully sunny, busy and very productive week – all the music lessons are in full swing, some of the Year 6's went off for a Technology & Art Day at Sarum Academy, Years 4 and 5 Open Afternoon (more below) and we continue to implement our behaviour policy whereby we consistently treat our peers and contemporaries with care and kindness.

Green Card Awards – Well done to Birch Class who, for the second week running, have received the most Green Cards this week for their good deeds, outstanding behaviour and achievements – we hope you enjoy your second non-uniform day of the term on Friday 27th September 2019.

Bicycles, Scooters and Other Wheeled Leisure Toys/Vehicles – Please do **NOT** allow your children to ride their bicycles, scooters and other wheeled leisure toys/vehicles across the School playground – cycling and scootering commuters should dismount at the School gates – otherwise, there is just not enough room/too many people for us to ensure safety. Thank you for your co-operation.

Baby News – I am delighted to report that Mrs Webb (who taught Year 6 Cedar Class last year) gave birth to Heidi Meredith Ann Webb last Sunday (15th September) morning. Both mother and baby are doing well and I am sure you will join me in sending Mr & Mrs Webb our best wishes and many congratulations.

Smith Cup for Attendance – The winners of the Smith Cup for Attendance last week is Cedar Class, who achieved a credible attendance of 99.6%. Well done Cedar.

Uniform/Belongings – A reminder that we already have a large pile of un-named (or illegibly named) jumpers and cardigans – it is so important that **ALL** items are clearly named when they come into School - in future if an item remains in lost property for more than a week it will be sent to charity. We also have a vast collection of plastic lunch and snack containers.

Passenger Assistant Opportunities at Wiltshire Council – We have had an email from Wiltshire Council Recruitment Team which reads as follows “*We are currently recruiting Passenger Assistants to join both our casual bank and on a permanent basis across schools in Wiltshire. You will be supporting vulnerable children or adults travelling on Wiltshire Council contracted transport to and from school or their respective social day care services. Working in conjunction with the driver you will ensure that the passengers in your care have a safe and enjoyable journey. You will need to be patient, understanding and have the ability to empathise with vulnerable children and adults, who may have a physical disability, learning difficulties and/or display challenging behaviour. For more information and to apply please visit <http://jobs.wiltshire.gov.uk/> Alternatively email Patricia.Newton@Wiltshire.gov.uk for further information*” We also attach a flyer for your interest.

Clubs – As we stated last week all the children have been successful in obtaining a place in their requested Club(s) – however, these are now full (with the exception of French Club, Crochet Club and Card Games Club) – please do not submit any more forms to any Clubs other than these as we simply cannot accommodate any more children.

The Big Purple Bus Re-Opening - You may have noticed that our Purple Bus has been sat slightly dormant after school each day since our return from the Summer Break. Our returning parents possibly would have noticed the small lake that had appeared underneath the Bus at the end of last term, which was a result of a ‘small’ water leak. We, of course, wanted to ensure that this had all been repaired and there were no lasting issues before opening, and we are pleased to report that there is no lasting damage and the bus will be re-opening next Friday 27th September. With all of this in mind we attach a form with the Newsletter this week so that you can let us know your thoughts about developing its use, and availability, if you have any, to help provide a service for all. We are so pleased to be able to offer the bus as a space for parents to meet, and share a coffee/cup of tea (and maybe a biscuit) each day, and we could not do this without the help of our generous volunteers. It would be wonderful if more parents/guardians (grandparents/aunties/uncles) could volunteer a bit of time to help share the

load, making sure the Purple Bus Café stays open for all. It does not have to be a huge commitment, an hour a week, fortnight or month, or help with our special Pop Up Bus events would be welcomed equally. With this in mind, we have attached a short form for you to complete if you have any time, or indeed if you have any ideas for developing the use of the bus, for example, workshops about how to support your child in School, or maybe you would like to run a workshop, or know someone that could?

School Fund - As you are no doubt aware, there has been a vast reduction in the amount of funding available to Schools whilst the cost of resources increases. We are very proud of the environment we provide for our pupils and are always looking for new ways to adapt and develop not only the curriculum that is taught, but also the opportunities and environment that we offer to them. We do not always have the funds available to provide every opportunity that we would like, and parental contributions, over the years, have made a such a clear difference. We have, this year, decided to make things a little easier by asking for a voluntary contribution of £25.00 at the beginning of the year, rather than approaching you for lots of contributions throughout the year, and this payment is now available on our School Money System. In the past, contributions to our School Fund have helped to support the School in lots of different ways, not only by enhancing curriculum resources, for example, last year we were able to replace our very old and cranky electronic keyboard with a newer version from the Music Room in Salisbury which they kindly discounted and delivered for us. We have also been able to subsidise the cost of trips that children may not, have otherwise, been able to attend, as well as enhancing art supplies and our outdoor environment.

Pupil Premium - Whilst we are on the subject of funds, we thought it might be a good time to attach another copy of the eligibility criteria for Pupil Premium. If you think that you may meet any of the criteria, please come and see us for an application form. Pupil Premium can be used in so many ways to support your child, and therefore you, as well as the School, to ensure that every child has fair access to everything they need for their education.

Secondary School Applications – Year 6 Parents – Another reminder that these need to be completed on line at www.wiltshire.gov.uk by midnight on 31st October 2019 – should you require assistance from Wiltshire Council please call their Customer Services number on 01225 713010. We are also attaching to this Newsletter, flyers from Wyvern St Edmunds and Burgate in connection with their upcoming Open Days. In addition, on Wednesday 16th October Mr Rooney, Head of St Joseph's Catholic School, is coming in at 3.30pm to talk to any Year 5 or 6 Parents who would like more information about his School. Parents will be asked to sign in at Reception after collecting their children before making their way to the Hall.

Years 4 & 5 Open Afternoon – Thank you to everyone who came along to our Open Afternoon today – we had a huge turnout – over 120 - which was lovely to see. Thank you to all who came along for your support.

Year 6 Open Morning – A reminder to Year 6 parents and guardians that the Year 6 Open *Morning* is next Friday, 27th September 2019 from 9am to 9.45am – please sign in at Reception from 8.55am.

Year 6 Osmington Bay Meeting and Information – Apologies for not sending out the information about the forthcoming Osmington Bay Trip (taking place from Friday 18th to Monday 21st October) this week – we are just finalising all the details and will be sending it out next week. We will be holding a Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 1st October at 3.30pm in the Hall – all Year 6 Parents and Guardians are encouraged to attend. (Choir Club will still be taking place that evening – just in another room).

Flu Vaccinations – Flu Nasal Vaccinations will be taking place for ALL year groups on Monday 4th November 2019 and you are requested to complete the consent form on line at <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>. In addition, Virgin Care are holding a Parent Talk in the School Hall on Friday 27th September at 2.45pm to give a small talk and answer any questions or concerns you may have.

11+ Familiarisation Club – Year 5 – A letter has been sent out to all Year 5 pupils, and their Parents/Guardians, advertising the 11+ Familiarisation Club which will begin in November. Mrs Newsome would like to get some idea of the number of pupils who would like to be involved. If you are interested and have not received a copy please pick one up from the School Office.

Flyers - In addition to attachments mentioned above we also attach flyers from The Beautiful Game Project and Energy Kidz.

If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to come to the Office to seek advice, arrange an appointment or just to say hello – all our contact details are at the top of the Newsletter.

We wish you a very happy weekend.

With kind regards

Mr L Coles - Headteacher



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Diary Dates – 2019/2020

21 st September 2019	Year 6 Girls Practice Verbally Reasoning Test at South Wilts Grammar School (you must have registered for the test directly with the Grammar School)
28 th September 2019	Year 6 Girls 11+ at South Wilts Grammar School (you must have registered for the test directly with the Grammar School)
24 th September 2019	Oak Class Swimming Lessons – Oak class will start their 5 week course of swimming lessons on Tuesday mornings, the last lesson will be on Tuesday 22 nd October 2019.
26 th September 2019	HSA Meeting
27 th September 2019	Year 6 Open Morning – 9.00am-9.45am
27 th September 2019	2.45pm Flu Vaccination Parent Information Talk by School Nurse
30 th September 2019	Individual and Sibling Photographs – watch out on the Newsletter for more information, a little closer to the time.
1 st October 2019	Osmington Bay Trip – Parent Information Evening – 3.30pm
7 th October 2019	3.30pm – 8pm – Parent Consultation Evening – Booking letters will be sent out during the last week of September
16 th October 2019	St Joseph's Catholic School Talk – Years 5/6 Parents/Guardians – 3.30pm – School Hall
18 th October 2019 to 21 st October 2019	Year 6 Trip to Osmington Bay
23 rd October 2019	TD DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
24 th October 2019 to 1 st November 2019	HALF TERM BREAK
4 th November 2019	First Day of Term 2
8 th November 2019	Flu Vaccinations – All Year Groups
26 th November 2019	Beech Class Swimming Lessons Commence
29 th November 2019	HSA Christmas Fayre
20 th December 2019	TD DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
23 rd December 2019 – 3 rd January 2020	CHRISTMAS BREAK
6 th January 2020	First Day of Term 3
14 th January 2020	Sycamore Class Swimming Lessons Commence
17 th February – 21 st February 2020	HALF TERM BREAK

24 th February 2020	First Day of Term 4
27 th March 2020	Reports Sent Home
30 th March 2020	3.30pm-8.00pm – Parent Consultation Evening – Booking Letters will be sent out late mid March.
6 th April – 17 th April 2020	EASTER BREAK
20 th April 2020	First Day of Term 5
8 th May 2020	SCHOOL CLOSED – May Bank Holiday FRIDAY
13 th May 2020	Year 6 SATs Week
18 th May 2020	Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon (TBC)
22 nd May 2020	Sports Day Afternoon – more information will be sent out a little closer to the time but you are invited to join your child for lunch on the field before clapping and cheering the afternoon events.
25 th May – 29 th May 2020	HALF TERM BREAK
1 st June 2020	First Day of Term 6
25 th & 26 th June 2020	TD DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
1 st July 2020	Wiltshire Schools BUMP UP DAY - Year 2s come up into Year 3 for the day Years 3, 4 and 5 will spend the day in their 2020/2021 classes Year 6 will receive invitations from their secondary schools to attend for the day
2 nd July 2020	Hampshire Schools BUMP UP DAY – Any year 6s transitioning to The Burgate School and Sixth Form will be invited to attend for the day.
10 th July 2020	Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 Reports Sent Home
13 th July 2020	3.30 to 8pm - Parent Consultation Evening – Booking letters will be sent out during the first week of July.
20 th July 2020	6 – 8pm - Year 6 Leavers' Party
21 st July 2020	10 – 11am – Year 6 Leavers' Service
23 rd July 2020	START OF SUMMER BREAK