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Newsletter No 7

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back, to Term 2 already. We hope you had a restful half-term break, and that everyone is ready for this increasingly busy run up to Christmas. The children have had a very positive start to the new term, and settled back in well.

Mrs Connolly Returns - Mrs Connolly will be returning to School on Wednesday 8th November. It is my unfortunate duty to tell you that she is returning to work earlier than expected because her baby was stillborn. Having spent time with her family, she now feels ready to return to work.

Please reassure your children, as you see fit, because many of our pupils will remember that Mrs Connolly was pregnant, that whilst it is very sad the baby died – there was nothing that anyone could do, and it's all right at times to feel sad. Please do remember, this is a rare event.

We all respond differently to news like this – please don't avoid Mrs Connolly, whilst, at the same time, respecting her privacy and feelings by behaving as you would want others to behave around her.

Despite the circumstances, it's great to welcome Mrs Connolly back into our community.

P.S.A. As you know, for several years, Linda Kendell Scott worked very successfully with families, as our Parent Support Advisor. Since her departure, we have been working hard to find someone who could take on, and extend the role. I am delighted to be able to tell you, therefore, we have been very fortunate to be able to secure the services of Mrs Mandy Whelan, who brings with her a range and wealth of experiences. Soon you will receive more information, contact details, upcoming events etc., but this is just to let you know that a P.S.A. is available, and to welcome Mandy.

Safeguarding – as you know from past newsletters, we have to ask you not to enter school, other than the reception area, unescorted at any time. This is as much for your safeguarding as it is for the children. If you need help with anything in the mornings please find one of our Senior Leadership Team members who are always available on the playground from just before 8.30am until just after we expect all the children to have arrived. If there is no one on the playground, please come to the office. If you need help with anything in the afternoons then please feel free to pop into the office, or speak to your teacher on the playground.

Green Cards – the classes that won the most Green Cards this week for good deeds, outstanding behaviour and academic prowess, and will therefore have a non-uniform day next Friday 10th November are Cherry and Rowan. Well done all.

Attendance – winners of the Smith Cup for the best attendance record for the week (and a bit) leading up to half term were Oak class, with overall attendance of 99.3% and Larch with overall attendance of 99.1%. We are still chasing that elusive 100% attendance though.

Attendance for this week is as follows:

	Mornings	Afternoons		Mornings	Afternoons
Mulberry	99.3%	100%	Aspen	98.6%	98.6%
Oak	97.6%	98.4%	Larch	95.9%	95.2%
Sycamore	97.9%	98.6%	Willow	95.2%	95.2%
Birch	98.6%	98.6%	Ash	98.7%	98.7%
Cherry	94.5%	95.2%	Cedar	96.7%	98.7%
Rowan	99.4%	98.7%	Juniper	96.7%	96.7%

Don't forget that attending school late (after registration) will also have an adverse effect on attendance figures. A calm and prompt arrival at School has such a positive impact for each child - meaning that they can get themselves ready and settled for

the important business of learning, which is, after all, what they are here for, rather than being flustered, and disturbing the rest of the class, by arriving late.

The Scholastic Book Fair – as you can see from our list of dates below, the Scholastic Book Fair are visiting the school from Tuesday 14th November until Monday 20th November. The fair will be open between 8.30am and 8.50am in the mornings and 3.15pm until 3.45pm in the afternoons. Your child will soon be bringing home a leaflet showing you some of the books available to buy and classes will also be given a chance to browse the books during a library session. We are always hugely grateful of your support as every book purchased generates valuable commission for the purchase of new books for our school library. We look forward to seeing you there.

Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2017 - a huge thank you and well done to a group of librarians and young scientists who helped with the judging of the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2017. The children had 6 shortlisted books to choose from and the group considered how each book looked, what made it interesting, how well it was written and whether they would recommend it to a friend. After careful consideration, the group chose 'A First Book of Animals' by Nicola Davies as their overall winner. Their vote has now been submitted and in November they will hear which book was awarded the prestigious title of The Royal Society's Young People's Book of the Year 2017. The books are now on display in the library and our librarians are looking forward to hearing what everyone else thinks of them.

Trussell Trust – Christmas Boxes – thank you to those of you who have been able to send in a Christmas box for the Trussell Trust, please remember that if you can't send in a box a small item will do. The Trussell Trust will be collecting from us very early on the morning of the 16th November, so please can we have your boxes in reception by 3.15pm on the 15th November.

Parish Christmas Card Competition - Harnham Parish would like to invite the children to draw a Christmas picture for the annual Parish Christmas Card which is distributed to homes throughout Harnham in the lead up to Christmas. Designs need to be on A4 paper in black and white only, as it needs to be photocopied. We'd love to give them lots of entries to choose from. Please bring them to the office by **Friday 17th November**.

Children In Need – Friday 17th November 2017 – children can wear spots to school and bring in £1. Although you can no longer buy things with the old £1 coins, Pudsey is really happy to have them, what a perfect opportunity to get them out of your purses, wallets and piggy banks.

Harnham After School Club - has some places available. If you are interested, please call into the club (Beech classroom at Harnham Junior School) or phone 07544 499288, after 3.30pm.

Some Reminders about School Procedures:

Absence Communication – please let us know, in writing, in advance (that morning, at the latest), if you need to collect your child a little early for a **necessary** appointment. It is difficult to retrieve them quickly from class, assemblies, or PE with no notice.

School Lunches – remember that school lunches are £2 per lunch, per day and payments need to be in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class written on. You can pop school lunch monies in the HC3S secure box in the reception area.

Lost Property – what we do – if and when we receive an item of named property in the front office, we will make sure it makes its way back to your child. If an item is un-named, we will send the item round to all of the classes with our prefects 3 times. If it is unclaimed after 3 attempts it will go in the lost property box in reception where it will be available until the end of term. Any un-named, un-claimed items will be disposed of at the end of term, good items of uniform will go to the HSA for their quality seconds stock. Our lost property box is currently overflowing with un-named items. Please pop in and check through them if you have lost anything. There are a number of lunch boxes in the reception area that have no visible names.

Lost Property – what you can do – please name all of your child's school property and encourage your child to be as responsible for their belongings as possible. We encourage them to be as independent as possible, within the safety of the school, and take responsibility for their possessions, in order to prepare them for their transition to secondary education, and beyond. If your child has lost something, please encourage them to talk to their teacher, who will help them to look for it, either themselves, or by pairing them with a buddy and encouraging them to look, and ask, around the school. Please also pop into the office and let us know what's missing, and we will keep an eye out for it too.

We hope you have a great, and safe, time if you are attending, or hosting, a fireworks event this weekend and look forward to seeing all of the children relaxed and ready for a new week on Monday.

Mr L Coles
Headteacher

Important Dates for Term 2

Tuesday 7th November	Sycamore Class: visit to Stonehenge
Wednesday 8th November	Year 3 and Year 4: Flu Vaccinations - there are spare forms in reception if you haven't already returned one
Thursday 9th November 2017	Mulberry Class: visit to Stonehenge Year 5: Close Encounters with the Space Dome
Tuesday 14th November 2017	Book Fair Opens and is with us until Friday 17 th November Visit from Maz Evans, Author
Wednesday 15th November 2017	HSA Disco Night Trussell Trust Christmas Box Deadline – please deliver your boxes by 3.15pm to reception. Thank you.
Thursday 16th November 2017	Oak Class: visit to Stonehenge
Friday 17th November 2017	Dress in Spots for Children in Need – bring £1
Tuesday 21st November 2017	School Photo Day - (there will be an opportunity for sibling photos at the end of the day, more information will follow)
Friday 1st December 2017	HSA Christmas Fayre
Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December	Year 6: Bikeability Course: FULL
Monday 11th December	School Choir and Orchestra: Performance for Parents at 3.30pm
Tuesday 12th December 2017	Year 4 Production – from 1.30pm – details to follow
Wednesday 13th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch – watch out for menus which will be sent out soon Year 4 Production – from 6pm – details to follow
Thursday 14th December 2017	Year 4 Production – from 6pm – details to follow
Friday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day – more information to follow HSA Film Club – watch out for flyers coming home soon
Tuesday 19th December	Whole School Carol Service at St Thomas' Church – 5.30pm onwards
Wednesday 20th December	Break up for Christmas at 1.15pm
Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2018	TD DAYS – SCHOOL IS CLOSED
Monday 8th January 2018	Start of Term 3

Our website calendar will be updated as and when new events are planned but we will continue to publish our key dates for the current term here.