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## Newsletter No 33

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Attendance** – Winners of the Smith Cup this week is Rowan Class with an attendance of 100% - very well done to you all.

**Harry Potter 2017 Book Week** – Book fever swept through the school this week as our annual Book Week celebrations got underway. The theme of Harry Potter proved a very popular choice, providing unlimited scope for the children's imaginations and creativity. The week got off to a flying start with a whole school dress up day and 'Harry Potter' themed lessons and lunch. Throughout the week, we saw the launch of The Big Family Read, were visited by the Scholastic Book Fair and enjoyed a very special visit from some feathery friends. Thank you to all of the teachers, support staff, parents and children who helped make this week so special.

**Sex and Relationships Education Lessons (SRE) Information Meeting** – this will take place Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30pm, for more information please see the letter attached with this newsletter.

**Green Cards** – The class which won the most Green Cards this week for good deeds, outstanding behaviour and academic achievement this week is Willow who have, therefore, earned themselves a non-uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – well done.

**11+ Familiarisation Clubs** – will restart on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 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 children will be sitting and then going over examination papers. In addition there will be an introduction to non-verbal reasoning for the

**On the Subject of Healthy** – we have a number of children requesting plastic cups for drinking water at the moment. Not only is this disruptive as they need to come out of class to ask for them, but they are also leaving them on the drinks fountain and, no doubt, sharing round some lovely germs (especially in this nice hot weather). Please can you make sure that your child has a drinks bottle in school so that they have easy access to hydration, all day long, not least in this current heat.

**Museum** – **you may remember that**, on the Wednesday before half term, Miss James organised a trip for four children from each class to go to Salisbury Museum to become Museum Experts (Curators) to help the children in their classes. On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June **you are invited** to come in after collecting your children at the end of the school day, to visit the children's museum – this session will run between 3.15 & 4.15pm, giving you the chance to see what wonders children across the school achieve.

### HSA News

The next HSA fundraiser will be a Zumbathon, which is taking place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Harnham Juniors School Hall and there is now a sign-up sheet available in each school office. It will be adults only this time, but please bring along family and friends for what should be a fantastic, fun and fitness orientated event. The HSA very much look forward to seeing you there.

### Sporting News:

**Tennis** - On Wednesday 8 children from Years 3 and 4 travelled to Riverside Tennis Club to represent the school in the School games Tennis Tournament. The children played brilliantly, demonstrating great strength of mind and fabulous tennis skills throughout the day. Overall the 'A' team won the tournament and the 'B' team came 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all of the team and thank you to Mrs Seagrove for accompanying the children on the day.

### Year 5 & 6 Information:

**Year 6 Secondary School Visits** – hopefully you have all, now, received offers from your schools of choice and are starting to receive information about transition events and invitations to visit. It is really important for the children to go and get a taste of their new schools, meet some of the children they will be with next year, and some of the teachers, and we wholeheartedly encourage their attendance at these events. All we ask is that you let us know so that we don't chase you with an absence text, and so that we can have them ready for you in reception if you are collecting before the end of the school day.

**If you haven't received an offer, or have missed the application process, please let us know, we might be able to help.**

**Year 5 Secondary School Visits** – we know that all the Year 5s, and you as parents, are thinking about what schools they would like to apply to next year, and some of the schools are advertising open events and taster sessions. Please keep an eye on their websites for any events and, as for the Year 6s above, let us know if you are taking your child out of school for a visit. We know that some of the dates may “clash” with events taking place here at Harnham, but we also know that the schools are very flexible and most have a variety of dates available on which to visit them. In fact Mrs Quartley has spoken to some schools already and they will be offering us alternative dates which we will let you know as soon as possible. We also know that Schools are happy to see you if you would like to arrange visits on non-taster days.

We have tried to help your planning a little by including the dates, that we know of, for taster and open sessions, on our Dates for the Fridge: Term 6 Update, which is attached to this newsletter.

#### **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](mailto: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.

**Please Read This Again (we still have some) - Toys in School** – Please remember, as has always been the case, toys (including those to do with craze of Fidget Spinners/Fidget Widgets) are not permitted in school. We have found ourselves in a situation where we have had no choice but to look after a number of items from children this week, no doubt causing upset, all of which could have been avoided by the item(s) being left at home. Many of these items, including those that have been cleverly marketed by claiming to aid your child's concentration, are very distracting, both to the child playing with it, and to all those around. If your child has been assessed as requiring assistance with focus in class they will have been provided with resources by our Staff. Any toys that are brought into school will be looked after and will only be returned to the child(ren)s' parents at the end of the day – after all, if they (the toy, not the parents) are left in School bags all day, there is a possibility that they will get lost, which would also cause upset.

**Dogs at the School Gate** – we have a number of dogs who walk to school with their owners, and wait patiently for them at the school gate whilst they drop off, or collect, their children. Please encourage your children to practice dog safety by not approaching them whilst they are doing their important job of waiting. Similarly, if you are the owner of an anxious dog it may be best to let them wait somewhere they won't be unduly bothered or startled.

#### **Community News: -**

**Harnham Fete** – this is taking place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 2 to 5 pm, at George's Field, Lower Street, Harnham, entrance £1. There are lots of exciting things taking place and the children are invited to attend in fancy dress as 'Film Characters'. A selection of children's work will be also be displayed at the Fete. For more information phone 07925108856 or email [harnhamparish@btinternet.com](mailto:harnhamparish@btinternet.com).

**Salisbury Area Music Co-Operative** – all Brass and Wind mums and dads/grannies/grandads/uncles/aunties etc (no dogs), are cordially invited to their annual “play some tunes all together and maybe a few solos if they want” concert. The date for this is Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm and Mr Walker and Mrs Hooper look forward to seeing you there.

**Starcast Performing Arts Schools** are very excited to announce the opening of new Starcast Dance Classes for all children aged 18 months to 18 years including Acrobatic, Beginners Tap, Beginners Ballet, and Baby Ballet. They also have a super Dance Class for Adults if you Mums and Dads want to give it a go! They would also like to let you know that Starcast have a fabulous Summer Workshop from 14 – 18<sup>th</sup> August - where children and teens will take Drama, Singing and Dance Classes with top professional teachers.

For more information on how to join please go to our website [www.starcastperformingarts.co.uk](http://www.starcastperformingarts.co.uk) or email [samholloway123@btinternet.com](mailto:samholloway123@btinternet.com)

**Steeple Langford Cricket Club** – Please see the attached flyer which is linked to the Wiltshire Cricket Board News as this Summer sees a brand new initiative called All Stars Cricket launched in Wiltshire. All Stars Cricket is a nationwide programme that is designed to inspire five to eight year-olds to take up cricket and provide a great first experience of the game. Putting fun right at the center of this experience, All Stars Cricket aims to instill children with a lifelong love of our sport. We want today's kids to remain in cricket for the long-term – whether that's as players, volunteers, officials or spectators. Across Wiltshire we have 28 clubs delivering All Stars Cricket so there is guaranteed to be a club near to your school. We believe All Stars Cricket will provide a great way for 5-8 year olds to get active and engaged in a sport which is fun and inclusive. From next academic year we will be able to offer All Stars Cricked themed sessions as part of a wider offer to schools.

**South Wilts Cricket Club** have a Summer Camp - please see attached Flyer for details. The course is open to boys and girls aged six to fourteen year olds, and will involve activities such as Fielding, Group and net coaching and Team Games  
We hope you have an enjoyable break over half term, and look forward to seeing you safely back at School on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Wilton Week and the Great Big Lunch** – everyone is invited to go along to the Wilton Shopping Village on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 11-4pm. Activities include: Live music, BBQ, cocktails, Tombola, Games and Creative crafts. Take a picnic or enjoy the food and drinks for sale on site. Free entry and free parking.

With Kind Regards

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