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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week are Mulberry Class – with an attendance of 97% - congratulations.

Green Cards – the classes 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 3rd February are Ash and Cherry. Well done.

Sporting News – Yesterday nine children from Years 5&6 travelled to Pitton Primary School for the first of our netball High 5 league games. They all played brilliantly, demonstrated great team work and application, winning 8-1. Well done, and thank you, to all involved in playing, arranging and supporting.

The Big Purple Bus – Don't forget we are trying to create a rota of helpers to ease the load of those already helping, and so that we can hopefully open a little more often, and consistently. We know that, with other commitments, it's difficult, but please do pop into the office to put down your name if you can spare some time.

The H.S.A have a stock of good quality second hand uniform available for sale on the bus at 50p per item, feel free to pop on board when the bus is open and have a rummage.

Cake Sale – there is a Cake Sale coming up, on the school playground / Purple Bus after School, on Friday 10th February. We would be very grateful for any cake donations on the morning of the sale – more details to follow. Thank you

HC3S - 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.

Readers in School – if you, or a family member or friend, has any spare time to come and hear some Year 6s readers 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.

Harnham Schools Association News:

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

February 3rd - film club showing of 'Fantastic Mr Fox', entry is £3.50 and slips must be returned to the school office by Tuesday 31st January 2017. As always, there are only 100 seats available so reply early to avoid disappointment.
The HSA are unable to accept late replies.

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 - Sal Fed Firino prints display for silent auction - more details to follow

April 2nd - car boot sale £5 per car. Get clearing out ready for spring ☺ - more details to follow

5th - at Parents Consultation JUNIORS - Sal Fed Firino prints display for silent auction - more details to follow

Club News:

Go Active: hard copies of all the forms to apply for the clubs listed below have been sent home with your children today.

Half Term Holiday Club – Matt is running his hugely popular Half Term Holiday Club on 16th and 17th February 2017. Flyers have been sent home but we have plenty of forms available in reception if you would like to pop in and sign your child up.

After School Football – As you know, *Go Active* have unfortunately had to cancel their Monday after school football club this term due to lack of take-up. Please let us know, by emailing the office with the subject heading "FOOTBALL" if your child would like to do this club, and we will see if we can resuscitate it. *Go Active* need a minimum of 12 children to make it viable for them.

Dodge Ball – All Years – We hope you have all received the flyers sent home about the exciting new Dodgeball Club that is starting next term, for all years, on a Monday after school. We have plenty of hard copies of the sign up form available in reception if you would like to sign your child up.

Street Surfing – Years 5 & 6 – It's the turn of the Year 5s and 6s to surf the streets, well the playground anyway, next term. Pop in for a sign up form if you haven't already got one.

Spanish Club – as per last week's newsletter there are still places in the Spanish Club which runs after school on Tuesdays from 3.15 to 4.15pm. Please let the Office know if you would like a place for your child. Mrs Campos would also be happy to run a club on a Tuesday lunchtime if there is enough interest, so again, please let the Office know if your child would like a place. Thank you

Street Surfing Club – We still have space available for this term, it is the turn of Year 3/4s and it runs every Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15pm. Next term, starting on Thursday 2nd March, it will be the turn of the Year 5/6s and your child/ren should have brought home a copy of the letter. Hard copies are also available in reception.

Bikeability – Year 6 – The February course is now full but the next one has been booked for the 30th and 31st March and there are 5 places left. We will be able to offer dates for extra courses later on in the year. This 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 later in the year.

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 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. Un-named and un-claimed property from last term has now been disposed of. Mrs Poole's charity of choice this month (for the textiles) was Barnardos.

The Deadline for Secondary School Applications has Passed. If you have not applied for your Year 6 child's Secondary School place for September 2017 then you will now have to look into the Late Application Process. More information can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

Year 2 to Year 3 Transition – please also be aware, if you have a child who is currently in Year 2 at the Infant's School, and, as we reiterated in the Year 2 Parents Information Evening (Wednesday 12th October), you need to apply via admissions at www.wiltshire.gov.uk to secure a place for them, with us, for the 2017 intake. *The deadline for all primary school applications was 15th January 2017 so you will need to make a late application.*

Community News:

Free football for girls - Salisbury Rovers FC (www.salisburyroversfc.co.uk) is holding a FREE football session for girls (aged 5 to 14) at 2.30 to 3.30 on Sunday 5 February at Sarum Academy, SP2 9HS. All abilities welcome. This fun session will be led by an FA Skill Coach as well as the FA qualified club coaches. If you are interested in going please email or text to let them know you are going on: salisburyroversfc@outlook.com or 07543654971.

Zumba Fitness – a new Zumba Fitness class started recently here in our very own school hall, from 6.15 to 7.15pm on Mondays, at the bargain cost of £5 a class. No experience needed, wear comfy clothes and bring water and a smile. For more information telephone Becci on 07769 262438.

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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