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Newsletter No 13

Dear Parents/Guardians,

News of the Week:

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week are Aspen – 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 25th November are Oak and Juniper classes. Well done.

The Big Purple Bus – As you know, 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. 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 HSA 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! And from Tuesday 6th December, mince pies and chocolate yule log will be available from the Bus. Please come and sample.**

Christmas Carol Concert - 13th December 2016 – Our Year 3 children have been busy rehearsing for our annual Christmas Carol Concert at St Thomas' Church. Although our Year 3s lead the Concert it is a fantastic occasion for the whole school. The Concert starts at 6pm at St Thomas'. Please arrive early for good seats though! We ask that Harnham Junior School children wear school uniform (purple jumpers/cardigans please) and we reserve some pews at the front for them. We really look forward to seeing you all there! (Year 3 children will have received a separate letter with more details).

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 16th December will be our traditional Come-to-School-wearing-your-favourite-Christmas-Jumper (if-you-have-more-than-one) Day. As ever, you shouldn't feel any pressure – if your child doesn't have a Christmas Jumper, we will have tinsel, glitter and all things Christmassy to decorate one that you don't mind having 'up-levelled' (which may be a permanent change). We will be collecting any small donations you would like to make which will then be given to charity. Thank you

Choral and Orchestral Christmas Concert – as per our "Dates for the Fridge" the much anticipated Harnham Junior School Choral and Orchestral Christmas Concert (easy for you to say) will take place on Monday 5th December at 3.15pm (until around 4pm) in the Hall. All are welcome, especially Choir and Orchestra parents. Please let us know if you are able to make it so that we can make sure we have enough seats out for everyone.

Sporting News

Orienteering – recently a team of 12 Year 5 and 6 children represented the school in an Orienteering competition at Harewood Forest. The children worked in pairs, reading maps, to navigate around two courses through the trees. All of the children completed both courses in fantastic times. Well done to all involved; you demonstrated great teamwork.

High 5 Netball – a team of 9 Year 5 and 6 children represented the school at the district finals of the High 5 competition. They all trained hard for this event, which was evident in the quality of play demonstrated. The team won 3 of the 4 games convincingly in the first round, placing them 2nd in their pool. They then won their semi-final against Winterslow, placing them 3rd in the competition overall. Well done to all of the players; you are a credit to Harnham Junior School.

Parent Governor Vacancy: we currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you would be interested there are letters, which have a lot more information about the role and how to self-nominate, available on the letter display in reception and a copy available for download from the website.

HSA Christmas Fair – preparations for the Christmas Fair are underway! All children should, by now, have received a letter from the HSA asking for something specific for the Fair:

- **Year 3** – please bring in a bottle (non alcoholic, or alcoholic) and hand it into the office.
- **Year 4** – please decorate a glass jar and fill with sweets – you can leave these on the marked table in reception.
- **Year 5** – please fill the bag that came home with your letter (or a sandwich sized bag from home) with some treats (pencils, sweets, small toys, etc) – you can leave these on the marked table in reception.
- **Year 6** – please bring in some Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola and hand into the office.

Year 6 Helpers – year 6 have also been asked if they can help at the Fair. If you are happy for your child to do so please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter you have received and return it to the office

Grown Up Helpers – the HSA would also dearly love some more helpers please. If you can spare any time at all for preparation, running a stall, or helping to clean up afterwards, that would be fantastic.

HC3S

Christmas Lunch – whilst on the subject of Christmas; have you ordered your child(ren)'s Christmas Lunch yet? Menus are available from Reception (although flying off the shelf almost faster than we can print them) and a copy is, once again, attached for your ease. On Tuesday 29th November, the menu change will be roast beef with Yorkshire Pudding, rather than roast chicken.

Overdue Payments – please ensure that you pay for school meals promptly. We are 12 weeks into the school year and collectively you, the parents, owe HC3S £600. If this money is not paid, the school is liable, which means that we cannot afford everything we would want to. It is HC3S policy not to feed the children of parents who owe money.

Since this Academic year has started, Miss Trendall and her team of All Stars have produced over about 20,000 meals for your children and it would help them enormously if they didn't have to spend time chasing debts.

Year 6 Heights and Weights – the School Nurses will be with us on 6th December. A letter was sent home in October explaining the Heights and Weights programme and asking you to return a slip if you wished to "Opt Out". Please make sure you have let us know, either by returning that slip, or by emailing the office with "Opt Out" in the subject heading, if you do not wish your child to be measured.

Scout Stamps – remember that we have Scout Stamps available to purchase from reception at 25p per stamp. There is a very festive post box in reception and a list of the areas the Scouts deliver to is available on the office window. Last post is Friday 9th December 2016.

Bikeability – Year 6 – we are lucky enough to be able to offer a Bikeability course to our Year 6 children. Our first course will be running on 23rd and 24th February 2017. 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 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 next year.

Monday after school Football – Go Active will be opening up the Monday after School Football Club to all years due to the low take up from Years 5 and 6. As of January 2017 this club will therefore be open to Years 3 and 4 as well. Application forms are available from reception and an electronic copy is also attached.

Street Surfing – it will, once again, be the turn of the Year 3s and 4s to take over the Surf Boards in January. Application forms have been sent out, hard copies are available in Reception and there are copies on the website.

Important Notices:

Arrival and Absence – can we please remind you, that if you are late arriving at school, and the teachers and children are no longer in the playground, to bring your child(ren) to reception and sign them in with the admin team. If your child is not signed in with the admin team, and has missed the register, you will receive an absence text and they may not get an opportunity to have ordered their lunch.

Please let us know as early as possible if you are going to be late, or if your child is not going to be able to attend school. The office is open from 8.30am but you can leave a message on the answerphone at any time.

Lost Property – all named items that make their way to "Lost Property" will continue to be returned to the children in class. Please make sure that your child's uniform, lunch bags, book bags, etc, are all labelled, it makes returning items so much easier. Any un-named items that are handed in will be taken round to the classes for identification as often as we can during the course of a term, and otherwise kept safe in the office. We will try (weather allowing) to make lost property available on the playground at the end of each week. If your child has lost something please encourage them to talk to their class teacher about it and, if it can't be found in class, to come and let us know in the office and we will keep an eye out for it. Any un-named, un-claimed, lost property items will be either donated to the HSA, or to charity, at the end of each term.

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 is 15th January 2017.*

Community News:

Wiltshire Junior Chess - are holding a fun day tournament in Salisbury on Sat Dec 10th (at Leehurst Swan), and I just wanted to drop you a line in case any of your students were interested in playing (these events are typically in Swindon). The age categories are U9, U11, and U18.

Full details and entry forms can be found on the Wiltshire Junior Chess website.

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 will be 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.

Puddleducks – Because of an increase in the number of children attending Puddleducks, they are trying to recruit a new full time (9:00am until 3:30pm) Early Years Practitioner; looking for someone who has a level 3 childcare qualification or a level 2 qualification with aspirations to work towards level 3. There is an advert in The Journal, which can be found at; <https://www.sw1jobs.com/job/early-years-practitioner-cd9d76de> or you can enquire at Puddleducks for more details. Contact details are (01722) 416293 or puddleducks.salisbury@gmail.com.

With kind regards,

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