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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Traffic and Parking – In line with most, if not every, school, despite a great deal of work over the last decade, there is still a great concern about safety for people – adults and children – walking to and from School. Bluntly, the cause of this concern is individuals not following the access restrictions. Access to Saxon Road and Hollows Close is prohibited at School times – as clearly signed – even when it's raining and you're running late. Unless you have a permit, the restrictions apply to you too. I know most of you reading this do follow the rules of the roads – please, for the sake and safety of everyone in our community, let us encourage everyone in our community to follow the rules of the roads.

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week are Mulberry Class with an attendance of 100% - 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 24th March are Aspen and Mulberry. Well done.

Harnham Garden Society – are holding their Spring Show this Saturday, 18th March, from 2.30 - 4pm at Harnham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Road. Some of the children have work being exhibited, and the Garden Society would welcome you to go along and have a look.

Mini Marathon – We appreciate the closing date has passed but late entries will still be accepted (£5). The Marathon Committee have kindly agreed to the extension, so please (adults and children) get your running shoes on.

Bikeability – Our March course is now full, but we are taking names for the April course so do let us know if your child would like to take part. The course is for Year 6 children at the moment, but we will open it out to Year 5 children, who are already ten later in the year.

Red Nose Day – There is a letter attached with this newsletter.

Sporting News:

Orienteering - Some of our Year 5 and 6 children have recently been taking part in an Orienteering competition and have thoroughly enjoyed it. The local Orienteering club have now invited children from Harnham Junior School to join their club, please see attached flyer"

Netball – The netballers played very enthusiastically but unfortunately the goals did not materialise and they were on the side which came second. Well done and thank you to all the supporters.

Harnham Schools Association News:

Chocolate Bingo (yum!) - A reminder - as you know the H.S.A. is holding a Chocolate Bingo evening on Friday 24th March 2017, to which you are all invited – it was amazing to see all the chocolate arriving at school today, thank you for keeping up your end of the bargain for the non-school-uniform day.

HC3S - Overdue Payments – Again and Again, and Again!- 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.

Parent Consultation Meetings – don't forget - that these are on the 5th April. If you haven't yet requested a slot please pop into reception where there are forms still available.

11+ Club – This ever popular familiarization club is back with us this term. 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 main focus will be on mathematics and after Easter we will be sitting, and then going over, examination papers.

Readers in School – we would still gratefully welcome any help with reading in school. If you, or a family member or friend, has any spare time to come and hear some children 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, or speak to your class teacher.

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 (that have been handed in) 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, though, if you are missing something in the meantime.

Community News:

Figsbury Challenge 2017 - is a 13 and 5 km charity running event which takes place on Saturday 1st April 2017 and might be a great chance to practice for the mini marathon. Details are attached with this newsletter.

Zumba Fitness – This began again on Monday March 13th at Harnham Junior School Hall from 6:15 - 7:15pm.

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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