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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Author Visit – Shane Heggarty (Author of the ever-so popular Darkmouth Series) will be visiting on Wednesday afternoon, as part of his UK Literary Tour, in which he will talk to the children. He will be available after School – so, if you have copies of his books at home, you could bring them in for a signing. Copies of the latest book in the series, will be on sale by the Librarians on Wednesday, at a discounted rate of £6.00.

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week are Birch & Willow Classes – congratulations.

Green Cards – the class who won the most green cards this week for good deeds, outstanding behaviour and academic achievement, and have therefore earned themselves a non-uniform day next Friday is…. (pause for dramatic effect)… Rowan.

The Big Purple Bus - over the next three weeks exciting events will be happening on the bus, starting with crumpets before School next Monday 3rd October. Pop along each day to see what's new. If you would like to volunteer to help or have ideas on what we could do, please let one of the Year 4 teachers know. Also, if you are DBS checked and able to spare some time in the afternoons, please let us know. Without the help of our wonderful band of volunteers we would be unable to open the bus at all. We would like to make up a rota of helpers to ease the load of those already helping, and so that we can hopefully open a little more often. Please pop into the office to put your down name.

Big Me – Children, what do you want to be when you grow up? Show us by coming to School as a 'grown-up you' on Friday 14th October, and bring a £1 donation to help ActionAid create a better future for children around the world. Dress up! Raise money! Change lives!

Important Dates – we hope you have all now received a copy of our 'Important Dates for your Fridge' Issue number 2. There are still copies available in Reception should you need one.

11+ Familiarisation Club - A reminder to Year 5 parents who are interested in the 11+ Familiarisation Club which will be starting in November. Please return forms stating an interest in a Tuesday or Wednesday club, by Thursday 6th October. They are available from the School Office if you have 'carefully filed for future reference' the other copy.

Harvest Services - the children have all enjoyed our Harvest Services this week, making valuable contributions regarding conservation and being caretakers of God's world. Thank you to Rev Becky who led our services, and also to the volunteers who walked with us to the Church on Wednesday.

Open Afternoons – it was lovely to see so many Year 3 Parents here this afternoon, and Year 4&5 Parents last Friday afternoon. We hope that you enjoyed your Class Assemblies. It will be the turn of the Year 6s to open their classes to their Parents on Friday 14th October when they will be telling you all about this weekend's trip to Osmington Bay.

Restricted Access to Hollows Close, Folkestone Road and Saxon Road – can we please remind you, again, that it is a traffic offence to drive up or park in Hollows Close, Saxon Road and Folkestone Road. These restrictions are in place, not only for the benefit of the residents of these roads, but also as a safety measure for your children, and the children attending the Infant's School. We have, sadly, received a number of calls recently from residents, and parents of children in both schools, who report that the number of non-permit holding cars using these three roads has become very high, leading to some chaos, and danger to pedestrians – including children.

Street Surfing After School Club – this will start in Term 2, after school on a Thursday from 10th November – 15th December (6 sessions). There will be limited places so if you are interested there is a form attached with this newsletter. There will also be copies at Reception.

The Trussell Trust – thank you to all those that have donated food to our Harvest collection for the Trussell Trust. If you have not had a chance to make a donation and wish to do so, please bring your contribution to reception by Wednesday morning when the Trussell Trust will be coming to collect.

Clubs – we still have plenty of space available for the following:

- Kidz Love Fit – Tuesdays from 3.15 to 4pm – this is a fun fitness club for all years (boys and girls). There is a small cost of £20 for the term.
- Street Surfing – Thursdays from 3.15 to 4.15pm – for Years 3 and 4, there is a small cost of £24 for the term.
- Spanish Club – Tuesdays from 3.15 to 4.15pm in Sycamore Class. Again, there is a small cost of £4 per session.
- Choir – Mondays from 3.25 to 4.15pm in the Hall – starts on 10th October 2016
- Wake and Shake – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings in the Hall from 8.30am.

Go-Active – there are plenty of spaces available for the Go Active Half Term Club which will run on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th October 2016. Please pop into Reception to pick up a form, and for more information.

Harnham Schools Association Christmas Card Fundraiser – the designs have all now been collected and the HSA will let us have proofs as soon as they are available and then you can order your Christmas Goodies.

Second Hand Uniform – the HSA are pleased to announce that second hand uniform will shortly be available to purchase on the bus, during bus opening times. Please watch this space for more information.

Secondary School Applications – The Secondary School Application process is open on the Wiltshire Council Website. **Please Note:** the deadline for all secondary school applications is **31st October 2016.** If your child is currently in Year 6 you must have applied on-line by that date. Wiltshire Council are actively promoting online admissions and you can access the application by visiting www.wiltshire.gov.uk. If you have not applied by that date you may be in danger of not getting a place at your school of choice.

Secondary School Visits – please see below a table of Open Days, Evenings and Mornings, that we have been made aware of so far, for some of the local secondary schools. If you intend to take your Year 6 (or even Year 5) child out of school to attend any of these sessions, please make sure you let us know. We would encourage you to please call the individual schools directly, or visit their websites, for more information.

If you are interested in any secondary schools not listed below please contact them directly to ask about opportunities to visit, it may be that they are having an open session but have not advertised it with us.

Leehurst Swan Open Morning	6th October 2016 Arrive between 8:45-9:10am
Trafalgar School Open Mornings	4th and 6th October 2016
The Burgate School and Sixth Form Open Day	4th October 2016 9am to 3pm

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, that 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. We have a Year 2 Parents Information Evening planned for Wednesday 12th October from 6pm in the Junior School hall, and you are also welcome to come for a tour of the School on Friday 14th October at 9am.

Community News:

Harvest Songs & Supper – 7pm this Sunday, 2nd October, at the Old Mill Hotel, Harnham. All families welcome.

Healthy Me – Five Rivers Leisure Centre are running 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.

Starcast – have asked us to let parents know that they have spaces in their very popular Tuesday and Wednesday Salisbury Schools. Their term starts next Wednesday and runs for 12 weeks. For more information please visit their website at www.starcastperformingarts.co.uk

Salisbury Hospice Charity – are holding an Evening of Musical Theatre with Duncan Heather, followed by the Hits of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons on Friday 21st October 2016 at the Michael Herbert Hall, Wilton. Arrival and Buffer Supper at 7pm (to include a 2 course meal). Tickets are £20 per person. For more information call Margaret James on 01722 322595.

'**Sustainable Salisbury' Event** – on Saturday October 8th from 10am – 5:30pm at the Guildhall, Market Square. Over 30 stalls from youth and community groups. Special opening with a mystery celebrity. For more information see the leaflet attached with this newsletter.

We hope all of you have a relaxing weekend – especially all those who are having a quiet weekend with children away at Osmington Bay.

With kind regards,

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Headteacher