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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week are Oak – congratulations.

Access Restrictions in Local Roads

In a recent email conversation which involved residents, councilors and the police, it was noted that the traffic restrictions introduced to several local roads, including Hollows Close & Folkestone Road, have much improved the safety for children attending the School and, I am sure, the peace of the residents. It has been noted, however, there are still vehicles driving up and down Hollows Close without permits – some of which also park on double yellow lines and pavements. This not only is a clear breach of the Traffic Restriction, it adds to the danger your children face on the way to and from School. In the emails it was noted that some of the vehicles are taxis, others are private vehicles without permits – and there is a notable increase on wet and colder days.

I understand that the Police are considering further checks at drop off and pick up times, not only to deter drivers without permits, but to ensure the safety of your children. Drivers, you have been warned; pedestrians, please be careful.

School Council – The School Council has chosen a meal change for this Thursday – in a one-day-only offer – so, this Thursday (19th January) the School Dinner will be a Burger, chips and beans – with the veggie equivalent being a vegetable and cheese bake, chips and beans.

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 20th January 2017 are Juniper and Mulberry.

After School Football – *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.

Bags2School – a reminder - the next HSA fundraising event is the Bags2School collection, which will take place on Wednesday 25th January 2017. If you have had a clear-out over Christmas, then please bear this in mind. Bags can be left in either school on 24th January 2017 as collection is usually early on the pick up day – usually before the children arrive on site.

H.S.A. Film Club - The HSA are planning the next after school film club for Friday 3rd February 2017. We hope your children are looking forward to it. In order for them to run the event they need 4 volunteers to commit to help with setting up and supervising the children during the film.

If you are free to provide support with this event that the children enjoy, which also raises considerable funds for the HSA to give to the School to provide valuable resources and opportunities for your children, then please get in touch with Mrs Jenny Furtado either by text 07753 743888 or email jennyfurtado1379@yahoo.co.uk by Thursday 19th January 2017. If there are not a sufficient number of volunteers to help, the Junior School HSA film club won't be able to take place.

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 started yesterday, but it's easy to catch up. 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 there is an application form attached with this newsletter. Hard copies are also available in reception.

The Big Purple Bus – 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!

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.

HC3S - Overdue Payments – please ensure that you pay for school meals promptly as it is HC3S policy not to feed the children of parents who owe money. Please make sure that your payment is in a suitable envelope and marked clearly with your child's name and class.

Bikeability – Year 6 – The February course is now fully booked, but we will be running another one and will let you know when we have dates. 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:

Arrival and Absence – you have hopefully received a letter from us this week regarding absence procedures. Please do pop in and collect one from the letter display in reception if you would like a hard copy.

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

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:

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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