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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

## Newsletter No 29

**Green Cards** – Well done to Birch Class who have earned the most Green Cards this week and will, therefore, be rewarded with a non-school uniform day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**Year 5 Greek Day** – The children looked amazing in their costumes (as did the teachers), and it was lovely to see everyone get into the Greek topic, learning about, and experiencing, different areas of the ancients' lives. As always, a big thank you to everyone involved for taking part and providing the opportunity for the children to have such a rich curriculum.

**Year 3 Trip to the Roman Baths** – On Wednesday our Year 3 Classes visited the Roman Baths, in Bath. The day was a huge success; this is a trip which is always popular with the children, because they are able to see the (rather interestingly coloured) water in the Baths, taste the fresher stream water that is piped into the visitor centre, and meet some Romans. A huge thank you, again, to everyone who made the trip possible.

**The Harnham Junior School Choir and Orchestra Summer Concert** – Parents, grandparents, siblings and staff alike enjoyed a fantastic concert last night. The Choir, led by Mr Bunn, and Orchestra, led by Mr Abbott, performed various songs and musical pieces; some children taking part in both, whilst others performed solo pieces and duets. As a special bonus track, there was an impressive surprise performance of "California Dreaming", by our Staff Choir. We would like to thank everyone that took part and made the evening such a moving and successful occasion, not least Mr Abbott and Mr Bunn.

**Maths Course Reminder** – We still have some spaces available on our free course for parents, entitled, 'Keeping up with the Kids in Maths' running on the bus. This free of charge course is being delivered by visiting tutor, Liam Oates, over 5 consecutive weeks. Each session will be 2 hours long starting at 9:30am each week. It's a fantastic opportunity to come and see how the children are being taught maths in school.

### Timings & Some Things to Make Life Easier:

- The School Day is from 8.40am to 3.15pm.
- Please remember - If your child arrives after 8.40am and the class lines have already been taken in, please make sure you bring them round to reception to report in with the ladies in the office. You will receive an absence text if the registers have already been completed and your child has not signed in at the office.
- Please try to let us know by 8.30am if your child is going to be absent.
- The playground is supervised by School Staff from 8.30am.

**The School Office** - is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm but you can leave a message for us at any other time either by email: [office@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk) or as a voicemail on 01722 327218. Absence reports can also be left on our voicemail.

Please also remember that you don't need to queue to hand in slips or letters, there is a post box by the letter rack (where you should be able to find the most relevant, recent letters that have been sent home, or emailed home) in the main reception area, (not the HC3S one which is for dinner monies) where all correspondence will be safe until we open it after the morning rush. Please do make sure that all monies are clearly labelled with your child's name and class (and what the money is for) and in a sealed envelope. The correct money is always appreciated as we don't always have change. We hope these systems make it easier for you during the morning drop off, and afternoon pick-ups.

**Bank Holiday** – please remember, it's a long weekend, so see you back on **Tuesday** next week.

### Some Reminders:

**Drop-In to see Linda in the Lodge**– Please remember that Linda Kendell-Scott (our Parent Support Advisor, or PSA) is available in the Lodge for Drop-ins. If you would like to contact her, to avoid having to wait, and to avoid other's meetings, you can call her on 07584087059

**Parents in School** – Can we remind parents that we are always very happy to see you and help you in any way we can but the safety of the children, and yourselves, is very important to us. We would again ask you not to go further into School than the reception area without the express permission of a member of staff. We know that Reception can be busy at times, or the ladies may have stepped away for a moment, but please be patient, we always come back and we are happy to help you with anything you need.

**Puddleducks have a Vacancy** – for a Full Time Early Years Practitioner. Relevant childcare qualifications a must! Term time only. For more information please email [puddleducks.salisbury@gmail.com](mailto:puddleducks.salisbury@gmail.com).

**Purple Bus** – If you are DBS cleared and would love to serve refreshments on the Purple Bus, even for just one afternoon a month, please contact the office. We need you.

### Community News

**Netball** – We have recently received vouchers (and these are in Reception) for two free taster sessions per child at Blue Jays N C on Tuesday evenings 7-8pm at Five Rivers, these vouchers are valid until the 24th May 2016. Some of your children will already be attending Blue Jays or Spire Reds, which is wonderful but our aim is to get more children playing at club level to develop the sport further. The voucher can be used by children who have not yet tried High Five and would like to have a go, or for league players who want to get extra practice and improve their skills. The children can come along any Tuesday, just fill in the details on the voucher and hand in to the coach, Pam on arrival. Any child wishing to join the Club after the taster sessions would be very welcome.

**Holiday Camps** - There will be holiday camps at South Wilts CC. For your diaries, they have 3 camps planned for the season - 1st-3rd June, 25th-27th July, and, 15th-17th August.

**Summer U9 Cricket** -this 10 week Community cricket course will take place as usual on Monday evenings. This starts on Monday 25th April. This is open to boys and girls aged 6-9 (school years 1 to 4).

Please contact [robert.wade@chartltd.co.uk](mailto:robert.wade@chartltd.co.uk) for full details or a form.

**Girls/Ladies Cricket** - South Wilts ladies and girls cricket section is growing rapidly and will have a programme of friendly and competitive matches over the summer, alongside weekly training with qualified coaches. We will be training on Monday nights starting mid-April, with matches on weekday evenings and on Sundays. They are always on the lookout for new players, or ladies and girls just wanting to give cricket a try. So, if you've played before or just want a fun and competitive sport to play over the summer, please contact [nigelsell@aol.com](mailto:nigelsell@aol.com) for more details.

Mr L Coles - Headteacher

### Important Diary Dates

29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Year 5 Open Afternoon – 2.30pm – come to main reception.
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Year 4 Open Afternoon – 2.30pm – come to main reception.
9 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	SATs Week
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Race for Life (in School)
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	HSA – Last Meeting of the 2015/2016 Academic Year
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	HSA Film Night
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2016	Mini Marathon
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Year 6 Open Afternoon – 2.30pm – come to main reception.
6 <sup>th</sup> September to 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Year 5 – current Year 4 – trip to New Barn
30 <sup>th</sup> September to 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2016	Year 6 – current Year 5 – trip to Osmington Bay
MAY BANK HOLIDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2016
MAY HALF TERM	30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016
TD DAYS	21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2016
SUMMER BREAK	25 <sup>th</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2016