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Newsletter No 10

Dear Parents/Guardians,

News of the Week:

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week is Birch Class – 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 18th November is Sycamore class. Well done.

Golden Day – thank you to everyone who supported the Golden Day on Wednesday. It was lovely to see the children dressed so brightly and supporting this cause which, as you know, is very close to our hearts. We had some exciting visitors on the day, including Spire FM and Salisbury Journal, who came to talk to the children and took some pictures of some of the glorious golden outfits being worn in support of Amelia. Please do have a look, on their respective websites, at their supportive reports. We are so very pleased to announce that, so far, we have raised a total of £553.00 which will be paid into the Crowd Funding Account. As well as ourselves, we asked our friends and colleagues in other local schools if they would support our Golden Day as well, and we have been delighted to receive supportive comments in return. Don't forget that the Crowd Funding page only has a couple of weeks to go, so, if you are even just considering a donation, there is a sense of urgency.

Children in need – To support Children in Need next Friday, the children have been asked to bring in a teddy and a small donation of 50p or £1. Thank you

Christmas Box Appeal – Just a reminder that we have hard copies of the letter (emailed last week) available on the letter display in reception. Please do pop in and collect one if you have trouble printing. The Trussell Trust will be coming back to collect the boxes on Thursday 17th November and sadly we have not had any handed in yet. It would be very greatly appreciated by the Trussell Trust if we could manage to get as many boxes as possible ready for them on Thursday. Thank you.

Book Fair - The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our School next week. from Tuesday afternoon (15th November) until the end of the day on Monday 21st November. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase books and support your school at the same time, as every book purchased will help raise funds to buy new books for your library and classrooms. Our School Librarians will be running the fair and very much look forward to seeing you there. We hope you have received a leaflet this week.

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.

School Disco – remember that it's the School Disco on Wednesday! Posters are up around school and there is a flyer attached with information. If you are able to help on the night, or to set up, or tidy away, or in any way whatsoever, please let us know. Our lovely Harnham Schools Association run the event, please see more information about them, and other upcoming events, below.

Scout Stamps – we now have Scout Stamps available to purchase from reception at 25p per stamp. There is a lovely post box in reception and a list of the areas the Scouts deliver to is attached. Last post is Friday 9th December 2016.

The Big Purple Bus – We are pleased to announce that the Harnham Schools Association have arranged for (good quality) second hand uniform to be available for sale on the bus as of next week. 50p per item.

(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. We know that, with other commitments, it's difficult, but please do pop into the office to put your down name if you can spare some time)

Harnham Schools Association – the HSA have asked us to pass on their thanks to all those who are able to support their events, by volunteering, donating, or just coming along. Last terms' Film Night raised the grand sum of £396.65 after expenses. The Cheese and Wine Night raised £180 and, to date, £40.50 has been raised on the Second Hand Uniform Sales. Amazing work! We, the Junior School, would also like to thank everyone for their support, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Harnham Schools Association for their hard work in putting together these events. Their fundraising has enabled us to provide resources and experiences for the children, that we otherwise would not be able.

Christmas Fair – the HSA are working away to bring you, and your children, a fantastic Christmas Fair again. They have received just enough offers of help to be able to put the Fair on again for us this year, but are always grateful for more. If you can spare a little time during the day, or to help out at the Fair itself, or even to come and join a present wrapping party, please do contact us, or them directly.

Clubs – our clubs have resumed this week but there are still plenty of spaces available in:

- our **NEW CLUB** - Mr Williams will be running a 'Fun and Fitness' Club - as its name suggests, covering fitness through different games (not 'sports'). It is taking place on Wednesday lunchtimes and started this Wednesday (9th November) a sign-up sheet is available in reception and the children can sign themselves up, as this is a school time club.
- **Kidz Love Fit** – if your child would like to come along and try Kidz Love Fit on a Tuesday after school just pop in and see us in reception.
- **Spanish Club** – if your child would like to join Mrs Campos' Spanish Club on Tuesdays after school then please do pop in and collect an information letter from the letter display in reception.
- **Monday Football** – there are still some spaces on the year 5/6 Monday after school football club. Application forms are, again, available from the letter display in reception.
- **Year 5/6 Street Surfing After School Club** – we still have a few places available in this club so please do pop in and grab an application form from the letter display in reception. It will run after school, on a Thursday, from 10th November – 15th December (6 sessions).



Sporting News – On Wednesday, 9 children from Y5/6 represented the school at a High 5 netball tournament. The children demonstrated excellent team skills, winning 4 games and narrowly losing one. The team came 3rd overall. Well done to all involved.

Important Notices:

Arrival and Absence– can we please remind you that if you are a little late arriving at school, and the teachers and children are no longer in the playground, to bring your child(ren) into the main 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 try to 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.

Busy Mornings –For your ease, and so that you don't have to wait in line, there is a post box in the main reception area where you can pop all notes, forms, payments and general bits and pieces for the office. The box is checked after the morning "rush" has died down. There is a second box marked "HC3S" for your dinner money payments. Please make sure they are in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and class. There are envelopes available in reception (next to the box) but it is not compulsory to use one of those, an envelope from home is fine.

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:

Zumba Fitness – a new Zumba Fitness class started on 31st October 2016 here in our very own school hall from 6.15 to 7.15 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.

With kind regards,
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