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Green Cards – Well done to Ash Class who have earned the most Green Cards this week and will, therefore, be rewarded with a non-school uniform day on Friday 18th March 2016.

Support your child in their Maths learning - We have 50 copies of the new Pocket-Sized Poster Learning Books for sale in School. The cost of these books is £2.50. Each page covers a different area of maths with clear explanations. If you wish to purchase a copy, please bring or send £2.50 to the School Office to collect one.

Netball - The netballers excelled themselves at the Regional Finals on Wednesday going through as runners-up to the County Finals in April. The children played really well having previously lost to Woodford and drawing with Broadchalke in the local mini league. Many thanks to all who helped and supported.

Open Afternoons – Next term we will be holding Open Afternoons, which will follow the same format as before, where you will have a chance to go to your child/ren's classrooms, look through their work and also be there for a class assembly. These will take place on separate dates for each year group, at a time to be confirmed, as follows:

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| Year 3 | - | Friday 22 nd April |
| Year 4 | - | Friday 6 th May |
| Year 5 | - | Friday 29 th April |
| Year 6 | - | Friday 27 th May |

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 ask you, again, 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.

Dogs in School – We have noticed some canine friends in the playground recently and, whilst we do love them, we have to ask you, again, not to bring dogs, or any other animal, onto school premises. Even if their paws don't touch the ground. There are signs around the school that clearly state that dogs, aside from assistance dogs, are not permitted on site.

Author Visit - We have had such a lovely afternoon with a visit from the author of Beetle Boy, M G Leonard. A group of children were able to meet and talk with her during the day. The rest of the school spent an enjoyable assembly with the author and not only heard her read extracts from her book but also had the opportunity to ask some questions. This was followed by a book signing in the Library for all those who purchased a book.

Free Maths Course Reminder - From Monday 18th April, there will be a course for parents, entitled, 'Keeping up with the Kids in Maths' running on the bus. This free of charge course will be delivered by visiting tutor, Liam Oates, over 5 consecutive weeks. Each session will be 2 hours long starting at 9:30am each week. A free crèche will be available. The places will be filled on a first come first served basis. There is a leaflet with more information attached with this newsletter.

'Go Active' – As part of our healthy school's activities we have arranged for 'Go Active' to come into school on **Thursday 24th March** to run some very exciting sports tasters for the children which may lead to some more after school clubs. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school so that they can take full advantage of the activities in store for them.

A Summer Term Concert – You are warmly invited to a concert in the School Hall on Thursday 28th April 2016 at 6.30pm. There will be musical items from the Choir and Orchestra and assorted soloists. More details next term

Bikeability (cycle proficiency, as was) Unfortunately we had to cancel our last Bikeability Course due to low numbers, which is a shame, but good news if you hadn't had chance to sign up! We have a new date of **12th and 13th April 2016**. If you have a Year 5 or 6 child (they must have had their 10th birthday) who has a bike, please do take up this opportunity for them to learn all about road safety, bike safety and maintenance. It's only £5 per child and is a great pre-cursor to the days when they will start making their own way to school. Please email the office with "BIKEABILITY" as the subject heading, or call in to talk to us about it.

Some Reminders:

Tuesdays on the Bus – between now and Easter, Reverend Becky and Reverend Heather will be leading a time on the bus every Tuesday between 8am and 8.15am as a prayer space with a mixture of silence, music and prayer. If you would like to, please do come along and stay for a cup of tea or coffee (or even an early bird hot chocolate) afterwards.

Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon – 21st May 2016 - We've had some entries back already for the mini-marathon, which is fantastic. Please remember that your entry will need to be in **by 3rd March** if you would like to take advantage of the discounted rate - any late entries will be charged more (£5) and will run the risk of not being included in the printed programme. Later this term, we will have some whole school running sessions, so please ensure your child has the necessary kit each day – just in case.

Child Safety – again – unfortunately we are still getting reports of children getting themselves to and from School in a way which could get them hurt. We urge you to ensure that your children arrive and leave School safely with a responsible adult wherever possible. Could we also add that when visiting the school, you use the main reception entrance and not any of the fire exits or the doors marked no entry.

Catering - Easter Day Menu on Tuesday 22nd March is Turkey Roast and gravy or a Quorn fillet with vegetarian sausage and gravy, accompanied by dry roast potatoes, baton carrots and salad, followed by favourite deserts or fresh fruit. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

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

Community News

Craft Club – Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm – St George's Hall – Newcomers Welcome Whatever the Craft - The Harnham Craft Club is meeting to talk about projects that they could do to benefit the Harnham Schools (they'd love to see some new people). If you are able to donate any resources, unwanted material, unloved wool stashes, etc, they would be very grateful.

Park Run - There is a local Park Run (weekly, free 5km timed run – it's you against the clock) organised by a team of about 30 local volunteers, including parents and, some weeks, children from our local Harnham schools, every Saturday at 9am at Churchill Gardens. Please see Posters for more details or you can google Salisbury Parkrun.

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.

U9 Community Cricket - Two week course March 6th/13th

Due to popular demand, another course is being held. The dates will be Sundays March 6th and 13th from 12.30-2.30pm. This is open to boys and girls aged 6-9 (school years 1 to 4). There will be limited spaces so it is first come first served. Please contact robert.wade@chartltd.co.uk for full details or a form.

Holiday Camps - There will be a holiday camp at Easter at South Wilts CC. This will take place on three mornings 4th - 6th April. Please contact robert.wade@chartltd.co.uk for full details or a form.

For your diaries, they have 3 other 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 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 for more details.

Starcast Performing Arts Schools - Does your child love to Act, Sing and Dance? If they do, Starcast is the School for them.

Enrol your child now to be part of the Starcast Spectacular Summer Show 2016 at the Salisbury Playhouse.

For more details look at their website www.starcastperformingarts.co.uk or call Sam on 07974 721091

Mr L Coles
Headteacher

**Messages you should have
received this week**

This is the section where we tell you the messages that went out over the course of this week so that you can make sure you're receiving our alerts.

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| Year 3 | |
| Year 5/6 | Bikeability cancelled due to lack of interest |
| Whole School | <p>Netball Club cancelled due to weather</p> <p>Dance Aerobics cancelled due to illness</p> <p>Details of the next HSA Disco</p> <p>Letter about Changes to Annual Reports</p> |
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Important Diary Dates

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| 14th March 2016 | Easter Service for Years 4 and 6 |
| 16th March 2016 | Easter Service for Years 3 and 5 |
| 16th March 2016 | HSA Disco |
| 22nd March 2016 | HSA Spring Event (details to follow) HC3S Easter Day Menu |
| 24th March 2016 | Carousel Sports in School |
| 12th and 13th April 2016 | BIKEABILITY (spaces available) |
| 14th April 2016 | Craft Club in St George's Hall – 7.30pm |
| 20th April 2016 | Choir Trip |
| 22nd April 2016 | Year 3 Open Afternoon |
| 27th April 2016 | Year 3 to the Roman Baths |
| 28th April 2016 | Orchestra & Choir – Summer Concert 6.30pm |
| 29th April 2016 | Year 5 Open Afternoon |
| 6th May 2016 | Year 4 Open Afternoon |
| 9th to 15th May 2016 | SATs Week |
| 21st May 2016 | Mini Marathon |
| 27th May 2016 | Year 6 Open Afternoon |
| 6th September to 9th September 2016 | Year 5 – current year 4 – trip to New Barn |
| 30th September to 3rd October 2016 | Year 6 – current year 5 – trip to Osmington Bay |

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| GOOD FRIDAY (NO SCHOOL) | 25th March 2016 |
| EASTER BREAK | 25th March to 8th April 2016 Back on the 11th April 2016 |
| MAY BANK HOLIDAY | 2nd May 2016 |
| MAY HALF TERM | 30th May to 3rd June 2016 |
| TD DAYS | 21st and 22nd July 2016 |
| SUMMER BREAK | 25th July to 31st August 2016 |