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Newsletter No 8

Dear Parents/Guardians,

News of the Week:

Attendance – The Winning Classes of the Smith Cup this week is Cherry and Juniper with 100% - 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 11th November (the 2nd Friday we're in School), are Ash and Cedar Classes. Well done.

The Big Purple Bus - Hopefully you have enjoyed the crumpets & croissants, fruit kebabs and so on over the last few weeks. Thank you to all those volunteers, without whom we would be unable to open the bus for the community. Look out for the raffle on the Purple Bus when we come back after half term. Proceeds will go towards the Year 4 trip.

(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.

Secondary School Visits - If you intend to take your Year 6 (or even Year 5) child out of school look round any of the secondary schools or attend open mornings or afternoons, please make sure you let us know. Please keep an eye on the websites of the schools that you are interested in to see what events they have coming up.

Clubs – our clubs will resume during the second week of Term 2, to allow the children a chance to settle back in, with the exception of our new Heroes and Friends Club which will start on the first Wednesday back.

NEW CLUB - At lunchtimes, Mr Williams will run a 'Fun and Fitness' Club - as its name suggests, covering fitness through different games (not 'sports'). It will take place on Wednesdays starting on 9th November, so children will need to sign up during week 1 of Term 2. There is a maximum number for this club, which is open to all year groups, of 18, so book early. (If it's over subscribed

Kidz Love Fit and Spanish Clubs – will both continue, no need to sign up afresh, but please let us know if your child would like to cancel their place. There are still some spaces available in both these clubs so do pop in and speak to us if your child is interested.

Monday Football – if your child would like to continue playing Monday after school football please remember to return your registration form together with payment as soon as possible. There is some room in the club so please do pop in and collect a registration form from the letter display in reception if your child would like to join in Term 2.

Year 5/6 Street Surfing After School Club – a reminder to return your application forms if your child is interested in this club - this will start in Term 2, after school on a Thursdays from 10th November – 15th December (6 sessions). There are limited places, and we have already received some forms, so if you are interested pop in and collect a copy of the application form from reception.

11+ Familiarisation Club – The sessions will be starting on Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November. If you have shown an interest in the Club you should have received a letter from Mrs Newsome letting you know about dates. If you feel you should have received a letter, but have not, please ask your child, and then ask the Admin Staff – who will find a solution, and, hopefully, a letter.

Lost Property Club – Automatic membership for all children – today was the last day for the un-named items of lost property to be displayed on the playground. All un-claimed items will now be disposed of. To avoid further angst, please make sure all your child's property is named.

Second Hand Uniform – Shortly, the H.S.A. will be able to announce the date that second hand uniform will be available to purchase on the bus, during bus opening times – watch this space.

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 – there have been lots of letters and slips to return for photos, Christmas cards and parents evening this week. 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 these bits and pieces. The box is checked after the morning "rush" has died down.

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. (See the section regarding Secondary School Visits further down the newsletter).

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 (last 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:

Charity Halloween Disco – All proceeds go to fundraising for Amelia – Ages 4 to 7, 12-2pm and ages 8 to 11, 2.30-4.30pm on Sunday 30th October 2016 in Harnham Scout Hall, Lower Street.

Zumba Fitness – a new Zumba Fitness class is starting 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.

Paper Cutting Workshop – Please see the Posters giving more detail of the workshops where you will learn the technique of paper cutting. The cost is £20 per 3-hour session which includes a hot drink and biscuits. The sessions run at Puddleducks Pre School on Harnham Infant School Site on Sunday 23rd October and Monday 7th November.

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.

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.

Where's the Pumpkin – come to River Bourne Community Farm in Laverstock during half term week (Tuesday to Friday) and hunt for 10 pumpkin pictures hiding around the farm. Find them all and win a prize!! £1 per go.

With kind regards,

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