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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Saxon Road & Hollows Close - Please may we ask that you do not drive up Saxon Road or Hollows Close as the access restrictions do not allow cars to do so, unless they have the appropriate pass displayed in the windscreen. Please Note: the restrictions are not only for parking, but also prohibit driving up the roads. The Saxon Road restriction has been in place for some 9 years, whilst the one for Hollows Close is more recent. Whilst we can not condone every method by which they show their displeasure, we are sure you can understand our neighbours' point of view, as lately the increased traffic congestion means that residents cannot get access to their properties. Even more importantly, Children, and other pedestrians, are at risk.

Sickness – whilst it's good to share most things, some are less desired. If your child is ill with sickness or stomach upset, they should not be in School again for 48 hours after the last 'event'. We have had to ask some parents to come and collect children who have come back to School before the 48 hours is up, before they spread their germs.

Attendance – Winners of the Smith Cup this week are Mulberry Class – with an attendance of 97% - 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 10th February is Cedar Class. Well done.

Go-Active After School and half term Clubs – if you would like places for your children on any of these clubs can you please make sure you send in the forms along with payments, as Mr Williams may have to cancel unless he receives definite payments and numbers.

Parent Consultation Meetings – these will take place on Wednesday 5th April. 2017. Please see the letter which has been emailed separately today. There are also hard copies in Reception.

Sporting News – Yesterday the Netball Team played a home game in the local Netball High 5 league against Woodford Valley Primary School, and again won, with the score 6 – Nil. All the children played brilliantly, demonstrating great team work and application. Again well done, and thank you, to all involved in playing, arranging and supporting.

The Big Purple Bus – As many of you know, in line with healthy eating, items from the once-a-week-treat section on the Bus, will not be available in the mornings. Fredos, and so forth, will be available after school.

Thank you to those who have offered to have their names added to the rota of helpers (which eases the load for those already helping, and so that we can hopefully open a little more often, and consistently). If anyone else is available – and we know that it's difficult to make time - please do pop into the office to put down your name if you can.

Don't forget - The H.S.A 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.

Cake Sale – there is a Cake Sale coming up, on the school playground / Purple Bus after School, on Friday 10th February. We would be very grateful for any cake donations on the morning of the sale – more details to follow. Thank you

HC3S - Overdue Payments – apologies to all those who do pay promptly, but, please ensure that you pay for school meals promptly as it is HC3S policy not to feed the children of parents who owe money – whether or not they do take pity on a child who does not have any food for the day is up to their generosity – but it would be embarrassing all round. Please make sure that your payment is in a suitable envelope and marked clearly with your child's name and class. Remember, if you do have difficulties paying for lunches, ask us, with full confidentiality, about help that we can give. If you qualify for Free School Meals, we can help with lunches, trips and the purple parts of the School Uniform – even if your children don't want to take up the offer of lunches.

Readers in School – if you, or a family member or friend, has any spare time to come and hear some Year 6s readers on a regular basis we would be very grateful. Please pop into the office if you can help, even if just for half an hour a week.

Harnham Schools Association News:

Here is a list of up-coming events from the HSA so you can save the dates.

March 2nd - HSA committee meeting 6pm all welcome.
8th - Disco 17th Wear your own cloths and donate a box or bar of chocolate for chocolate bingo night
24th - Chocolate bingo - more details to follow
30th - At the Parents Consultation in the INFANTS - Sal Fed Firino prints display for silent auction - more details to follow

April 2nd - car boot sale £5 per car. Get clearing out ready for spring ☺ - more details to follow
5th - at Parents Consultation JUNIORS - Sal Fed Firino prints display for silent auction - more details to follow

Bikeability – Year 6 – The February course is now full but the next one has been booked for the 30th and 31st March and there is still a couple of places left. We will be able to offer dates for extra courses later on in the year. 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:

School Times – the school day runs from 8.40am to 3.15pm. Please let us know in advance, in writing, if your child is going to be absent, late, or collected early, by emailing us at absence@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk.

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.

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 was 15th January 2017 so you will need to make a late application.***

Community News:

Free football for girls - Salisbury Rovers FC (www.salisburyroversfc.co.uk) is holding a FREE football session for girls (aged 5 to 14) at 2.30 to 3.30 on Sunday 5 February at Sarum Academy, SP2 9HS. All abilities welcome. This fun session will be led by an FA Skill Coach as well as the FA qualified club coaches. If you are interested in going please email or text to let them know you are going on: salisburyroversfc@outlook.com or 07543654971.

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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