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## Newsletter No 1

### Dear Parents/Guardians,

To you all, Welcome, and some, Welcome Back. Another brand new year at Harnham Junior School has started in a really calm and positive way. It has been lovely to see all the children back presenting themselves so smartly, demonstrating pride in themselves and the School, and ready to learn. Thank you for the many positive and supportive comments that we have received about the School and the developments that have been implemented – and the impact they have had on the ease with which the children have settled to their work. We wanted to take this opportunity to send out a few reminders about daily life at Harnham Junior School.

**The Start of the School Day** – as you no doubt remember from the letter sent out at the end of last year, we now start each day a little differently. Our playground is open from 8.30am every day and, with the help of Mrs Carlton, Miss Fletcher and myself, children are encouraged to go straight through to class so that they can say good morning and have time to settle before lessons start. Just to be clear, the children will still enter School through the playground, where we ask you to say goodbye to them, so that they can go independently into class. For everyone's safety and security, only the children and authorised members of staff are allowed within the School buildings – other than the foyer. If you have a message for the class-teacher you can, of course, leave it with us in the playground, or pop round to the office.

**At the end of the school day** – the children will be brought out onto the playground at 3.15pm by their class teachers who will make sure that they can see you are there to collect. If you have made other arrangements for your child to be collected, please do let us know. If your child is in Year 6 and you would like them to start making their own way home, or part way home, we do need those instructions from you in writing.

**What to do if you are late** – please bring your child to the School Office to sign them in. If they are not signed in with the school office, and the register has already been taken, you will receive an absence text asking you to contact us. Just to be as clear as we can, 'late' means after 8.40am. Any child(ren) arriving after this time will receive a late mark in the register.

**Visitors in School** – please do pop in to the office if you need to see us, for whatever reason, we are always happy to have visitors.

**Hot School Lunches** – we are so pleased to be able to offer hot school lunches, cooked to order, here at Harnham Juniors. Please remember that the cost for these is **£2 per child per day, payable in advance**. Would you believe that we already have a debt accruing? Please make sure you send dinner money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.

**Year 5 - Newbarn Residential Trip** – as we write, the children are getting ready to return from Newbarn having had a lovely time. We hope you have been able to keep an eye on the website where the trip leaders have been blogging about the fantastic activities they have been enjoying. It has been great to see the children developing confidence throughout the week, and forging friendships in their new classes as they get to know their peers more deeply. Many thanks to all those who have been involved in preparing and running this tremendous experience for the children.

**Year 6 – Osmington Bay** – we hope you have received lots of information about Osmington Bay today, if your child hasn't brought a letter home then please do pop into the office where we have copies.

**Cheese and Wine Social – Reminder** - the HSA are pleased to announce that, following the success of last year's event, they are planning another Cheese and Wine night with live music on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 8-10pm in the Infant's School Hall. Save the date in your diaries, tickets will be on sale in September.

With Kind Regards

Mr L Coles  
Headteacher