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Newsletter No 13

Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope that you received our mid-week bonus Newsletter that had some news that we felt couldn't wait until today, together with some information about our events as we lead into this last week of term. As always, hard copies of all of our letters are available from the letter display in reception, and on our website.



Sleeps 'til Santa – As you know, Spire FM visited us last week and recorded a wonderful rendition of Sleeps 'til Santa. Listen out for us on Spire FM on Monday 18th December at 6.30am, 7.30am and 8.30am and again at 3.50pm/4.10pm. You can also log onto their website where our tuneful rendition will be available all day.

Year 4 Tudor Rose Production – we hope that our Year 4 parents and children have enjoyed the productions as much as we all have this week. The children were all fantastic and astounded us with their ability to step into each other's shoes because, as we know, despite the flurry of winter illness, the show must go on, and it certainly did. Thank you to everyone, staff, volunteers and parents alike, who helped with the production. A special thank you to those parents who turned out in the bad weather and made sure that our stars were here, on time, and ready to go on with a smile on their faces.

Christmas Jumper Day – the children all looked fantastic in their fuzzy festive finery today and we like to think we, the staff, did too. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to Save The Children. We are still counting the pennies but we can tell you that, again, we are very proud of the generosity of our families.



Kidz Love Fit – will be bouncing back into our hall to offer us a brand new club next year. You may have heard that they visited us during assembly earlier in the week to tell us all about it. They will be coming in to run a FREE taster session on Friday 12th January from 3:15-4pm in our hall. Spaces are limited so Text 'child's name / Harnham Junior School' to 07795026220 to book & receive confirmation of your space. They need a minimum of 10 to run the class for the term so get in touch with them ASAP.

Spanish Club – will restart on Tuesday 16th January 2018. If your child would like to continue, or join, then please email the office with 'SPANISH' as your subject heading.

Year 6 Bikeability – due to the popularity of the three original dates for Bikeability, we are so pleased to say that we have been offered a fourth. The Bikeability Course is the updated version of Cycling Proficiency and teaches the children all about road and bicycle safety, and basic bicycle maintenance. The children spend time going through the skills required on-site before heading out onto the local roads (if the weather allows). The fourth course will be split over two weeks with day 1 on 23rd March 2018 and day 2 on 29th March 2018 (both days are necessary to complete the course). Please email the office with 'BIKEABILITY' as your subject heading to reserve a place.

Absence Reminder - If your child is poorly or unable to attend school for any reason, then please let us know, if you can, by 8.30am that day, either by calling 01722 327218 or emailing absence@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk. Officially reasons for absence must be provided in writing so if you call, then please do back it up with a note. If

we are unable to get to the phone, because we are helping another parent, or on the other line already, please do leave us a message and we will pick it up as soon as we can.

If you need to collect your child for a **necessary** appointment, please make sure you give us plenty of notice so that we can make sure that they are ready for you to collect.

Attendance – winners of the Smith Cup today for the best attendance record for last week were Juniper with an attendance score of 98% for the week.

Attendance – As we wrote last week, letters have been sent out to Parents/Guardians of children whose attendance is less than 90%. Please note, these are really absence letters – so are being sent to Parents/Guardians of children whose absence is greater than 10%. This is important because the letters are to highlight *absence*; noting any causes for concern and to *appreciate that there are real and valid reasons for absence*. Please do not feel offended if you receive a letter because your child has had an ongoing illness/injury about which we know. We have to send the letters, and we have to report the reasons for absence – *if there is a valid reason, you have nothing to worry about at all*.

Attendance for last week is as follows:

	Mornings	Afternoons		Mornings	Afternoons
Mulberry	94.8	95.6	Aspen	95.9	98.6
Oak	89.6	87.2	Larch	93.1	98.6
Sycamore	92.9	94.3	Willow	92.4	93.8
Birch	87.4	86.7	Ash	96.0	96.7
Cherry	90.3	89.0	Cedar	89.3	89.3
Rowan	96.1	96.8	Juniper	98.0	98.0

We are all here to help children learn, and a calm and prompt arrival at School means that they can get themselves ready and settled for the important business of learning; rather than being flustered, or being disturbed by late arrivals. Please remember that the school day starts at 8.40 am – we will be ringing the bell to make sure everyone knows that the official day has started.

Green Cards – the classes that won the most Green Cards this week for good deeds, outstanding behaviour and academic prowess, and will therefore have the first non-uniform day of 2018 on **Friday 12th January**, following the Christmas break are (pause, drum-roll...) Aspen Class. Well done, Aspen.

Lost Property - Any named items of lost property are returned to the children in class (assuming they are handed into the office). Any un-named items are placed in the lost property box in reception. Please speak to your child's class teacher about any lost items, that you can't find in lost property, in the first instance. The teachers are always available on the playground at the end of the day and happy to help look in the classroom.

Second Hand Uniform – the HSA have some great quality second hand uniform for sale, you can find it on the bus and sales operate on an honesty system of 50p per item.


Menu Change for Next Week:

Wednesday	Fish and Chip Friday, but on a Wednesday, or Pizza.
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Have a restful weekend.

Mr L Coles - Headteacher

Important Dates for Term 2 – Updates in Seasonal Red

Monday 18th December 2017	<p>Christmas Party Afternoon – letters have come home, and are available on the website, about party food and organisation. The children should arrive in school uniform but bring party clothes for the afternoon.</p> <p>Sleeps ‘till Santa – listen out at 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30am, and again at 3.50pm/4.10pm to hear our rendition of Sleeps ‘till Santa </p> <p>HSA Christmas Table Top Sale at 3-3.30pm – our very own pound shop, come along to the Junior Playground and grab a bargain!</p>
Tuesday 19th December 2017	Whole School Carol Service at St Thomas’ Church – 5.45pm
Wednesday 20th December 2017	Break up for Christmas at 1.15pm
Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2018	TD DAYS – SCHOOL IS CLOSED
Monday 8th January 2018	<p>Start of Term 3</p> <p>Sycamore Class Swimming – letters have been sent home to Sycamore Class. Please make sure you return your reply slip and questionnaires to us by Monday.</p>
Friday 12th January 2018	Aspen Class Non-Uniform Day – don’t forget, it’s a whole (new) year away.

Our website calendar will be updated as and when new events are planned but we will continue to publish our key dates for each term here.