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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back – We hope you had a lovely Christmas Break and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your cards, gifts and good wishes received in the days leading up to the end of last term. The children have enjoyed a really positive, calm start to 2017 – one on which we are aiming to build. New Topic Maps and Homework will be coming out at the beginning of next week, once they have been introduced to the children – they will also be posted onto the website.

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 13th January 2017 is Ash Class – it's great to have Year 6 setting such a positive example. Well done.

Bags2School – the next HSA fundraising event is the Bags2School collection, which will take place on Wednesday 25th January 2017. If you have had a clear out over Christmas then please bear this in mind. Bags can be left in either school on 24th January 2017 as collection is usually early on the pick up day – usually before the children arrive on site.

Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon – the date for your fridge is Saturday 20th May, more information to follow in due course. (An updated 'Dates for your Fridge List' is also on the way.)

Spanish Club – there are still places in the Spanish Club which runs after school on Tuesdays from 3.15 to 4.15pm. Please let the Office know if you would like a place for your child. Mrs Campos would also be happy to run a club on a Tuesday lunchtime if there is enough interest, so again, please let the Office know if your child would like a place. Thank you

Street Surfing Club – According to their blurb; *In September 2012, Go Active proudly became Street Surfing Worldwide's only authorised UK Coaching provider. Street Surfing is an exciting new sport based on Surfing, Skateboarding & Snowboarding. Their innovative Clubs assist children's physical fitness, encourage sporting enjoyment, positively influence behaviour and generate strong group cohesion. They use Street Surfing's top of the range equipment which is also available for you to purchase.* Equally importantly, the children who have done it before, think it's great. This term it is the turn of Year 3/4s and there are still spaces available for the club which starts next Thursday 12th January from 3:15 - 4:15pm. Next term, starting on Thursday 2nd March, it will be the turn of the Year 5/6s and there is an application form attached with this newsletter. Hard copies are also available in reception.

The Year 5 11+ Familiarisation Club – will restart on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th January 2017. If any additional Year 5 pupils would like to join in, they would be very welcome. Forms are available from the letter display in the School Foyer if you are interested, it is necessary to sign up in advance.

The Big Purple Bus – As you know, 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, and consistently. We know that, with other commitments, it's difficult, but please do pop into the office to put down your name if you can spare some time. The HSA 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!

HC3S

Overdue Payments – please ensure that you pay for school meals promptly as it is HC3S policy not to feed the children of parents who owe money. Since this Academic year has started, Miss Trendall and her team of All Stars have produced in excess of 20,000 meals for your children and it would help them enormously if they didn't have to spend time chasing debts.

Bikeability – Year 6 – The February course is now fully booked, but we will be running another course. 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.

Monday After School Football – Go Active will be opening up the Monday After School Football Club to all years due to the low take up from Years 5 and 6. As of this term this club will therefore be open to Years 3 and 4 as well. Application forms are available from reception and an electronic copy is also attached.

Important Notices:

Arrival and Absence – can we please remind you, that if you are late arriving at school, and the teachers and children are no longer in the playground, to bring your child(ren) to 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 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.

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 is 15th January 2017.***

Community News:

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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