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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parking – we have received a call from one of the residents of Wesley Court to let us know that parents are using tenant's parking spaces during the school run. We would ask again, that our parents who use their cars for the school run are mindful of our neighbours, of the rules of the road (including traffic restriction orders, yellow lines, traffic lights, etc) and of the safety of those walking to school.

A Change to the Lunch Menu – as it's the last day of term next Wednesday Mrs Trendall is treating us to a choice of Fish and Chips, or Pizza and Chips in a change to the normal menu. Spoilt for choice! Remember that lunches are £2 per day and the kitchen would love it if you paid in advance. Did you know that there is currently a debt of £391 for hot school meals taken.

Green Cards – the class that won the most Green Cards this week for good deeds, outstanding behaviour and academic prowess, and will therefore have a non-uniform day on Friday . Well done Juniper.

Attendance – winners of the Smith Cup for the best attendance record for last week are Juniper Class again, so it's a double celebration for Juniper this week. We are still searching for the fabled 100% attendance though, who will be the first class to get there?

Year 6 – A Closer Look - This week, year 6 have been taking part in workshops as part of the "A closer look" Exhibition in Salisbury Central Library. The children were able to use microscopes and meet scientists who demonstrated how they had captured images of creatures that we meet daily, but rarely notice. "The images were mesmerising" was one response. "We learnt how we needed to look using lenses and light" said another child.

The exhibition will be open to the public for another week and is free. Take a moment to go and look at the pictures and use some of the exhibits.

Open Afternoons – (another closer look) - We have one more open afternoon to come this term for the Year 6s on Monday. Please join us from 2.30pm. After signing in at reception a band of merry prefects will take you through to the classes.

Parent Consultation Meetings – we hope that you have all seen the letter that was emailed home about Parent Consultation Evening, which will take place this coming Monday from 3.30pm to 8pm. If you have requested an appointment you will have, hopefully, received a slip sent home with your time on it. Please do have a look in the bottom of book bags if you haven't received your appointment time yet and, if it is not there, please pop in and see us on Monday, or email us.

Trussell Trust – Harvest Appeal – Collection on Tuesday - thank you to everyone who has been able to send in items for the Harvest Appeal. If you haven't yet been able to contribute, and you would like to, then please drop your items in to us by the end of day on Tuesday, when we are expecting them to be collected.

Tri Golf - yesterday, a group of ten Year 4 and Year 5 children took part in the Tri Golf Festival at Salisbury Driving Range. They had an enjoyable time learning new skills and practicing different golf shots as they made their way around the different challenges. They really did represent the school well. A special thank you goes to Mrs Brown who, once again, was able to help accompany the children to yet another sporting event.

Christmas Concert – on Monday 11th December at 3.30pm there will be a short concert given by the Choir and the Orchestra. All parents, grandparents and siblings, etc, are welcome.

Orchestra – **reminder** – orchestra is up and running and open to any Year 5 and 6 pupils who play string, woodwind or brass instruments. It takes place on Mondays at 1.20pm in Beech. Please help your child to remember their instruments on a Monday.

11+ Club – if you have missed, misplaced or 'carefully filed', a copy of Mrs Newsom's 11+ familiarisation letter, then please pop into reception where there are copies on the letter display by the front doors.

School Lunches – remember that school lunches are £2 per lunch, per day and payments need to be in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class written on. You can pop school lunch monies in the HC3S secure box in the reception area.

Harnham After School Club - has some places available. If you are interested, please call into the club (Beech classroom at Harnham Junior School) or phone 07544 499288, after 3.30pm.

HSA News:

Cheese and Wine Social – Friday 13th October 2017 – tickets are on sale for this fantastic event and we attach another copy of the flyer with this email. Slips can be returned to the Junior or Infant School offices.

Chocolate Tombola – Wednesday 18th October 2017 – we love a good chocolate tombola, and the HSA will be setting up in the Junior School playground. Bring your pennies and join the fun.

Disco – **Wednesday** 15th **November** 2017 – get your boogy shoes on and come and party at the HSA Disco, the HSA would love some more volunteers to help on the door, on the refreshment counter, and to keep the beat alive for the disco divas.

Christmas Fayre – Friday 1st December 2017 – lots more information on this to follow, watch this space!

Film Club – Friday 15th December 2017 – the very popular HSA film club is back this year. Watch out for the flyers going up around school nearer to the time. We wonder what movie magic is in store for us?

Disco II – Wednesday 7th March 2018 – save the date.

Disco III – Wednesday 27th June 2018 – save the date for this one too.

Some Reminders about School Procedures:

Absence Communication – please let us know, in writing, in advance (that morning, at the latest), if you need to collect your child a little early for a **necessary** appointment. It is difficult to retrieve them quickly from class, assemblies, or PE with no notice

Lost Property – what we do – if and when we receive an item of named property in the front office, we will make sure it makes it's way back to your child. If an item is un-named, we will send the item round to all of the classes with our prefects 3 times. If it is unclaimed after 3 attempts it will go in the lost property box in reception where it will be available until the end of term. Any un-named, un-claimed items will be disposed of at the end of term, good items of uniform will go to the HSA for their quality seconds stock. Our lost property box is currently overflowing with un-named items. Please pop in and check through them if you have lost anything. There are a number of lunch boxes in the reception area that have no visible names. Lost Property – what you can do – please name all of your child's school property and encourage your child to be as responsible for their belongings as possible. We encourage them to be as independent as possible, within the safety of the school, and take responsibility for their possessions, in order to prepare them for their transition to secondary education, and beyond. If your child has lost something, please encourage them to talk to their teacher, who will help them to look for it, either themselves, or by pairing them with a buddy and encouraging them to look, and ask, around the school. Please also pop into the office and let us know what's missing, and we will keep an eye out for it too.

Have a great weekend.

Mr L Coles Headteacher