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Newsletter No 1

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back, and to those of you for whom this is all new, **Welcome**. We hope you all had a lovely summer break; it's been great listening to children's stories of daring do, relaxation, camping and just being.

As we start this new school year we thought it would be a good opportunity to write to you all with some information about how we do things - useful information for our new intake and a reminder for our existing pupils.

The School Day

- The school day starts at 8.40am, with registration at 8.45am. Any pupils arriving after this time should report to the office to make sure that they are entered in the register.
- If you need to dash off before 8.40am, the playground is manned from 8.30am, so if you're happy, you may leave your child from that time onwards, but not before.
- The school day ends at 3.15pm.
- The School Office is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm, outside of those times you are welcome to email us at office@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk or leave a message on the school answerphone on the main school telephone number which is 01722 327218.

If you are running late, or your child is ill please call the school, on the number above, by 8.40am so that we know they are safe. An absence message will be sent to you following registration if we have not heard from you, as a reminder, please do not reply by text as this system is one way only.

Similarly, if you are running late for collection, please also let us know.

There are post boxes in the entrance hall for your ease, the HC3S post box is for lunch monies and correspondence with the kitchen. The envelopes for lunch monies are currently located on the shelves opposite reception. The Harnham Junior School post box is for any letters, notes, or monies for the office. Please feel free to use this box rather than queueing at busy times.

Breakfast Club – As you may know, we have a Breakfast Club at Harnham Junior School. It runs from 8am to 8.30am in the main hall. If you would like your child to attend, or would like more information, there are letters available on the letter rack in the main entrance – we can send them electronically, if you would prefer.

Uniform - We have a very distinctive uniform with its purple elements incorporating the school logo. We also stipulate dark grey trousers or skirts, not black, and black PE shorts. A full uniform list can be found in the school information pack provided to you when you first applied for your child's school place, and is also on the website.

Pupil Premium - Don't forget that if you receive Free School Meals – or even just qualify, without having the meals – you are entitled to a free School Jumper/Cardigan, a tie, a book bag and a PE t-shirt. We can also use Pupil Premium to help pay for School trips, swimming lessons and clubs – so it is worth applying for if you qualify. How to qualify is covered on the website, and help is available from the Office with applying.

Ear Rings - Please remember that ear rings should not be worn at school. If your child has to wear them at School, they should only be studs, and they should be removed for PE. Your child should be able to take them out and replace them themselves. We strongly suggest that to make this easier, any new ear-piercings should be done at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the six-week non-removal period is manageable. If your child is still in this period, please send them to School with micropore tape with which to cover the studs, so that PE can be undertaken.

Mobile Phones - Mobile phones are not permitted in school. The exception is for those children who walk to and from school by themselves. In this case the child should hand their phone in on arrival at school, and sign for its return at the end of the school day. Any phone that is not signed into either the office, or the class teacher, will be confiscated.

Transport – There is a Traffic Restriction Order, covering Hollows Close and Folkestone Road. The Order prohibits entry to Hollows Close and Folkestone Road by any vehicle not displaying an access permit, similar to the one in force on Saxon Road. This means that you cannot enter, and certainly cannot park on, any of those roads without a permit for the purposes of dropping off, or collecting, your child/ren.

We do, however, have a number of parking options still available for parents at the Cricket Field (opposite the bottom of Saxon Road), St George's Hall (in Lower Street), and on The Old Blandford Road.

Absence During School Time (other than illness) – If you do need to take your child out of school during term time you will need to complete a request form, which you can collect from the school office. Please see the attached information sheets from Wiltshire Council regarding unauthorised term time leave. Please note, in particular, that retrospective approval for term time leave cannot be granted by the school so it is always better to talk to us in advance.

And so, to the News:

New Barn – The Year 5 residential visit to New Barn is almost upon us. The children will depart next Tuesday (6th) and return next Friday (9th). Please make sure that you have returned all paperwork and consent forms to us – if you are unsure about the kit list, please look on the School website.

Osmington Bay Trip - there will be a parents' information meeting at 3.30pm, on Monday 12th September, in the School Hall.

HSA AGM: - this will take place on Wednesday 14th September 2016, in the Junior School Hall – all are welcome; parents/guardians of both Schools automatically become members of the **HSA**, and have the opportunity to support the Schools, including by joining the committee.

We send our Newsletters out every Friday by email so please make sure we have your up-to-date email address. Whilst you can reply to our emails, unfortunately you cannot reply to our texts as the messaging system is one way only.

If you have any problems, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us, or to come in and see us.

We hope you all have a relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing the children back on Monday, ready for their first full week of exciting and interesting learning.

With kind regards,

Mr L Coles
Headteacher

Important Diary Dates – So Far (A complete list of dates will appear soon – watch this space)

6th September to 9th September 2016	Year 5 – current Year 4 – trip to New Barn
14th September 2016	HSA AGM followed by a Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Junior School Library
30th September to 3rd October 2016	Year 6 – current Year 5 – trip to Osmington Bay
6th October 2016	HSA Cheese and Wine Night with Live Music
7th October 2016	TD Days – SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
31st October 2016	
3rd January 2017	
26th June 2017	
21st July 2017	