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Dear parents,

I've just reread the first three items below and realised that there is a definite IT theme to this newsletter!

### **Digital Leaders**

I was privileged to watch our Digital Leaders working with our Year 1 pupils at lunchtime yesterday. The Digital Leaders are older pupils who have had extra training in order to support other pupils in finding their way around the Chromebooks and some of the programs and apps. It is always lovely to see how well older and younger pupils work together and help each other in the school. I was so impressed that I took a photo to show you but I clearly need some help from the Digital Leaders, I seem to have lost the photo on the iPad somewhere!

### **Class Dojo**

The Class Dojo is doing a good job of keeping track of the house points for each child and each class, and I know lots of you like to log in and keep an eye on your child's house points. Can I ask that you email the school office rather than use the Class Dojo for messages please. We have missed a few messages, either because Class Dojo doesn't alert teachers about a message waiting or because the teacher wasn't in school on the day the message was relevant.

### **Pupil Progress Reports: Beech, Lime, Oak and Willow**

I hope you have had the opportunity to have a look at the snapshot report available for you online via the username and password sent home in book bags a couple of weeks ago. If you have any problems logging on, please let us know. The online access will be closed from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January and will open again after the Easter holidays, so keep hold of those usernames and passwords! I will let you know as soon as the next snapshot reports are ready for you.

### ***A message from All Stars and Horspath Nursery***

*We are sad to see Abbie leaving the Nursery and the All Stars club at the end of this term. If you would like to make a donation to her leaving gift please give it to Anna in the nursery office.*

*Abbie has bought her first house so we are thinking of getting her vouchers to buy items for her new home.*

*Kind Regards, Anna.*

### **Governors' Statement on Incidents of Racial Abuse**

Since the EU referendum last June there has been a significant rise in incidents of racist abuse across the country, including many cases in schools. Thankfully we see very few of these at Horspath School, but unfortunately a very small number of cases do occur. The school governors would like to make it clear that we consider racist and religious abuse totally unacceptable; every child at the school has the right to feel safe, and free from persecution due to their country of birth, skin colour or religious beliefs. Mrs Coleman has our wholehearted support in dealing with any incidents of abuse robustly, and making use of the full range of consequences set out in the behaviour policy.

### **Spring Term dates for your diary:**

Friday 20th January	Music Assembly Rehearsal – <u>No</u> Family Assembly
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Music Assembly <b>2.30pm</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Skip2bFit Whole school skipping workshop ( <a href="http://www.skip2bfit.com/school-workshops">http://www.skip2bfit.com/school-workshops</a> )
Friday 3rd February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 IMPS trip
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Half Term	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Book Week
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Author Visit
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
<i>Thursday 2nd March</i>	<i>Dress up as favourite book character</i>
Friday 3 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior Citizens Year 6 trip
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photos
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	No Family Assembly
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Topic Display 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Topic Display 9am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am Easter Service
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closes at 1.30pm
Easter Holidays	10 <sup>th</sup> April – 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Summer Term:	
INSET	Monday 24th April
School Reopens	Tuesday 25th April
<b>Key Stage 2 SATs Tests</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Key Stage 1 SATs Tests</b>	<b>22nd May – 26th May</b>
Half Term	29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
School Closes	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman  
Headteacher