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Dear parents,

It's Book Week next week! We have Damien Harvey, a children's author, visiting each class on Tuesday to inspire our young writers. His visit has been paid for by the PTA which makes all the cake making worthwhile, thank you. Damien's website is <http://www.damianharvey.co.uk/> if you'd like to have a look at his work.

Each class will be basing their work for the week around a book or an author and together we will be writing chapters for a whole adventure story.

Our Readathon sponsored event starts on Monday and runs for two weeks, finishing on the 13th of March. Sponsorship forms and letters will be coming home in book bags today.

We would love it if you would like to come in and share part of a favourite story with your child's class. Just mention this to your child's teacher (or drop a note in their reading diary) to arrange a time.

It's the much anticipated "dress as your favourite book character" for World Book Day on Thursday. We will send the World Book Day tokens home in book bags next week.

Finally, we round off the week with a book themed Family Assembly and the PTA book sale after school.

Parents' Evening

If you haven't done so already, please book your meeting time by following the link to <http://horspath.oxon.sch.uk/parents-evening> for next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Keeping Your Child Safe page

Please have a look at this new section on the school website www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/parents/keeping-your-child-safe/. There are lots of useful links and sources of information for you about child protection, health and safety, safeguarding and bullying. Our website has been updated with a new look home page, please let us know if there is anything else that you would find useful to put on there.

Lunchtime cover

Do you have an hour to spare each week or know someone who does? We urgently need some extra help at lunchtime both supervising out in the playground and helping children with their meals in the hall. If you would like to talk about what the role involves then please let me or Mrs Ackland know or ask for a copy of our lunchtime supervisors' manual (which is not as heavy going as it sounds!).

Horspath Nursey

The nursery has asked me to let you know that there is a collection tin in reception if you wanted to make a donation for a farewell gift for Amanda Hudson who is leaving the nursery after many years. I would like to wish Amanda every success in her new role.

Spring Term dates for your diary:

Friday 24 th February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
27 th Feb – 2 nd March	Book Week
Tuesday 28 th February	Author Visit
Tuesday 28 th February	Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 1 st March	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 2 nd March	<i>Dress up as favourite book character</i>
Friday 3 th March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
	PTA Book Sale 3.15pm
Monday 6 th March	Junior Citizens Year 6 trip
Tuesday 7 th March	Class Photos
Friday 10 th March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 16 th March	Acorn Class Dinosaur workshop
Friday 17 th March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 24 th March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
	PTA School Disco
Friday 31 st March	No Family Assembly
Monday 3 rd April	Topic Display 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 th April	Topic Display 9am
	Beech and Lime Living Rainforest trip
Thursday 6 th April	PTA Easter Egg Competition
Friday 7 th April	9.15am Easter Service
Friday 7 th April	School Closes at 1.30pm
Easter Holidays	10 th April – 21 st April
Summer Term:	
INSET	Monday 24 th April
School Reopens	Tuesday 25 th April
Key Stage 2 SATs Tests	8th May – 12th May
Key Stage 1 SATs Tests	22nd May – 26th May
Half Term	29 th May – 2 nd June
School Closes	Friday 21 st July

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher