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Dear parents,

Music Assembly

Thank you very much to Mrs Cooke for organising our music assembly last week, it was delightful as always. The video is on the school website:

<http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/music-assembly-jan-2016/>

Exercising the mind and body in Willow and Acorn Classes

I have been dropping in on Willow Class on Thursday afternoons over the last few weeks to watch them enjoying their Fairground topic. I've seen some lovely collaborative working on their research projects and seen the children really engaged and enjoying their learning. I have also discovered much more about G force which has not done anything to help my fear of roller coasters! The photos below show some of the groups in action.

I was also privileged to watch Acorn Class learning balancing skills in their PE lesson yesterday; there were lots of happy faces as you can see.



Parents' Evening

The on line booking system through the school website is now open. Please go to <http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/parents-evening> to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Pine Class parents, please just book an appointment with Ms Zabell. She will liaise with Mrs Bailey or Miss Peet about your child's progress in other subjects.

For Pine and Acorn Class parents, please note that Miss Hunt and Ms Zabell do not have appointments available after 6 pm on the Wednesday.

It is worth leaving a small gap between your appointments with different teachers, we try to keep to the 10 minute appointment slots but we sometimes run slightly behind schedule, or even occasionally ahead of schedule! You are welcome to bring your child to the parents' evening but they will need to stay with you under your supervision.

Our School Values

Forgiveness is one of our four key values, the others being: truth, respect for others and a sense of accountability (<http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/>).

One of our school assemblies this week focused on the importance of forgiving other people when they hurt us, accidentally or otherwise, physically or emotionally. As adults we know that this is often easier said than done. Your child may want to talk about this with you at home.

The latest craze!

You know the saying about when police officers start to look young, what about when crazes from your own childhood reappear? Football cards have come back, although admittedly Kevin Keegan is no longer the ultimate shiny card.

On a more serious note, these cards are causing us a few problems in school with swapping disputes and lost cards. At this stage I don't want to impose a blanket ban, I know how much the children enjoy comparing and swapping cards, but it is very much on trial. I will explain to the children on Monday that they are welcome to bring the cards for swapping before or after school under your supervision and with your consent, but they need to be kept out of sight and out of mind during the school day.

Yenworthy

Mrs Bailey is really looking forward to taking our Year 6s away to Yenworthy at the end of the month. The meeting for parents is after school next Tuesday in Willow class.

Spring Term dates for your diary:

Friday 5 th February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 9 th February	Yenworthy Meeting for Year 6 parents 3.15pm
Friday 12 th February	<u>No Family Assembly</u>
Half Term	15 th Feb – 19 th Feb
Wednesday 24 th February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 25 th February	Parents' Evening
Friday 26 th February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
29 th Feb – 4 th March	Sportshall Athletics Final
Friday 4 th March	Year 6 Yenworthy Residential
Friday 11 th March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
	Yenworthy Assembly for Year 6 parents
	<u>No Family Assembly</u>
Friday 18 th March	<u>No Family Assembly</u>
Tuesday 22 nd March	Year 6 IMPs Trip
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Service 2.30pm
Thursday 24 th March	School Closes at 1.30pm

Easter Holidays	25 th March – 8 th April
Summer Term:	
INSET	Monday 11 th April
School Reopens	Tuesday 12 th April
Key Stage 2 SATs Tests	9th May – 13th May
Key Stage 1 SATs Tests	23rd May – 27th May
Half Term	30 th May – 3 rd June
School Closes	Wednesday 20 th July

The term dates for 2016/17 are on the school website.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman