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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! Christmas seems a long time ago now but I hope you all had a good holiday.

### **Spring Term**

It's going to be a busy term with Thrills and Spills, a Carnival of Animals, a little bit of Once Upon a Time and a few more Traditional Tales happening across the school! Some classes will be visiting The Story Museum at their home in Oxford and they will be bringing some stories out with them when they visit other classes later in the term. We also have the K'Nex workshop planned for Willow Class this term and, of course, the Year 6 residential trip to Yenworthy. As I said, a busy term!

All of the class newsletters have been emailed out and have also been put on the website but if you didn't receive yours please ask Mrs Ackland or Mrs Hetherington to check the email address we hold for you.

### **School Website**

If you have the chance, please have a look at school website. This has changed slightly in appearance but still contains the same useful information, as well as photos of plays, pantos and displays. We have also added a Frequently Asked Questions on the Assessment page which I hope you find useful: <http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/parents/assessment/>  
If you have any more questions on assessment please email the school office and I will add it to the FAQs page.

We also put the school newsletters on the school website. If you can't remember whether it's Family Assembly or photo day, you can always check the dates here.

### **School Terms**

Several years ago Oxfordshire local authority decided to label each half term as a term, changing the school year into a six term year. There were reasons for this at the time that are no longer applicable. You may have heard us refer to terms 1 and 2 in the autumn and terms 3 and 4 in the spring and so on. They have now renamed the terms, changing back into a 3 term year with an Autumn Term, a Spring Term and a Summer Term. I don't know about you but it makes perfect sense to me! This change does not make any difference to term dates or the balance of school holidays across the year, I just thought I ought to mention it!

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

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February

No Family Assembly

Athletics at Wheatley Park School

Family Assembly 2.45pm

Music Assembly Rehearsal – No Family Assembly

Music Assembly **2.30pm**

Acorn Class Fairy Tales Open Morning 9am - 11am

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Yenworthy Meeting for Year 6 parents 3.15pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<u>No</u> Family Assembly
Half Term	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Yenworthy Residential
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Yenworthy Assembly for Year 6 parents
	<u>No</u> Family Assembly
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>No</u> Family Assembly
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 IMPs Trip
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Service 2.30pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes at 1.30pm
Easter Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> March – 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term:	
INSET	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
School Reopens	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Key Stage 2 SATs Tests</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Key Stage 1 SATs Tests</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May – 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Half Term	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
School Closes	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman  
Headteacher