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11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents,

### **Friendship Week**

Next week we will be involved in our annual Friendship week. Over the course of the week the children will be doing lots of different activities to promote friendship. We will also explore what is meant by bullying and how to be anti-bullying. The children will be involved in classroom activities and there will also be the chance to work alongside their peers from other classes. We always look forward to this week and it will give children and staff a real chance to address and promote our school values and enjoy a sense of well-being amongst our school community.

There will be a special Friendship Family Assembly on Friday at 2.45pm.

Ms Jude Zabell

PSHE Leader

### **Staff Changes**

We would like to welcome Mrs Emma Cox to our team who will be working with us as a teaching assistant based mainly in Oak Class. Mrs Vicky Gersock will be moving from Oak Class to support Beech Class.

Mrs Vanessa Westhead who has been a teacher in the school for several years will be leaving us at the end of December to take up a post as Head of English at a junior school in Abingdon. I am sure you will us in congratulating her and wishing her the best of luck next year.

We are currently advertising for a teacher for Lime Class and we should be able to let you know how we get on in early December.

### **Wheatley Park School**



Ms Curtis would like to invite you to meet the new headteacher of WPS, Mr Tim Martin, and some former Horspath School pupils to find out more about what's happening at the school and what it is like to be a student at the school. A chance to ask the new headteacher some questions about his vision for the school over the next few years at 6pm Horspath School Hall on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Children in Need



Wear something spotty next Friday and make a donation to Children in Need! No need for school uniform as long as there are spots on one item of (visible!) clothing.

### Acorn Class

Acorn Class have introduced more risk, challenge and adventure into our learning experiences. Acorn Construction Site is a busy hive of activity with lots of building projects on the go! We are looking forward to developing our Bug Hotel next. The children have also really enjoyed tackling the challenging rock faces of Acorn Mountain and reaching the peak. Acorns have been very supportive throughout and readily shared their skills and expertise with others. Thank you very much for the donations of building materials.

Miss Hunt



### All Stars

The nursery and the school have reviewed the safeguarding arrangements for children in the after school clubs. We need to make a couple of changes to make sure the children are as safe as possible. We will be locking both the school playground gate and the nursery gate at **3.30pm** so that there is no public access to the playground or field while the outdoor sports are taking place. The nursery gate will be re-opened at **4.30pm** for you to collect your children from the clubs.

If you need to collect your child from one of the clubs between 3.30pm and 4.30pm then **please phone the nursery on 876750.**

### Dogs

A couple of parents have mentioned the daily slalom race through dog faeces on the village paths outside the school. We will continue to remind children of the importance of washing their hands regularly in school and I will contact the parish council about the problem.

This is a good opportunity to remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

### Diary Dates

Year 6 Yenworthy	7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> November
Family Assembly	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm
Friendship Week	14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Family Assembly	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm
Family Assembly	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm
Topic Display	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2.45pm
<i>No Family Assembly</i>	
Pantomime trip	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
School Play Dress Rehearsal	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am
Acorn Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
Acorn Class Nativity	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.45am
School Play	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm
School Play	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm
School Closes	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at <b>1.30pm</b>
INSET	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
School reopens	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Easter Holidays	10 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April
INSET	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
School Reopens	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
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