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11th December 2015

Dear parents,

What a lovely week in school with the Christmas Play, the Nativity Play and the Christmas Fayre this afternoon. Next week, we have the Christmas lunch on Wednesday, followed by the Pantomime on Thursday - oh no it isn't! Sorry I couldn't resist!

Curriculum Display

This was one of the first topic displays with such a mix of topics with The Great Fire of London, the Romans and People Who Help Us all on display at once. For anyone who missed the display last week there are some photos to be found in the gallery on the school website at: <http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/topic-display-dec-2015/>

Radio Oxford Sock Appeal

At the last count we had collected 111 pairs of socks, some with some lovely Christmas wishes attached to them, so thank you to everyone who donated. Radio Oxford collected the socks this morning and interviewed some of the children about the collection.

Acorn's Nativity Play



The Nativity Play on Tuesday was an absolute delight. The Acorn Class children all remembered their lines and looked angelic in their costumes and tinsel, and the rest of the school sang beautifully. A Well Done is also due to our school band who played some festive favourites at the start and end of the play. There are photos and a video at: <http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/nativity-2015/> for anyone who missed it.

Stage Lighting

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Play which was brought to life with the spotlights hired for the occasion. Since our current Year 6s made such an effort for the sponsored walk it seemed only fair for them to benefit by hiring some lights for their last Christmas Play. It certainly seems to help combat any stage fright when you can't actually see the audience! We are still finalising the arrangements but it looks very much like your very generous support for the PTA Sponsored Walk means that they will be able to fund the purchase and fitting of a lighting bar with the necessary electrical hook ups. This will be permanently fixed into the hall ceiling. We can then hire lights each year at a relatively low cost that can be attached to the lighting bar for the short time that we need them. We are just checking through some details and hope to let you know the plan as soon as possible.

School uniform

The school uniform information can be found at

<http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

If your child wears boots to walk to school in can you please make sure they have some black school shoes to change into when they arrive, thank you.

End of Term

The children are welcome to wear their own clothes on next Friday. A reminder that school closes at **1.30pm**.

Diary Dates

Friday 11 th December	PTA Christmas Fete after school
Thursday 17 th December	9.30am Pantomime (in school)
Friday 18 th December	School Closes 1.30pm

Early Warning

INSET	Monday 4 th January
School reopens	Tuesday 5 th January 2015
Half Term	15 th Feb – 19 th Feb
Year 6 Yenworthy Residential	29 th Feb – 4 th March
Easter Holidays	25 th March – 8 th April
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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher