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Dear Parents,

13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### **Children in Need**

A very spotty, stripy and sparkly Beech Class! So far we have raised £141.48 for Children in Need.



### **Assessing children's progress**

I hope those of you who were able to come to the meeting on Tuesday found it useful. There is detailed information about the changes on the school website at:

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

We will add some frequently asked questions and answers onto this page of the website later in the term

### **Friendship Week**

Next week will be "Friendship/ Anti-bullying week." Our message is to " Say no to bullying." Throughout the week children will be engaged in a variety of activities to help them understand what it means to be a good friend and to support one another. We will also address what bullying is and the different forms it can take. During the week, the children will also be looking at being safe online so we have attached a letter outlining some ideas to support you in keeping your child safe when online.

Miss Zabell,  
PSHE Leader

## Bags2School

You should have received a white plastic bag which needs to be filled with good quality items for re-use including: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, scarves, ties, belts, jewellery and soft toys.

Please bring the bags to the school reception area after school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November or before 9.15am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. The money raised goes to the school PTA and to Horspath Nursery.

## Sponsored Walk

You will have seen on my email last week that you raised nearly £900 from the sponsored walk. This is well on our way to our target to buy some spotlights for the hall, and it also means that the PTA will be able to cover all of the cost of the pantomime later on in the term and make a significant contribution to the cost of the annual Athletics licence. Thank you!

## School Photos

The last date to return the school photo orders is next Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. If you miss the deadline you can send your order directly to Tempest but they will charge you the cost of postage.

## Aspire Channel Swim

Miss Hunt is swimming the Channel by completing 1,416 lengths of her local pool. She has to complete the challenge by the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. If you would like to help her to raise funds for Aspire, which is a charity that supports people who have suffered spinal injuries, please go to her Just Giving page: [gaylehuntaspire2015](http://www.justgiving.com/gaylehuntaspire2015). All donations will be greatly appreciated.

### Diary Dates

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| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November             | Children in Need – spotty, stripy or sparkly day<br>Family Assembly 2.45pm |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November | Friendship Week  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November             | Friendship Week Family Assembly 2.45pm                                     |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November             | Family Assembly 2.45pm<br>Willow Class PTA Cake Sale after school          |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December              | Curriculum Display in the hall – all welcome                               |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December pm           | Acorn Class Nativity dress rehearsal in church                             |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December am          | Acorn Class Nativity in church   |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December am        | School Play dress rehearsal  |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm    | School Play (not Acorn Class)  |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm    | School Play (not Acorn Class)  |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December             | PTA Christmas Fete after school  |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December           | Pantomime (in school)  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm      | School Closes  |

### Early Warning

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| INSET                         | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                   |
| School reopens                | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015             |
| Half Term                     | 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb      |
| Easter Holidays               | 25 <sup>th</sup> March – 8 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| 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                  |

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Emma Coleman  
Headteacher