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Dear parents,

Good luck to all of the children competing in Area Sports tonight, I will be there cheering them on! It's a 5.15 to 5.30pm arrival time; there will be marshals directing you into the overflow car park.

Sports day

Weren't we lucky with the weather! There are some lovely photos and a video on the school website at: <http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/sports-day-2016/>

Enterprise Week

Well done to all of the children for their contribution to the fete: they raised £109.74 in total for the PTA, taking the total raised at the fete to well over £1,000. Thank you to everyone involved!

The breakdown of profit by class was:

Acorn - £22.87

Beech - £24.30

Lime - £12.54

Pine - £19.43

Willow - £17.07

School Uniform

If you are starting your shopping early this summer then please have a look at our uniform checklist which can also be found on the school website at

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

It would be really helpful in September if every child in Lime, Oak and Willow could bring in a glue stick, a black whiteboard pen and a pencil sharpener. I'm not sure where all these items end up but we are always short of all three, no matter how many boxes we buy!

Steve Drywood Annual Maths Challenge

Every year a maths challenge is held for the year 5 and 6 children in memory of Steve Drywood. This year the challenge included lots of questions about the number 90 to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

Congratulations to all the children who took part.

Results: Winner: Noah

Runner –ups: Olivia, Evelyn & Lucy

Family Challenge

The challenge this year was based on the Queen's 90th birthday and required the construction of a palace or castle from junk modeling. Great fun was had by all as they, politely of course, battled over the best of the junk! There are some good action photos in the gallery on the website. Congratulations to the Porritt family for winning family challenge this year with their fabulous model of a castle with a working drawbridge, Castle Unicornia. Runners up were: the Barrett Family (plus Ryan) and the Dogar/Crooks team.



Governor News

On behalf of the governors at Horspath CoE School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noel Skeats, who has been a parent governor for almost four years. Noel has been chair of Premises where he has supported Mrs Coleman in our annual health and safety audits. Noel's professional approach and commitment will be deeply missed. Noel has promised to continue supporting us as one of our 'in house' photographers. Thank you for all your contributions.

I would also like to thank Richard Hughes who was appointed parent governor at the same time as Noel. Richard's daughter is leaving Horspath at the end of term, and as a result Richard has decided to no longer serve as a parent governor. We have however been fortunate enough to appoint Richard as a co-opted governor, where he will continue in his roles as vice-chair of governors and chair of Children, Learning & Communications Committee. In addition to Richard's many roles on the governing body, Richard has taken responsibility for developing the school's website and is our other 'in house' photographer/videographer.

We are also saying goodbye to two long term members of staff. Thank you to both Debi Kidd and Joanne Horne for always smiling and for your commitment to the children and to the school. We will miss you both!

The end of an academic year sadly means that we also have to say farewell to our lovely year 6 pupils. The governors of Horspath CoE School would like to wish them the very best of luck. We say goodbye to a group of independent individuals who have shown us that challenges can be overcome with sheer commitment, hard work and self-belief; may you continue to flourish and seize all opportunities that come your way.

Good luck and best wishes to all our school leavers - continue to be happy and achieve your very best. You will all be missed.

Munaza Dogar
Chair of Governors

Diary Dates

Leavers' Service	Friday 15 th July 2.30pm
Area Sports (Years 4,5 & 6)	Friday 15 th July (evening)
School Closes	Wednesday 20 th July 1.30pm
School reopens	Monday 5 th September 2016

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

Please note that we finish at 1.30pm on Wednesday.

I hope everyone has a lovely summer break and I will look forward to seeing everyone again in September!

Yours sincerely,
Emma Coleman
Headteacher