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21<sup>st</sup> October 2015

Dear Parents,

### **Sponsored Walk**

I think we were very lucky with the weather on Monday for our sponsored walk. Give or take a couple of pairs of tired little legs, we all walked around the cricket ground at least three times, with some of the older children at a running pace!  
We would be very grateful if you could send the sponsorship money in as soon as possible, thank you.

### **Rubbish!**

Many thanks to our two very kind parents who loaded up for a trip to the recycling centre last week. It was much appreciated, thank you.

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

The way all children in England and Wales are assessed at the end of Key Stages 1 and 2 is changing from May 2016. As a result of this, the way that we track pupil progress throughout our school is also changing.

We would like to invite you to an information evening for parents at **6.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November** in the school hall to give you more details about how the changes affect our school.

Attached is an overview of the key changes that we are making at Horspath School and there is more detailed guidance available on our school website at:

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

*If you have any questions, or specific information you would like us to cover during the meeting, it would be very useful if you could let us know in advance by emailing the school office. Thank you.*

### **Lime Class**



Lime Class have been practising their quill pen skills on their Great Fire of London diary entries.

### **Pupil safeguarding**

Could I ask you to be very vigilant as you leave the playground at the end of the school day and check that only your own children come out with you. We have had a couple of near misses where younger pupils have been collected from their class teacher and then have become separated from their parents and have tried to leave the playground with other parents. Thank you.

### **Early Morning Groups**

This year we have made some changes to way we run booster groups, which used to happen each morning before school. We are now using this morning time before school starts for the teachers and teaching assistants to plan how to support each pupil during the day. This support is reactive to pupils needs and can be targeted to meet specific needs from day to day. Our aim is to identify any problems and to support pupils to catch up as quickly as possible, before pupils slip behind and need a longer term intervention program

We are continuing to provide individualised and targeted support for pupils during the morning period of 8.50 – 9.15, and also to provide any additional support that SEN pupils require.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Chrissie Marshall

Pupil Progress Leader.

### **Diary Dates**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Decorated Pumpkin Competition

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**School Closed INSET staff training**

Half Term

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

### **Early Warning**

Individual School Photos

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Assessing Pupils' Progress

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm

Friendship Week

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November

Curriculum Display

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Acorn Class Nativity dress rehearsal

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December pm

Acorn Class Nativity

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December am

School Play dress rehearsal

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December am

School Play

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm

School Play

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm

Christmas Fayre

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Pantomime (in school)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

School Closes

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

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

Half Term

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

School Closes

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Yours sincerely,

Emma Coleman

Headteacher