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Dear parents,

22nd April 2016

It was lovely to see everyone back in school again last week. I am sorry to have missed all of the Easter celebrations but I was cheered up by being sent the photo below. I have decided not to have flu again; it wasn't as much fun as I thought!



To top it off, the sun is shining and I was told last week by a wise old lady that since the rooks are nesting high it means it's going to be a lovely summer. Admittedly, she was wearing a pointy black hat so I'm not sure how much faith I should put in this!

Book Week

As a follow up from Book Week please have a look at <http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/learning-resources/reading/> where you will find our suggested reading lists which we have now updated to include your recommendations. There are also some useful reading websites on the same page. We are always keen to update these lists so do send us your recommendations. We would also like to compile a list of books that you have enjoyed reading to your child, these are usually books that are still a little too hard for your child to tackle independently but they benefit hugely from the extended story and more complex language. Send in your recommendations!

Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday

We have been discussing how best to celebrate the Queen's official birthday on the 11th of June this year. We will be asking the school council to come up with some ideas but if you have any suggestions then please let us know.

Reminder of the procedures for safeguarding pupils at the end of the day

Acorn, Beech and Lime Pupils

The teachers take the children out onto the playground at the end of the day and allow children to leave their care once they see the person who is collecting them. We also have a list provided by All Stars so that we know which of our younger pupils need to be taken to the hall for an after school club.

Oak and Willow

We allow our older children to go out onto the playground on the condition that they return to their classroom or go to the school office if they can't see the person who is collecting them.

If you are happy for your Year 6 child to walk home on their own, please could you confirm this in a brief note for Mrs Bailey, just so we know who has permission and who does not. We do not allow children in any other year group to go home alone or to be taken home by their Year 6 brother or sister. Neither do we allow children to meet their parents and carers at a point away from the school (local shop etc).

We expect children in Oak and Willow Class to remember if they need to go to the hall for an after school club but we can always check the list for them if they can't remember.

All Stars take a register of the children booked in for an after school club and always check with us if there are any children missing for which there is usually a simple explanation.

Parking

Please take care when parking at the start at end of the school day. Our long suffering neighbours often find their drives are blocked by cars and, after I have finished apologising on behalf of the school, I always ask them to take a photo of the position of the car and report number plates directly to the police. The same applies to cars parked on pavements, near junctions, blocking access to residents or on the yellow zig-zags. The local PCSOs will be checking on parking outside the school over the next few weeks.

Summer Term dates for your diary:

Friday 22 nd April	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 29 th April	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 6 th May	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 13 th May	<u>No</u> Family Assembly
Friday 20 th May	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 27 th May	<u>No</u> Family Assembly

Key Stage 2 SATs Tests

9th May – 13th May

Key Stage 1 SATs Tests

16th May – 27th May

Half Term

30th May – 3rd June

Year 5 Cycle Training

6th – 20th June (**Volunteer helpers required!**)

Year 6 Toplink Festival

Thursday 30th June (am)

Family Challenge and School Fete

Saturday 2nd July

Enterprise Week

4th-8th July

Sports Day

Tuesday 12th July

Alternative Sports Day

Thursday 14th July

Leavers' Service

Friday 15th July (pm)

School Closes

Wednesday 20th July 1.30pm

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

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Head Teacher