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Dear Parents,

25th November 2016

Yenworthy

It was wonderful to hear all about the children's adventures at Yenworthy Lodge a couple of weeks ago. We had originally planned a Yenworthy Assembly for Year 6 parents this afternoon but Mrs Bailey has had to take a few days off work so we've postponed until next Friday (2nd Dec) at 9.15am. We've had to slot it in the morning so it doesn't clash with the topic display in the afternoon. Sorry that it is rather short notice but we needed to squeeze it in before the Christmas Play rehearsals start.

Internet Safety

If you were able to come to last week's family assembly you will have heard some alarming statistics from the children in Willow Class about their internet use. The one that horrified me most was that 33% of Willow Class had been contacted on line by someone they didn't know. I think it's worth repeating the 10 tips to keep safe on line that the class came up with and shared with the school on Friday:

1. Keep user names and passwords safe.
2. Use the privacy settings on your account.
3. Do not give out personal information: name, date of birth, address or school.
4. Do not post a picture with your name attached or a picture of you wearing your school jumper unless it has been checked by your parents or the school.
5. Don't talk to or befriend people you do not know on social media. Tell an adult and block them.
6. Think twice before hitting 'enter' – posts never disappear completely even when deleted.
7. Obey age limits on social media, websites, games and films.
8. WWGS – *What would grandma say if she saw the picture or post?*
9. Never meet with a person you only know online.
10. If in doubt or you feel uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult.

Parking

I know parking is very difficult, particularly at the end of school, but please park with consideration for our neighbours and for the safety of the school and nursery children. We have received complaints from local residents about parking, in particular from residents of Wrightson Close. Last Wednesday, cars were parked on both sides of Wrightson Close, blocking access for larger cars completely. We have

asked the PSCO to patrol the area around the school and nursery as often as possible.

Inter- house problem Solving

The children had a great time last Friday morning with the inter-house problem solving activities. It was lovely to see the children working together and enjoying themselves so much while they solved the challenges.

Please have a look at the video, photos and quotes on the school website at:

<http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/problem-solving-nov-2016/>



These photos show the children trying to rearrange themselves into alphabetical order without stepping off the benches!

Staff

I would like to welcome Mrs Lisa Barney to the staff as a lunchtime supervisor. Mrs Gersock and Mrs Kenworthy have settled into the routines of Beech Class, and Mrs Cox is getting to grips with how Oak Class works. I will update you on the plans for Lime Class as soon as I can.

All Stars

All Stars are seeking to employ a new member of staff to join the All Stars Club. Please see attached the job advert and the job description.

Diary Dates

Family Assembly	Friday 25th November 2.45pm
Topic Display	Friday 2 nd December 2.45pm
<i>No Family Assembly</i>	
Pantomime trip	Wednesday 7 th December
Christmas Fayre	Friday 9 th December
<i>No Family Assembly</i>	
School Play Dress Rehearsal	Monday 12 th December 9.30am

Acorn Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Monday 12th December 2pm (at the church)

Acorn Class Nativity church)

Tuesday 13th December 9.45am (at the

School Play

Tuesday 13th December 5.30pm

School Play

Wednesday 14th December 5.30pm

School Closes

Friday 16th December at **1.30pm**

INSET

Tuesday 3rd January

School reopens

Wednesday 4th January

Half Term

13th Feb – 17th Feb

Easter Holidays

10th – 21st April

INSET

Monday 24th April

School Reopens

Tuesday 25th April

Half Term

29th May – 2nd June

School Closes

Friday 21st July

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher