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26<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear parents,

### **K'nex Workshop**

Willow Class had a really successful K'nex workshop on Tuesday. The hall was full of models which spun and swung along the theme of The Fairground. There are photos at:  
<http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/knex-workshop-feb-2016/>

I'll let the children tell you more...

*I really enjoyed the K'nex workshop because we got to make our own creation. The most difficult part was trying to make it stand up without wobbling. Anabela*

*The K'nex workshop fun but there were a lot of problems to solve along the way to make your ride work properly. I enjoyed it because I find problems fun to solve. Noah*

*I enjoyed the K'nex workshop because you were able to make your ride functional. There were a lot of problems that we had to solve and another hard part was actually creating the structure. Ollie*

*I liked the K'nex workshop because I haven't used it before. It was quite hard because it was really fiddly, but I enjoyed it and enjoyed being partners with Saif. Archie*

*I enjoyed building the model and putting the motor on. We found making it move quite tricky. James*

*The K'nex workshop was difficult because some pieces didn't fit into other pieces. It was also very fun because the models actually moved with the help of a motor. Lukas*

*I enjoyed making the K'nex rides because we got to create something we had never made before and it's cool to try new challenges like making your ferris wheel stand up. Izzy*

*I thought the K'nex were really good because we made a swing which people could go on and it went really high. I really enjoyed working on it and had lots of fun. Ali*

*I really enjoyed the K'nex workshop especially walking around and viewing other people's rides. Anton*

Many thanks to the PTA for funding the workshop.

### **Yenworthy**

On Monday morning I will be waving off our Year 6s accompanied by Mrs Bailey, Mrs Chase and Mrs Cranston to a week at Yenworthy Lodge. I am sure they will have a fabulous time and I am looking forward to hearing all their news on their return.

The Yenworthy Assembly is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of March for the parents of our Year 6s to find out about all of their adventures!

### **Late pick up policy**

Please see our policy for children who are not collected at the end of the school day at:

<http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/download/policies/Protocol-for-dealing-with-children-not-collected-at-the-end-of-the-school-day.pdf>

It is rather a long document in order to cover every eventuality but the basic principle is: if you are going to be late collecting your child please contact the school as soon as you can.

### **Balls on playground**

Just a reminder that we do ask the children not to play with balls on the playground before school, there are too many younger siblings in the firing line!

## Governor News

### **School Uniform Survey**

Many thanks to all parents who responded the recent survey about the affordability of the school's uniform. The results were as follows:

- Do you understand why the school defines and enforces a school uniform policy?  
Yes: 96%, No 4%
- Do you find the rules easy to understand? Yes: 100%
- Do you consider the uniform requirements to be practical and affordable? Yes: 93%, No 7%

Based on this, the governors are satisfied of the affordability of the uniform. We do, however, acknowledge the issues raised by the small number of people who answered "no", and these will be taken into consideration when the uniform policy is reviewed. We also received a number of helpful comments about the clarity of the uniform rules on the website (specifically regarding swimming kit and clothing with school logos) and we have revised the wording accordingly.

### **Wheatley Park School Open Days**

Wheatley Park School Open Day dates for this year are:

Open Evening Tuesday 27 September 2016 6-8pm

Open Morning Friday 30 September 2016 9am - 12 noon

### **Spring Term dates for your diary:**

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
	Sportshall Athletics Final
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Yenworthy Residential
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Yenworthy Assembly for Year 6 parents
	<u>No</u> Family Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>No</u> Family Assembly
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 IMPs Trip
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Service 2.30pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes at 1.30pm
Easter Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> March – 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term:	
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

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

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Coleman  
Headteacher