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Dear parents,

Our value for this term is Friendship. All of the children have written prayers about friendship for us to share in assembly, here are a couple of examples,

*Dear God,  
Thank you for all of my friends and for giving me a school that I can go to to make new friends. Please help me to show courage, be helpful, care for others, show respect and be loyal to all of my friends.  
Amen*

(Sophia)

*Dear God,  
Thank you for all of my friends who help me to learn and play with me at break. Help me to make new friends so we can be happy all the time. Help all the people around the world who don't have a friend to find one and be happy.  
Amen*

(Kyan)

### **Mathletics**

Please remember to encourage your child to log in to the Mathletics Learning Platform to practise the skills and concepts taught in their Maths lessons. Younger children will probably need and benefit from your help with Mathletics until they become more familiar with the program.

Please remember:

- All logins are at the front of reading diaries (if not, please ask the teacher).
- There are choices to simplify or choose greater challenge within each activity as needed.
- If you're confused, click on the question mark for a guided example.
- If you click on the questions, they will be read out.
- For those children/ parents new to Mathletics, please see the parents' Mathletics guide on the school website.

Every child in Beech, Lime, Oak and Willow has been allocated some activities to complete, after which they can choose their favourite activities and games.

Mrs Marshall

Pupil Progress Leader

## **www.curiositycarnival.org**

On Friday 29 September, the University of Oxford will be holding its first ever European Researchers' Night, the Curiosity Carnival. This will be the University's biggest public engagement with research event ever, taking place in the University's museums, Weston Library, Botanic Garden and Wytham Woods, plus a programme of street activities in Broad Street. The event features researchers across a huge range of subjects – from languages to physics, engineering to medicine and everything in between. The event is funded by the European Commission and seeks to celebrate and debate the many ways that research affects all our lives.

In association with the Curiosity Carnival, 29 September is also the 2017 Night of Heritage Light, celebrating the art and science of light – with fun, creative designs lighting up some of the city's most iconic sites: Ashmolean Museum, Museum of Natural History, Museum of the History of Science, Bodleian Library quad, Radcliffe Camera, Radcliffe Observatory and Radcliffe Humanities.

### **Parking**

I know parking is very difficult, particularly at the end of the school day, but please park with consideration for our neighbours and most importantly for the safety of our children.

We have received a number of complaints about parents parking on the zig-zags outside the school, across our neighbours' drives and on the junctions of Fords Close, Wrightson Close and Butts Road. We have contacted the police and asked them to patrol the area around the school and nursery as often as possible. They have asked us to distribute the attached letter.

It does involve a short walk but please bear in mind that the village hall car park is available for you to park in. From the car park there is a small short cut behind the village hub which saves a walk along the side of the road.

In a couple of weeks, we will be launching our "Walk to School" campaign – more details to follow soon.

### **Lime Class Sea Poems**

*The Sea*

*I can hear the waves.*

*I can smell salty water*

*I can feel the sea is strong.*

*I can taste the salt in the sea air.*

*I can touch the sea cold water.*

Luka

*The Crab*

*I am a crab who walks the shore and pinches toes all day.*

*If I were you, I'd wear some shoes and not get in my way.*

Mili

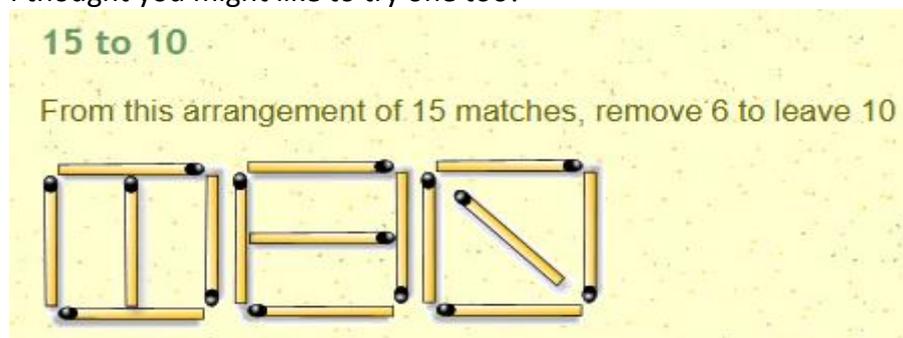
### **Afternoon Tea**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Afternoon Tea, we hope you all enjoyed the cake and a chance to have a chat. We raised £140.20 during the afternoon. How we will spend this will be discussed at our PTA AGM on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Horspath School, to which you are all invited.

### A puzzle for you

We are trying to encourage children to tackle puzzles and problems which take some practice and some perseverance.

I thought you might like to try one too!



Hopefully I will remember to put the solution in the next newsletter!

### Diary Dates

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Family Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Open day at Wheatley Park for Year 6s

Family Assembly 2.45pm

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Willow Class Earth Science Trip

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

PTA AGM at Horspath School

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Lime and Oak River Museum trip

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Family Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Family Assembly 2.45pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Yenworthy Parents' Meeting 3.15pm in Willow

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

2.30pm Harvest Service – parents welcome

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

School Closed for INSET

### Half Term

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October**

### Early Warning

Year 6 Yenworthy

30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Parents Evenings

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Friendship Week

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November

School Play (not Acorn)

5.30pm Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

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Nativity Play – Acorn

9.30am Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the church

9.30am Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the church

School Closes

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

INSET

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

School reopens

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Half Term

12<sup>th</sup> Feb – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Easter Holidays

30<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April

School Reopens

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Half Term

28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June

School Closes

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman  
Headteacher