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Friday 18th May 2018

Dear parents,

Thank you very much for all of your kind words and emails over the last week. I will be really sorry to say goodbye to Horspath School but I'm trying not to think about it too much for now, we've got 8 weeks to go until the end of term!

Gold Star Awards



Congratulations to Kieran, Connor, Mila, Sophia, Pav, Ellie and Otis who received their God Stars this week!

SATs Tests

Well done to all of our Year 6s this week. We are really proud of all of their hard work and for doing their very best in the tests.

Our Year 2s have started some of their tests and will be completing the others over the coming week.

Competition winners

All of the children entered the Explore Learning writing competition a few weeks ago and also entered a design for the cover of the Royal Wedding edition of the Radio Times.

Huge congratulations to Addison who won the Oxfordshire heat of the Explore Learning writing competition. His entry has now been entered for the national competition – best of luck Addison!

Congratulations are also due to Lucca, who designed a Radio Times cover selected by David Walliams as one of his top 20 and will receive a signed copy of his book, and to Olivia in Lime Class who was one of 60 runners up.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

You have probably heard a lot recently about the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), if not on the news, then via the endless emails from companies urging you to sign up to stay in touch. GDPR comes into force on 25th May, harmonising and strengthening data protection laws across the European Union; this has forced all organisations that hold personal data to re-evaluate whether they have a continuing legal basis for doing so.

Schools are by no means exempt from GDPR, but most of the ways personal data is used in the school are covered by the “public task” legal basis. This means that we do not need to ask for consent to use data for anything connected with our duty to educate your child. Similarly, we do not need to ask for consent to share information with other organisations where we have a legal obligation to do so.

We do need consent to use personal data for any purpose that is not required in order to educate your child, for example using photos of pupils on the school website, advertising PTA events, etc. We believe that the records we already have in place are sufficient so we do not expect to need to ask you for consent again, but this may change as the full implications of GDPR on schools becomes more apparent in the coming months.

We will be updating the data protection policy and privacy notices over the next few weeks to reflect the school’s new obligations under GDPR. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is used by the school, please contact us at the school.

Fire Alarm

We are having a new fire alarm system fitted in the school over half term, as well as some work done on the exterior of the building to remove some panels from the soffits. There are some low risk asbestos panels in the exterior soffits which are carefully monitored. At the last inspection, one of the panels was identified for removal which will take place over the half term break.

The new fire alarm will incorporate a “lock down alarm” system which we can use if we ever have to secure the children and staff inside the building. There could be any number of reasons for doing this ranging from a stray dog on the school field, a local gas leak or on advice from the police. We will be practising this lock down procedure, in the same way that we regularly practise fire drills, before the end of the summer term.

SIAMS (Church School Inspection)

We will be having two guests in school on Wednesday who will be conducting our 5 yearly Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). Church schools have an inspection every 5 years to “... evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child or young person.”

The report from our last inspection can be found at <http://horspath.oxon.sch.uk/about-the-school/school-and-church/>. We will publish the new report on the website as soon as it is available.

Puzzle

Solution to last week's puzzle:

Chicken = 7 Deer = 9 Fox = 8

So a chicken and two foxes = 23

This week's puzzle:

There are several books on a bookshelf. If one book is the 4th from the left and the 6th from the right, how many books are on the shelf?

Summer Term dates for your diary:

Friday 18th May

Key Stage 1 SATs Tests

Friday 25th May

Half Term

Friday 8th June

Friday 15th June

Friday 22nd June

Friday 29th June

Friday 6th July

Friday 13th July

Friday 13th July

Saturday 14th July

Tuesday 17th July

(Thursday 19th July

Friday 20th July

Monday 23rd July

School Closes

No Family Assembly

21st May – 25th May

No Family Assembly

28th May – 1st June

Family Assembly 2.45pm

No Family Assembly

Music Assembly **2.30pm**

Family Assembly 2.45pm

Family Assembly 2.45pm

No Family Assembly

Area Sports (5.30pm) Key Stage 2

Family Challenge and PTA Fete

Sports Day 9.30am - weather permitting

Reserve Sports Day 9.30am)

No Family Assembly

Year 6 Leavers' Service 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th July at 1.30pm

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman

Headteacher