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Friday 22nd June 2018

Dear parents,

This term is always a mad dash to fit everything in before the end of term which is just over four weeks away now. So keep hold of the diary dates below!

I have made a few visits to Sandhills School this week; it's been great getting to know the school community there but the downside is that it's starting to sink in that I'm leaving Horspath.

### **Family Challenge Day**

The next Family Challenge will be held on Saturday 14th July from 10.30am to 12pm. The actual activity is being kept a secret until the morning, but I would be grateful if you could start collecting the following:

newspapers

kitchen roll/wrapping paper tubes

plastic bottles

cardboard boxes

egg boxes

wool/string/sellotape

Please collect these items at home and bring them into school either Thursday 12th June or Friday 13th July.

It is a fantastic morning and I hope to see you there.

Michelle Bailey

### **Gold Star Awards**



Congratulations to Ethan, Lyla, Mili, Isla, Luka, Sanvi, Jack D, Jess, Lily, Eden, Isis, Layla, Leona and Susan Poppy who received their Gold Stars this week!

### **Adventure Playground**

Last Sunday Poppy, Pav, Frances and Angelo ran in a junior road race to raise money for the adventure playground. They all did brilliantly and finished their races. Anjelo came first in his age group. Congratulations to Wendy (Poppy's mum) and Michael (Pav's dad) for running the 10k in under an hour.

The school council met with the contractor for the new adventure playground a couple of weeks ago to agree the plans. We are expecting the work to start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and be completed ready for use by the end of the following week.

### **Adventure Playground – Message from the PTA**

*With the final design confirmed for the new play area, have you seen the totaliser moving over the £700 mark? This is all thanks to your donations, families completing a sponsored run and the proceeds from the Father's day gifts. Thank you.*

*It still leaves us with over £2,300 to raise in the remaining weeks of the term. We hope to achieve this with the Summer Fete- just four weeks away, 14<sup>th</sup> July, a sponsored sports event and cake sale (details to follow) and afternoon tea on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please support these events as much as you can.*

*But don't forget you can still help each week by using [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) for your online shopping, holiday or insurance purchases.*

Thank you!  
Michelle Legg  
Chair of the PTA

### **Orchestra Day**

Congratulations to Sophia, Isla, Lily, Amelie, Dominik, Connor and Milo who took part in the orchestra day at Headington Girls School on 20th June. The day started with the children being presented with four pieces of music they had never seen before and straight away being asked to play. The children were excellent and rose to the challenge of sight-reading music. Following two hour-long rehearsals in the morning, the children were treated to a delicious lunch and time to explore the grounds of the school. In the afternoon, the whole orchestra had one final rehearsal before performing in a concert for parents. The quality of the instrument playing and the sound the orchestra produced after such a short time rehearsing were amazing and I was extremely proud of the children. Well done!

*It was a really fun day and enjoyable for musicians. - Connor*

*I was one of the most exciting days I have ever had in my life. - Amelie*

*The food was really tasty and it was nice to play with lots of other children in an orchestra. – Lily*

Mrs Bailey

### **Survey**

Would you be kind enough to take a few minutes to complete this survey:

<http://horspath.oxon.sch.uk/survey/>

Over the year we have been making progress with our understanding of how to apply growth mindset strategies in the classroom. I have also included some tips for parents in recent newsletters. We are currently reviewing our progress so far and your thoughts would be really helpful when we look at planning for next year. Thank you.

### **Roadside trees**

The side of the playground next to the road looks really bare without the trees. The parish council took the decision to cut the trees down for very good reasons, and I did agree to their decision, but I must admit I hadn't appreciated how exposed the playground would seem without them. There is nothing to prevent us planting some trees on the school side of the fence for some shade and privacy as long as we choose the type of trees carefully.

The teachers will be reminding the children about how to keep themselves safe in the playground which includes not talking to passers-by through the fence. You can help them with this by not talking to them through the fence; a quick wave on the way by is fine!

### **Puzzles**

Solution to last week's puzzle

What 3 positive numbers give the same result when multiplied and added together?

Answer 1, 2, 3

This week's puzzle

Julie has been asked to paint the numbers 1 to 100 on 100 apartment doors. How many times will she have to paint the digit 8?

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

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July

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**Saturday 14th July**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

*(Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

School Closes

Music Assembly **2.30pm**

Family Assembly 2.45pm

Move Up Day

*No Family Assembly*

*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)*

Mrs Coleman's Leaving Assembly, followed by tea and cake!

Year 6 Leaving Service 2.30pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman  
Headteacher