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Dear parents,

The River Learning Trust received an invitation for one teacher from the trust to attend a reception at No.10 Downing Street. You might be able to recognise who was lucky enough to be chosen!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-and-education-secretary-host-teachers-at-number-10>

SIAMS (Church School Inspection)

Our inspection just before half term went well. Groups of children, staff and parents spoke to the inspectors who also watched an assembly and looked through the evidence we keep on how the school's Christian ethos contributes to the quality of teaching, learning and the wider life of the school. A copy of the report has been sent with this email and will be uploaded to the school website soon. If you have any questions or comments about the report please do let us know.

Walk to School Campaign

A huge well done to the children and classes who have been participating in our Walk to School initiative.

It has been fantastic to see so many people making such an effort to travel to school in a "green" way. We appreciate that for many people this has not always been easy, especially when parents are juggling work commitments, dropping other siblings elsewhere etc.

However, the effort has clearly been made and in many classes nearly 100% of recorded journeys to school have been carried out in an environmentally friendly manner!

Children (and parents!) should feel proud of the involvement and commitment they have shown towards this initiative! Well done and keep it up!

*Ms Jude Zabell
Campaign Leader*

Gold Star Awards



Congratulations to Poppy who received her Gold Star this week!

Classes for 2018-19

I am pleased to say that we successfully appointed a new Key Stage 2 leader on the last day before half term, leaving Mrs Bailey free for her new role in September. Mr Mayling is an experienced teacher and school leader and we are really pleased that he will be joining us in September.

I know that pupils and their parents want to know about their new classes as soon as possible. We have more requests for places further up the school than usual this year. This is a wonderful reflection on the school's reputation but we do want Horspath School to remain a small village school which we do by carefully applying our admission criteria in the best interests of our current pupils and families. Admissions for each year group are finalised by mid-June at which time we can work out our class structure, who will be in each class, and let everyone know in time for Move Up Day on the 6th of July. If you would like an explanation of how we work out the classes please see <http://www.horspath.oxon.sch.uk/classes/structure/> .

New staff

Mr Jordan Mayling will be joining us in September as our new Key Stage 2 leader.



My name is Mr Mayling and I have been teaching since 2003. I have taught in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. I gained a degree in Politics before training to become a primary school teacher. When I was younger, I actually went to Horspath Primary School myself and have very fond memories of my time there! My hobbies include playing rugby, computing and going to the cinema. I live in Wheatley with my wife, who is also a primary school teacher, our 7-month-old daughter Lily and our cat Betty. I am really looking forward to getting to know the children, staff and parents at Horspath, and being part of your great school.

Mrs Michelle Little joined us at the start of the week and will be working in Acorn Class on Tuesdays and Thursdays while Mrs Webb is looking after her new grandson at home.

Cricket

Some of you with links to Wheatley Park School may have heard that their Year 8 cricket team is doing exceptionally well in the Schools National Cricket Cup 2018 (including several ex pupils from Horspath Primary). Not only did they beat the likes of Magdalen and Abingdon School to become the Oxfordshire representative school, they are now in the final of the Midlands section having beaten teams from Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Bedfordshire!

To make it to the last 8 of the competition is an amazing achievement given the resources they have and who they're competing against. Their success has meant that they are in the Cricket World magazine's contenders for performance of the week. If you get a moment, please could you give them a vote?

Just follow the link below:

<https://www.cricketworld.com/cricket-world-performances-of-the-week-6th-june-2018/51464.htm>

Thanks

Puzzle

Solution to the previous puzzle:
There are 9 books on the bookshelf.

This week's puzzle:

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

Lime Class visit to the Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden



As part of our Topic on Authors and Artists, we went to the Roald Dahl Museum just before the half term holiday. The children participated in a writing workshop; handling archive writing material of Roald Dahl and learning how to edit a piece of writing. They also explored the village where particular landmarks inspired Dahl's stories and they looked around the museum. The children in Lime Class have been so enthusiastic to read Dahl's books and now have a greater understanding of him as an author.

Mrs Kate Walters

Lime Class

Summer Term dates for your diary:

Friday 8 th June	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Friday 15 th June	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Friday 22 nd June	Music Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 29 th June	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 6 th July	Move Up Day
	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Friday 13 th July	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Friday 13 th July	Area Sports (5.30pm) Key Stage 2
Saturday 14th July	Family Challenge and PTA Fete
Tuesday 17 th July	Sports Day 9.30am - weather permitting
<i>(Thursday 19th July</i>	<i>Reserve Sports Day 9.30am)</i>
Friday 20 th July	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Monday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leaving Service 2.30pm
School Closes	Wednesday 25 th July at 1.30pm

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher