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21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Dear parents,

I am amazed at how quickly the first couple of weeks have flown by and the difference in the weather! Please remember to send your child to school with a coat everyday: we go out to play in most weathers unless it is pouring down with rain.

In my first newsletter there was a deliberate mistake (!) – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET day so there will be NO family assembly.

### **Adventure Playground**

You will have noticed that the adventure playground is complete, however the glue needs to dry and it requires a safety inspection before the children are allowed on it. We are planning to officially open it on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September as part of the Macmillan Afternoon Tea.

### **Macmillan Afternoon Tea**

This will be held in the school hall next Friday (28<sup>th</sup>) starting at 2.15pm. It will be a chance to meet other parents and me for a chat and is in aid of a very worthy charity. If you can donate any cakes, biscuits or other nibbles, please bring them into school on Friday morning.

### **Hot Chocolate Friday**

It was lovely to welcome the first group of children to enjoy a hot chocolate with me last Friday as a celebration of excellent behaviour. I am looking forward to seeing who will be joining me later today.

### **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. 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.

## Horspath PTA

Firstly, thank you to the small number of people who attended our AGM on Tuesday evening. It's always nice to recap, on what turned out to be a very busy year, last year, but also to welcome new parent(s) and to focus on the year ahead.

As with any AGM we needed to elect our committee. Kathryn Lewis will continue as Secretary and Michael Timbs as Treasurer. Unfortunately there were no volunteers to fill the role of Chair (or Vice Chair), which leaves the group without an overall steer for the year ahead.

It is a rewarding role that you can shape to fit your own individual strengths, fully supported by the committee and wider PTA and school community. Please do consider taking on this role and anyone interested can approach the PTA or school.

The minutes, reports, class rep details and updated information will shortly be available on the PTA pages of the school website.

The committee and class reps have arranged a fundraising planning meeting on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm**, in the Queens Head, Horspath to which you will all be welcome.

On a personal level I have been slightly disappointed not to have someone to pass the baton onto but I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been a part of the PTA, helped out at events and to everyone who has supported our activities over the last few years. A special thank you to the school and to the committee for my lovely gifts, they were truly unexpected, but a lovely gesture! However I won't be disappearing completely, we will still be part of the school for the next three years and we will still be helping out at some of the future events.

Michelle Legg - ex-Chair of Horspath School PTA

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Bailey  
Acting Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Parents Meeting 9.00am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Parents Meeting 3.15pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Afternoon Tea
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photos
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival 9.15am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day
Half Term	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October

## **Early Warning**

Parents Evening	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
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Friendship Week	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Children In Need	16 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6 Yenworthy	19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Yenworthy Assembly	30 <sup>th</sup> November
School Play (not Acorn)	5.30pm Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
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Nativity Play (Acorn)	2.00pm Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at the church
	9.30am Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at the church
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Topic Display	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Pantomime	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December pm
School Closes	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 1.30pm
INSET	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
School reopens	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Half Term	18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Easter Holiday	8 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
INSET	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April