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7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear parents,

Welcome back everyone. The holiday went extremely quickly but it is lovely to have all the children back and to hear of all the exciting things they got up to during the summer break.

It has been lovely to welcome all of the new Acorn Class pupils and their families into school. A big thank you to our Buddies who are doing a brilliant job helping our new pupils to settle in.

I would also like to welcome Mr Mayling who will be teaching Willow Class. Please introduce yourself to him, if you spot him on the playground!

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for all you kind words and support as I embark on my new role within the school.

### **Class Newsletters**

The class newsletters will be sent home to you next week. As usual these will contain information about topics, PE days and other classroom routines.

### **The morning rush!**

Mornings are a busy time in the classrooms and in the cloakrooms so we do expect pupils in Lime, Oak and Willow to say goodbye to their mums and dads in the playground and to sort out their own belongings. This doesn't mean that you aren't welcome to come into the classroom for a quick word with the class teacher or teaching assistant if you need to. You are also welcome to put a note in your child's reading diary, phone the school or email the school office to contact your child's teacher. If you arrive late, please can you settle your child as quickly and quietly as possible so as not to disturb the rest of the class.

### **The adventure playground**

A big thank you to all the parents who helped dismantle and clear the old playground during the summer holiday. As you can see the new playground is currently being installed and we hope that it will be finished and ready to use by the end of next week. Until it is finished and safe, please keep your child away from the area before and after school.

### **Lunchboxes and birthday treats**

As a school we worked hard to achieve and subsequently maintain our Enhanced Healthy School status. This means that we expect our pupils' packed lunches to contain a variety of healthy options with no chocolate bars or sweets. Pupils often bring in treats for their friends on their birthdays, we are happy to hand out cakes or biscuits but not sweets. If you send in birthday cake for the children please help us by cutting the cake up with a slice for each child in the class.

## School Meals

Children in Acorn Class, Beech Class and the Year 2s in Lime Class are entitled to a free school lunch. Years 3-6 need to order their lunches and send the money in on a Monday for the rest of the week at £2.30 per lunch.

## SENCo

As many of you know, I have taken on the role of SENCo this new academic year. I will also be teaching in Lime Class on a Friday. Therefore if you have any SEN queries, regarding your child, please contact me at [asksenco@horspath.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:asksenco@horspath.oxon.sch.uk)  
My working days are Mondays (until 12.15), Tuesdays (until 14.15), Wednesdays (until 14.15pm) and Fridays all day. Please note that these times include my class teaching time as well.

Jude Zabell

There is a busy year ahead so please hang on to the diary dates below!

## Diary Dates

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	No Family Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	No Family Assembly
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	Family Assembly
Half Term	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October

## Early Warning

Parents Evening	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
Parents Evening	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
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
	5.30pm Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
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
School reopens	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April

Half Term  
School Closes

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Bailey  
Acting Head Teacher