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Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a hectic week it's been and it's only Wednesday! Every time I walk through the hall I'm treated to a song or a dance, which must mean that we're well on the way with rehearsals for the Christmas performance. A letter should be coming out this week with everything you need to know about the performances as well as one for the Acorns' Nativity.

### **Headteacher Recruitment**

Horspath's governors are currently putting together an information pack for prospective headteacher candidates and would like your help! Just inside the playground entrance there is a sheet for parents to write down their thoughts and ideas of what they would like from the next headteacher. The deadline is the end of the day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please keep it brief!

If you are unable to be at pick up or drop off then you're more than welcome to email the school office with your thoughts.

### **Safeguarding Review**

We are currently working with the Oxfordshire LADO Safeguarding team to review our safeguarding procedures both inside and outside the school building across the school day. One change that will start from Monday is that the main entrance to the school not be left open before school anymore. Any children here for an early intervention will be greeted at the door by Mrs Gersok between 8:35 and 8:40am. If they are late then they will need to wait for an adult to let them into the building or wait until the playground entrance door opens at 8:50am.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you that children are not allowed on the adventure playground outside of the school day. Children must be supervised by a member of staff in order to use the equipment.

### **Value of the Term**

This term our value is Respect. We have been trying to make sure that we all say please and thankyou around the school. Hopefully you might have heard a few more at home!

### **Hot Chocolate Wednesday**

Last week I got to sit down and enjoy a nice cup of hot chocolate with Phoenix (Acorn), Bella (Lime), Rose (Oak) and Alex & Kimberley (Beech). They should all be very proud of their recent efforts in class.

## Yenworthy Assembly

Parents of children who went to Yenworthy last week are invited to an assembly where the children will be sharing their stories. This will take place this Friday at 2:30pm.

Many Thanks

Scott Lewis

### Diary Dates

Yenworthy Assembly	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm
Family Assembly	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 9.05am
Xmas Fete	7 <sup>th</sup> December
School Play Dress Rehearsal	10 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am
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
School Play (not Acorn)	5.30pm Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
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 Christmas Lunch	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
School Closes	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 1.30pm

### Early Warning

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
Year 6 Junior Citizen	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Holiday	8 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
INSET	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April