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Horspath C of E School Newsletter 11th December 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome to the final Newsletter of the year. As well as the usual notices, staff have also written some messages to wish you all a happy Christmas. Please do take some time to read them.

Star Worker and Values Champions

We awarded Star Worker and Values Champion certificates last week. Please see the names and the photographs below.



Acorn: Raife and Elizabeth



Beech: Marlie and Brandon



Lime: Ruby



Oak: Ethan and Rhys



Willow: Lyla and Remy



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Covid positive cases over the holiday period

The DfE that asked that all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

If your child receives a positive test between **Friday 18th December – Wednesday 23rd December**. Please contact me directly on headteacher@horspathschool.org. I will then contact other families in your child's 'bubble' as they may have been infectious whilst in school.

If your child receives a positive test **after Wednesday 23rd** please contact the school via the office email or by leaving a message on the answer machine. Please note this will be for information only, school is not required to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.

Christmas Tree competition

Congratulations to Lily in Willow who won the second prize, £25 in Amazon vouchers, in the competition. Special mention to Rabiya in Willow and Bella in Beech whose entries were also highly commended. Well done to all who took part, Empower Learning were overwhelmed with the quality of the entries from Horspath. All children who took part will have their entries returned by the end of the term.

Poppy appeal

Many thanks to everyone who bought poppies etc. for Remembrance Day. We raised £59.05.

Dates for your diary

Peter Pan live-streamed – Tuesday 15th December @ 1.30pm

School Christmas dinner - Wednesday 16th December

End of term – Thursday 17th December @1.30pm

Beginning of spring term – Monday 4th January 2021

Break up for half term – Friday 12th February @ 3.15pm

Back to school after half term - Monday 22nd February

Break up for Easter holiday – Wednesday 31st March



Christmas messages

As we are coming to the end of term, I would like to thank all the children in my class for their hard work in strange circumstances. I would also like to thank parents for their continued support and understanding. I hope you have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in January. - Mrs Michelle Bailey

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and healthy new year. Thank you so much for all the support you have given us. It has certainly been a challenging 2020 but looking forward to a fresh start in 2021! Best wishes, - Jude Zabell

Thank you to all the parents and children for making me feel so welcome in my first term at Horspath School. Happy Christmas and here's to a very welcome New Year. - Miss Sarah Proctor



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As we come to the end of 2020, I want to say a huge thank you to the community of Horspath School. It has been a pleasure and a joy welcoming the children of Lime Class in everyday and seeing their enjoyment of learning flourish. Their confidence, personalities and love for their friends is heartwarming to be around. Please enjoy spending time and making memories with your families. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Christmas wishes, - Mrs Wootten

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year! With lots of love and Christmas cheer. - Mrs D.

To all of the children and parents of Willow Class, wishing you a happy, safe and restful Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year! – Mr Mayling

After what has been a most challenging year for everyone, the class has settled in well and are coming on in leaps and bounds. Beech class is really a class to be proud of and I wish you all well, making the most of your time together during this special time of year. Wishing you all a magical Christmas! -Mrs Kate Walters

What a fantastic term we have had with Acorn Class - a brilliant start to their learning journey in challenging times! Wishing everyone a great big Merry Christmas filled with festive fun and family time. Stay safe and well - let's hope the new year bring lots of changes for the better. Mrs Tyler-Hunt

Wishing you a merry Christmas and happy New Year from Mrs Cranston

Hope you all have a well-earned break over Christmas and a happy New Year. - Mrs Ackland and Mrs Watkins, school office

Thank you to all the musicians, who have worked hard in all their lessons, I am looking forward to another year and lots of music making, also seeing some more amazing stars appear. Happy xmas - Miss P Aitken (Pat, MfSF)

As we reach the end of this unusual, first school term I would like to personally thank you all for the support that you have shown to me and to the school this year. The children have continued to thrive and grow during this difficult time and I firmly believe this is due to the dedication of both parents and teachers; the children are very blessed to have such wonderful adults in their lives.

2020 has been a challenge but I think it has also given us the opportunity to show support and care in many different ways. We will all be glad to see the back of some aspects of 2020 but equally, let's keep the community spirit of Horspath School alive as we go into 2021.

I wish you and your families a wonderfully festive Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

As always, stay alert, stay safe but most of all stay blessed.

*Best Christmas wishes
Mrs Rachel Medley*

