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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week was Horspath's Science Week and we were visited by Science Oxford, which led a series of workshops with an animal theme. Children were busy developing their scientific knowledge and skills and having a lot of fun, as the following photographs of pupils in Acorn and Lime Classes, and Esther's *Flowery Frog* demonstrate. Children in Acorn were seeking minibeasts, including the slugs featured below, whilst Lime Class was busy designing habitats for imaginary creatures. The *Flowery Frog* is an example of the creatures Oak Class invented!



Art Week - week beginning 20 June

During Art Week, each class will work with an art historian and with a practising artist to create artwork on the theme of the school's vision and bible reference, *Let Your Light Shine!* It is very likely that paint will be involved, so if your child does not already have one, we advise adapting an old adult-size shirt into a painting overall, ideally with elastic inserted at the wrists so the cuffs don't flop all over their work.





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Let Your Light Shine assemblies

Continuing on the theme of Let Your Light Shine, we have introduced a series of assemblies which allows children to showcase their out-of-school interests and accomplishments. This week we were treated to a fascinating presentation about orienteering by Alexander and Zebedee, who will be competing in the national championships in July. You can see them racing to the finish in a recent competition in the photograph below. Good luck to them both! We are really excited that so many of the children have expressed their interest in participating so many thanks to Alex and Zebedee for having the courage to be the first. Courage is one of our school values.



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Queen's Platinum Jubilee assembly

On 16 May, we enjoyed a presentation about the Queen, the Platinum Jubilee and the Green Canopy initiative from Mrs Moira Darlington, one of Oxfordshire's Deputy Lord Lieutenants. Afterwards, she dedicated a specially planted flowering cherry tree, kindly purchased by the school's PTA, to mark the Jubilee celebration, and the children raised three cheers for Her Majesty.





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After-school activities in Term 6

We are delighted to offer the following after-school activities after half-term. They are offered to enable children to explore and develop their interests. Please see the relevant posters attached for further details.

Mondays

- Choir for pupils in Beech, Lime, Oak and Willow (3.15 - 4.15)

Tuesdays

- Little Masters Art for pupils in all classes (3.15 - 4.30)

Thursdays

- OCAC Athletics for pupils in Beech, Lime, Oak and Willow (3.15 - 4.15)
- Chance to Shine Cricket for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 (3.15 - 4.15)

The school office has emailed those families who have already signed up for the cricket sessions to confirm their places.

All Stars Breakfast and After-School Club provided by Horspath Pre-School Nursery

If you are looking for an opportunity to extend your child's day, either on a regular basis or an ad-hoc basis (dependent on day-to-day availability of places), please consider using All Stars, the childcare provision offered by Horspath Pre-School Nursery. Please see the information attached about All Stars provision in Term 6 and from September. Please also note that All Stars is interested to know if there is demand for Breakfast Club to start at 7.30am and after-school care to end at 5.30pm. All Stars also offers play schemes during school holidays.

All Stars Summer Play Scheme

9am - 4pm, Monday 25 July - Friday 5 August

Further information can be found here: <https://www.horspathnursery.org.uk/all-stars/>

Second hand uniform

The PTA will be supporting a second-hand uniform sale after half term. We would appreciate any donations of clean school uniform, school shoes and book bags that you would be prepared to rehome. Please drop off any items in the first week after half term - we will have a plastic crate at the door at drop off. If you have any questions please contact Kathryn Goodliffe.

Homework

Research shows that homework has a positive impact on learning by enabling pupils to undertake independent learning. Common homework activities tend to be reading, and learning spellings and number facts. These help children to practise and consolidate skills. From September, children at Horspath will start having homework again. Please see the homework guidance attachment for further details and do email the office if you have any questions or comments.





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Dates for your diary

- Monday 30 May - Monday 6 June
- Monday 6 June
- Tuesday 7 June

- Tuesday 14 June
- Friday 17 June
- Week commencing 20 June
- Tuesday 21 June
- Tuesday 28 June
- Friday 1 July
- Tuesday 5 July
- Week commencing 11 July
- Tuesday 12 July

- Friday 15 July

- *Monday 18 July*
- Tuesday 19 July

- Wednesday 20 July

Half-term holiday

Deferred Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

Beginning of Term 6

2.00-3.00pm, coffee, cake and chat at St Giles' Church

9.00-10.00am, coffee, cake and chat at St Giles' Church

2.30pm, Celebration Assembly

Art Week

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Year 5 and 6 production (timings to be confirmed)

9.15am, School Concert

9.00-10.00pm, coffee, cake and chat at St Giles' Church

9.15-11.00am, Sports Day

2.30pm, Celebration Assembly

9.15-11.00am, Sports Day if 15 July cancelled due to rain

9.30am, Year 6 Leavers' Service

2.00-3.00pm, coffee, cake and chat at St Giles' Church

1.30pm, End of term

River Learning Trust (RLT) recruitment of a new Trustee

RLT is a multi-academy trust responsible for 29 schools in Oxfordshire and Swindon (including Horspath) and a school-centred initial teacher training provider. It is looking for a new Trustee and inviting applications from anyone who would like to join the 11 other Board members in taking forward this successful enterprise. Please see the Trustee recruitment letter attached and do pass it on to anyone you consider qualified for the role.

There are many attachments with this newsletter including an invitation from Horspath Hub, which is hosting lots of lovely Jubilee events and an exhibition about Horspath's history. See the list of attachments on the following page.

Have a lovely half-term holiday!

With kind regards,





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Please find attached posters and further information about:

- After-school Choir
- After-school Little Masters Art
- After-school Athletics coaching
- After-school Cricket coaching
- All Stars Term 6 provision

- All Stars September provision
- Homework guidance
- Second-hand uniform sale
- RLT Trustee recruitment
- Horspath Hub invitation
- The Oxfordshire Museum half-term activities

- Horspath Flower Festival
- Toddlers World at Wheatley Park School
- Boost drama course, Sundays in June and July
- Oxford & Cambridge Singing School 25-27 July



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