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Dear Parents,

Our Year 1 children did very well in their class assembly this week. Well done to them. We now have our Year 6 and Acorn assemblies to look forward to next term.

Maths Day
What a fabulous maths day we had! We started the day with a lovely assembly exploring probability and pattern. It was followed by a round robin of different activities where our children, split into their four houses, worked together on different maths challenges spread out around the school. The afternoon saw the children bringing in a variety of maths games, some bought and some homemade. They all enjoyed playing and extending their maths skills in a fun way. Thank you for supporting them with this and thanks too to Mr Base and Mrs Axford who organised the day. Some photos are on the entrance hall board and on the website in the Curriculum >Maths page.

Tag Rugby
Some of our Year 3 and 4 children played in a partnership Tag Rugby tournament on Wednesday. They did so well, playing brilliantly as a team and Mr Henderson, who ran the tournament, commented on how speedy they were! As a result they won 5 of their 6 games and should be very proud of themselves.

Assessment Meeting
Over the next week or so we will be carrying out our mid-year assessments to make sure that your children are on track and to help us modify the curriculum over the next half of the year in light of their strengths and weaknesses. Although these assessments are similar to those we have done before, the way we record the results are very different as we can no longer use the old levelling system (2c, 2b, 2a etc).
There will be a meeting in the school hall on **Wednesday 2nd March at 6.00pm** to explain the new system. We will look at how the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs will be assessed and what we are doing to assess and track progress in other years. I do hope you can make it.

From Your PTA
Our school disco will be on March 4th. The first part of the disco will be for KS1 (including reception) and the second part will be for KS2, times to be confirmed. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. There will be a snack bar with pizza, drinks and sweets for everyone and an adult bar in the KS2 kitchen area. It's great fun, the children have a brilliant time and we have a chance to chat and get to know other parents. If you are free to come half an hour early (with your kids) and help set up, or stay half an hour at the end to help clear up, we would be so grateful.
Friday 18th March we will have a second hand uniform sale on the drive after school. Every item is £1 so don't forget your money that Friday!
Another date for the diary is our quiz night on the 13th May. This will be held at the Old School Hall again and we would like teams of 8. Don't worry if you love a quiz, but don't have a team just speak to any of the PTA and we will help. Again this is a great social evening with cheese platters and a bar.
Lastly a big thank you to those who have returned their donations forms. Though only a few so far it really can make a big difference to the equipment and trips the school can offer. Any more donation forms will be gratefully received.

Oxford Cricket Club Cricket Academy
If you're in school years 4, 5 or 6, the Oxford Cricket Club are holding a girls cricket taster session on Sunday 14th and 21st February 2016 from 9.00am -11.00am at The Oxford Academy School. Lead by qualified female coaches, there is no better time to try girl's cricket!
To sign up and for more information go to: www.oxcc-academy.co.uk

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Working hard on our correct letter formation, exploring the feelings of 'The Cracked Pot' in the story and looking at repeated patterns.
Year 1	Reciting poems, starting to tell the time and working with our Schools Sports Co-ordinator, Giles Henderson.
Year 2	Estimating weight, naming the planets in our solar system and listening to a nun who visited class on Monday.
Year 3	Using fractions and decimals, learning poetry and exploring the differences between transparent, translucent and opaque materials.
Year 4	Exploring negative numbers, writing stories set in WW2 and designing our own working lighthouses.
Year 5	Measuring angles, making Greek style pots and developing an Olympic dance.
Year 6	Multi-step maths problems, techniques for approaching reading comprehension exercises and using 4 and 6 figure grid references.

Next week:

Monday 8th February	9.30am	Year 6 visiting Matthew Arnold for a performance of West Side Story
Wednesday 10th February	AM	Mobile Library visit
W/B 15th February	All week	Half term break
W/B 22nd February	All week	Year 6 residential visit to Woodlands

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher