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Dear Parents

Lambs On Wednesday this week, we walked up to the Golds' farm for our annual visit to see the lambs. Each year we use it as a way into learning about sex and relationships. Children will learn about their bodies, reproduction, relationships, and how important respect, tolerance and knowledge are.

Year 6 SATs These will take place during the week of 13-17 May. For our oldest children there is a strict timetable that is adhered to nationally. The children will be well-prepared as they are working extremely hard. You can help by ensuring they have plenty of fun and rest the weekend before, with a good night's sleep on the Sunday. We start the mornings with a special breakfast snack which, combined with our mascots, helps us get through the week!

For parents with children in Year 2, can I remind you that our young children do not take their tests in anything like the formal way of the Year 6s. Their tests are part of their normal work, taking place over a number of weeks.

We report to parents about SATs during the PTIs in July.

Congratulations After interview conducted by representatives of ODST and our Governing Body, which took place at the end of last term, we are very pleased to report that Mr Veness has been appointed Assistant Head Teacher.

Payments Thanks to everyone who has logged onto the Tucasi system and brought their accounts up to date. If you are unable to make payments, please come and speak to me in confidence.

Driving on the pavement Please see below a message from the Parish Council concerning traffic issues in the village:

East Hendred Parish Council has received a number complaints from residents and pedestrians, that traffic leaving the village via White Road at peak times is mounting the pavement adjacent to the northbound carriageway rather than waiting to allow oncoming traffic to pass.

We have been shown photographs of this and, worryingly, have been informed of a number of occasions when pedestrians, including children, have narrowly avoided being struck by vehicles.

The Parish Council is working with the Police and Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department to try and stop this illegal behaviour. The Police are monitoring the area and are contacting offenders. The Parish Council is working with OCC to establish what action can be taken on the road to prevent this behaviour.

Best wishes

Chris Savage