



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

4HT's Class Assembly: 4HT shared their version of Romeo and Juliet with us. It was filmed in technicolour and should be nominated for several Oscars! In short, it was brilliant! Well done children.

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Jakub Kuczmerowicz, Connor Miller, Kaydon Johnson, Mateusz Grabarczyk, Faith Chipa, Thomas Ketema, Amida Suleiman and Jurjis Solovjovs who all received Headteacher Awards this week.

Golden Tickets: The children who have been rewarded with Golden Tickets this week and have been selected to sit at the 'Top Table' next week are:

Year Group	Children	Year Group	Children
R	Henley & Amelia	4	Roslyn & Karina
1	Ella & Molly	5	Ellie & Sophie
2	Lily & Skye	6	Vanessa & Ya-Awa
3	Naila & Amy-Leigh		

House Points: Last week's winners were: **Mowlam**

Godiva		Moorcroft		Herbert		Mowlam	
Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly
15	30	13	20	15	27	16	29

Parents' Literacy Group: A small group of parents met together for the first time on Wednesday morning this week to look at how to support their children's learning in Reading and Writing. They took part in some practical activities that they can try out at home with their children. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out a bit more about how your children are taught to read and write. There are still a couple of spaces available, and if you are interested in joining us, please let the staff in the office know.

Early Bird Week: Next week sees the start of our Early Bird Week. This is a chance for your child's class to earn some tasty treats. All they have to do is come into school before 9:00 am to earn a sticker. The class with the best overall percentage of children earning stickers will win the tasty treats. This is open for Reception to Year 6. Good luck!!!

Reading: I am sometimes asked what's the most important skill we teach at school and always reply that reading is. When children can read they have access to endless information in books and online and they can then find out things for themselves, whether it's how to solve a maths problem or who the wives of Henry VIII were. To help develop children's reading, Mrs Moran recently made some book marks which have suggestions about the sorts of things to ask children when they read with you at home. These help to develop children's understanding of what they have read. Can you please discuss these with your child. Many of our children are fluent readers but they still need the opportunity to read with an adult and discuss what they have read so they can find out the meanings of any words that they don't understand. I heard some of our older children read recently and had to explain what a few words meant so they could understand the passage, even though they read them perfectly. They then responded with, "That makes sense," and, "Now I understand!"



Holidays in Term Time Can I remind you that I am not legally allowed to give children time off during term time to go on holiday. This was a decision made by the Government a few years ago. At this time of the year many families are planning their holidays for Easter or the Summer. Can you please check our holiday dates (below) when booking them. Thank you.

School Nurse: We recently received this from the school nurse: Coventry School Nursing is delighted to launch two new health focussed websites for young people across Coventry, one aimed at children and another for teenagers. www.healthforkids.co.uk offers a fun way for children to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes, and also offers advice to parents.

Pause for thought: 'There is no shame in not knowing. The shame lies in not finding out.' - Assyrian proverb. How can we help ourselves to find things out?

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for thought

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

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| Monday 23 rd January | - | Early Bird Week |
| Thursday 26 th January | - | Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle |
| Friday 27 th January | - | Chinese themed lunch |
| Monday 30 th January | - | Young Voices |
| Thursday 16 th February | - | Half term holiday |
| Friday 17 th February | - | Teacher Training Day |
| Monday 27 th February | - | Children return to school |
| Tuesday 14 th - Saturday 18 th March | - | Year 6 residential Plas Dol -y- Moch |
| Friday 7 th April | - | Easter break |
| Monday 24 th April | - | Children return to school |
| Thursday 25 th May | - | Half term break |
| Friday 26 th May | - | Teacher Training Day |
| Saturday 3 rd - Monday 5 th June | - | Hordain Football Tournament (France) |
| Monday 5 th June | - | Children return to school |
| Wednesday 12 th - Friday 14 th July | - | Year 5 residential Swadlincote (near Conkers) |
| Tuesday 25 th July | - | Last day of Summer Term |
| Tuesday 5 th September | - | Children return to school |

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*



Attendance for last week:

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 95.3%

The class with the best attendance last week was: 5SG with 100%

Attendance money won:
£5 - 5SG and £1 - 3ZT, 5CB and 6SH

