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Dear Parents and Children

'In your Easter Bonnet.....' Welcome back to you all for the final term of 2016-2017. We finished the term on the final Friday with a fantastic Easter Bonnet Parade. The children looked amazing in their bonnets, and the staggered parade times certainly seemed to work well. Roll on next year's parade! In the meantime, read on to find out more about what we have been doing in school.

Attendance

The final week of the term saw a number of children having to go home due to sickness, thus setting back the steady climb to improved attendance since Christmas. Hey-ho! One cannot foresee all eventualities. Nonetheless, attendance remains higher than the national averages over time. Well done to the classes below for achieving the highest attendance within their phases.

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RM - 98.5%
KS1 Highest	1H - 98.0%
LKS2 Highest	4A - 98.6%
UKS2 Highest	5K - 98.4%
Whole school	96.0%
Last Term	96.24%
Year to date	96.26%

Head's Classes of the Week

Termly celebrations are afoot for the classes below. Well done to you all!

	Weekly	Termly
EYFS	RK	RK
KS1	1D	1H
LKS2	4A	3B, 4A, 4C
UKS2	5M	5K



Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

Well done to the children below for winning the individual ATL cups for earning lots of points in the week before the holiday.

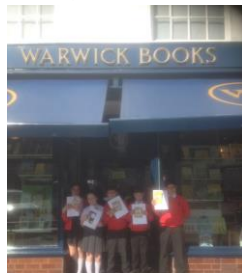
KS1	Joseph H, 1H
LKS2	Millie H, 4A
UKS2	Millie R, 5M

Year 1 Cooking

Year 1 brought their food topic to a tasty conclusion by making a vegetable stir fry! Six cooking stations, supported by some talented parent cooks, ran in the Studio with the help of chefs from the Holiday Inn. D&T also featured as the children prepared some of the vegetables by peeling, cutting and grating. Many thanks indeed to all of the parent helpers and to the Holiday Inn for offering their support and providing the food. The Holiday Inn is one of our sponsors and support for this event was as a result of the relationship which has been built up by Mr Rose. The children loved it!

Book Shop Visit

In a similar way, Mr Rose organised a visit to **Warwick Books** to provide children with the opportunity to explore a book shop setting and to feel the excitement of being surrounded by reading material. The children had a great time and have been inspired to read more as a result of this experience.



Dragons' Apprentice

In addition, Mr Rose also organised an opportunity for some of the children in Year 4 to experience a 'real-life' Dragons' Den through his association with the Chamber of Commerce. The children competed in The Solihull Supernetwork's "Dragons' Lair" event on the last day of term. The children presented their F1 project to five 'Dragons' and an audience of over a 100 people. They were awarded the most amount of sponsorship money in their category! Fantastic work Year 4, Mrs Clark and Mrs Varga.

Emily C in Year 5

Emily C is having a stall at Oakes Farm Shop on Saturday the 6th May, from 10am, to raise money for Rheumatoid Arthritis and the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society in memory of her Grandma who suffered from this for 40 years and sadly passed away last October. Emily has wanted to do this for some time and began making hairbands and bracelets last summer, with her grandma's blessing and her mum's help. She will also be selling key rings and magnets and has a 'name the Teddy' competition. If you have the opportunity to visit Oakes Farm Shop on 6th May, it would mean a great deal to Emily and her family.

Class and Team Photographs

These are next Thursday, 4th May!

Reception Canopy Area Locked

We have established a mud kitchen in this area and are setting it up daily to use as a classroom. As a result, we will be locking it from Monday to avoid small hands altering the splendid organisation!

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY! Have a great long-weekend
GT Burgess

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Robin's Stars of the Week

Laila, RC

Wenpeng G, RK

Writers of the Week

Alfie C, RK
Toby W, RW
Connie W-T, RM

Lauren M, 1H
Elliott J, 1D
Jordan C, 1R

Becca G, 2K
Emily H, 2L
Jasmin S, 2K

Maths Wizards

Alex M, RW
Erin F, RM
Carolina C, 1R

Archie C, 1D
Anna L, 1H

Lewis B, 2K
Becca G, 2K
Emily H, 2L

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Jack S, 1D
Toby B, 1R
Sophie C, 1H

Tawny H, 2K
Chloe P, 2L
Emilia W, 3B

Isaac S, 3D
Alfie M, 3C
Ellen C, 4C

Harry V, 4A
Orson B, 5M
Dimitris V, 5B

Guy C, 6J
Samantha C, 6W
Johannes VG, 6P

DIARY DATES ~ 2017

Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 th May	Class and Team Photographs
Friday 5 May	9:05 Class Assembly RC 14:45 Class Assembly 3C
Monday 8 May - Friday 12 May	Key Stage 2 SAT's
Friday 12 May	14:45 Class Assembly 3D
Wednesday 17 May	PTA Meeting
Friday 19 May	9:05 Class Assembly RM 14:45 Class Assembly 3B Dads Scalextric Night
Wednesday 24 May	UKS2 Sports Day
Friday 26 May	9:05 Class Assembly RW BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 5 June	Term Resumes for Pupils and Staff
Thursday 8 June	KS1 Sports Day
Friday 9 June	14:45 Class Assembly 5B
Monday 12 June	Nursery and Reception new parents
Monday 12 - Friday 16 June	Year 6 to Isle of Wight Residential Nursery and Reception New Parents Introduction Presentations Nursery 5.15-6.00pm Reception 6.15-7.00pm
Wednesday 14 June	LKS2 Sports Day
Friday 16 June	9:05 Class Assembly RK 14:45 Class Assembly 5K
Tuesday 20 - Friday 23 June	Year 4 at Dunfield
Wednesday 21 June	EYFS Sports Day
Friday 23 June	14:45 Class Assembly 5M
Saturday 24 June	Gala Day
Wednesday 5 July	18.00 - Summer Concert
Friday 7 July	Disco
Monday 10 July	16:30 Year 1 Information Evening 17:30 Year 3 Information Evening
Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 July	18:00 Year 6 Performance
Friday 14 July	INSET DAY - School closed for pupils
Monday 17 July	11.00am Children meet their new teacher for next year Reports Home
Wednesday 19 July	Year 6 Fun Day and BBQ PTA final meeting
Thursday 20 July	Final KS1 birthday assembly
Friday 21 July	9:00 Year 2 final assembly 14.30 Year 6 final assembly (no awards)



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