



Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Winning classes last week!

Head's Classes		Attendance	
Foundation	RD	Last week all Pupils	97%
KS1	2K		
LKS2	4F	Class 100%	None
UKS2	6M		

Assemblies

Very well done indeed to the members of 2M for a super assembly on mathematics, sharing with us the excitement that they have for this subject! What a delightful experience for us all. Meanwhile, 5B entertained us with a full chronology of historical periods over the last 2,000 years! This was a great Friday!



Trips and Inspiration

Year 5: Year 5 were very active in History last week. They recreated medieval jousting on the school field, complete with armour, knights, nobles, cheering peasants and a herald, and then learned a huge amount from visiting Kenilworth Castle, examining changes to its use and structure through the centuries.

Year 4: Year 4 enjoyed a 'hands-on'

A-Plan, Independent Insurance Consultants
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Egyptian experience earlier this week where their history topic was brought to life before their very eyes!

Year 1: Year 1 have just undertaken a new field trip around the school, mapping where they feel safe. They have identified that they do not feel safe on the roads around school, despite identifying many of the features designed to keep them safe, such as barriers and speed signs. Food for thought, I think. Many thanks indeed to all staff involved for ensuring that memorable learning experiences are being provided for the children!

Poppy Appeal

Immediately on our return after half term we will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal. If this is something you would like to support, then please remember to send in a donation with your children. Poppy sales will only be for that week, so please make it count.

WWF Fundraising

Well done to Morgan, Joe, Amelia, Phoebe and Archie for raising £55 last week for WWF. Thank you to everyone who supported them.

Parents Meetings

We have enjoyed welcoming you into school this week to meet teachers for the first time this year. Feedback to me from parents and staff has been extremely positive. Thank you all for coming in and thank you for the work that you do at home to support your son/daughter's learning.

Open Days

It has also been a real pleasure to meet prospective parents this week during our 3 Open Sessions. I really enjoy having the opportunity to talk so much about our school! It is a fabulous place to be and I am proud to be leading it.

Attendance

Attendance over this half term has averaged at 97%. Many thanks for encouraging 100%



attendance and arrival on time! Our target should be to increase this value over the forthcoming half term!

Build a Guy Competition

We have had a huge number of Guys built and brought into the school this week. Well done Guy makers and good luck at the Lions competition!

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is Saturday, 1 December, 1pm to 4pm. This is a great event with stalls and attractions for both parents and children. If any parents or grandparents would like to provide a hand on any of the stalls, whether this is for an hour or for the whole session, could they please email Rachel Brand on rbrand@williamfordham.com. This is a great way to get to know people and a fun and rewarding afternoon.

The PTA also produces a Christmas Fayre brochure which is delivered locally and includes adverts for local businesses. If you know anyone who may be interested in advertising again please contact Rachel.

Sport this Half Term

During this half term our school teams will have participated in the following events: Year 3 football match; Year 4 football match; Year 5, 3 x football matches; Year 6, 3 x football matches and 1 Tournament; Year 4, 5 and 6 Girls' Cross Country Event (4 teams); Year 5 and 6 boys/girls Cross Country Event (4 teams); Year 5 & 6 2 x Rugby contact; Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby! This brings us to an incredible total of 14 sporting fixtures! How sensational is that! Many thanks indeed to everyone who has been responsible for achieving this!

And finally, last call for MORRISONS

Let's Grow Vouchers!

Have a great half term!

GT Burgess

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Nursery - Ted & Toby Bear's Star of the Week Awards

Morning - Sam & James W

Afternoon - Sophie & River

Robin's Stars of the Week

Ruby P-G & Harrison M, RM

Catherine I, RD

Isabelle T, RH

Maths Wizard

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Ben A, 1B

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Cameron S, 2A

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Oliver B, 2K

Writers of the Week

Harrison M, RM

Lucas H, RD

Ben C, RH

Freya P & Maia F, 1B

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Chloe O & Hannah C, 1S

Ettienne W-S, 2K

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Emma B, 2A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

James H, 1B
Summer P, 1S

Kaitlyn S, 2A
Eva N, 2K

Owen P, 3P
Lara P, 3A
Georgia W, 3C

Jack N, 4F
Amelia M 4B
Archie S, 4D

Grace H, 5P
Elliot S, 5K
Tom M, 5K

Bradley M, 6I
Charlie A, 6M
Kieran A 6B

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

AUTUMN TERM

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29 October - 2 November	HALF-TERM
Monday 5 November	Back to School Individual photographs in Atrium all day
Wednesday 7 November	09:00 Year 6 Chemistry Demonstration in hall with Nick Barker
Friday 9 November	Targets home to parents
Mon 12 - Fri 16 November	BOOK WEEK
Wednesday 14 November	09:00 Year 5 Chemistry Demonstration in hall with Nick Barker
Thursday 15 November	Year 6 Skills Show, NEC Author Anne Fine in school all day and parents meeting at 18:00
Friday 16 November	Children in Need Day
Friday 23 November	Non-uniform day for PTA chocolate stall 14:45 6B Class Assembly
Saturday 1 December	13:00 - 16:00 CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Tuesday 4 December	13:00 Choir to Young Voices at LG Arena
Friday 7 December	18:00 Yrs 1 & 2 Disco 19:30 Yrs 3 - 6 Disco
Monday 10 December	14:30 Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 11 December	Year 5 to Space Centre 09:30 Reception and Morning Nursery Christmas Performance 14:30 Reception and Afternoon Nursery Christmas Performance 18:00 Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 12 December	10:30 Nursery and Reception to Warwick Arts Centre 12:00 School Christmas Lunch 18:00 Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance



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