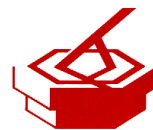


Friday 3 May 2013

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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Week ending 26 April

| Head's Classes | | Attendance | |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| FKS | RH | Top Class | 4D |
| KS1 | 2M | | 100% |
| LKS2 | 4B, 4F | Week | 96.7% |
| UKS2 | 6I | | |

RH's Class Assembly

It is difficult to find the words to express the pleasure that this assembly brought to everyone who watched it! It was simply sooooo good! Mrs Holmes utilised her May Pole dancing experience to excellent effect by donning her own garb, which included dancing shoes with bells, and training the children so that they could faultlessly perform a truly astonishing May Pole Dance of their own! With swinging ribbons and skipping feet, the children wove their way around the pole, expertly missing each other, to tighten the ribbons around the pole before, just as expertly, dancing their way back to release those very same ribbons. They managed to accomplish all of this whilst *still* remaining in time to some enlightening tunes. Whilst Mrs Holmes conducted the show from ground level, Mrs Thatcher skipped delicately alongside the children. We were all absolutely bowled over and I simply cannot commend the children highly enough. I took some excellent video footage of the show, which I have, unsuccessfully so far, been trying to upload to the school's website.....I *will* persist and it *will* be on! Well done children and staff!

Behaviour

Behaviour in school continues to be maintained to a high standard. Lesson observations show that children are very much more engaged with their learning and progress measures are showing real gains in all years. We continue to reward the children with our Attitude Towards Learning Points and our winners for last term are Miss Ross', Miss Sidwell's, Miss Davis' and Mrs Benarous' classes. Very well done to all of those children!

Attendance

Once more, our drive to raise the profile of the importance of attendance and opunctuality is paying off. We celebrated 100% attendance with a *huge* number of children last week and our overall school attendance figure is higher than in recent years. However, there are still some children who are arriving late and this does prevent them from making a settled start to the school day. It also prevents them from achieving 100% attendance if they arrive after the register is closed. So, please ensure that you are giving yourselves enough time first thing each morning to support your children's timely arrival.

Scalextric Night

Another fine turn-out of 20 racers hurtling their cars around the track a week ago Friday, accompanied by a rather fine spread of sandwiches, black pudding, red onion and salad! Many thanks to all racers! We had fun and raised another £200 for the PTA! Watch out for the next event. My thanks to Nick Welby, who continues to service the vehicles and prepare the track before each event.

E-Safety Workshops for Parents

These sessions are running next Thursday at 2.00pm and 6.30pm and are essential for

supporting you to support your children in remaining safe when using the internet. Please come along.

Annual Assessments

Over the course of the next three weeks, the school will be carrying out the end of year assessments for all classes. It is extremely important that the children are in school every day, particularly Year 6, who will be taking part in statutory tests the week beginning 13 May. These Year 6 children will not be able to sit papers that they miss during that week through illness. A fine night's sleep, and a good breakfast, will be essential ingredients for success!

Staff Moving On

One of the disappointments of appointing high quality staff is that they get promoted or retire! As a result, we will be wishing all the very best for their new posts to Mr Ferris, who will be taking up an Assistant Headship post, to Mrs Benarous, who will be taking up a Key Stage Leadership post, and to Mrs Baker in Year 1, whose cover for maternity will come to an end. Mrs Parker will be retiring after 19 years of service to the school, and she will be leaving us today! Our other staff will be leaving us at the end of this term. Their contributions to the school have been significant and I would like to thank them publically for everything they have done. We have, however, appointed their replacements and envisage that the forthcoming contributions will live up to the high expectations that we have set.

Paying for Uniform

ParentPay is now set up for school uniform, including the Nursery uniform. Please visit ParentPay to order and pay for your uniform online.

Don't forget that it's Bank Holiday Weekend! See you all Tuesday.

GT Burgess Headteacher

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

Morning - Megan H and Mason

Afternoon - Tilly and Kataar Singh

Robin's Stars of the Week

Ria P, RH

Lucas H, RD

George K, RM

Maths Wizard

Olivia C & Catherine E, 1S
Kiran C & Sam C, 2K

Alfie J, 1B
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Callum F & Romilly M, 1M
Sam R, 2A

Writers of the Week

Millie H & Ole W, RD
Alistair B & Ashton W, 1S
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Tom M, 1B

Tara H, RM
Romily M, 1M
-

Haydon P & Emma S, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

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|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Daniel W, 1B | Nicole B, 2A | Sophie M, 3A | Hattie M, 4F | Omar E, 5K | Eleanor D, 6I |
| Saiesha K, 1S | Reeve C, 2K | Zachary D, 3P | Connie B, 4F | Krishan D, 5B | Joe F, 6M |
| Maddy P, 1S | Isabel M, 2K | Sarah C, 3C | Emma F, 4D | Hannah S, 5P | Louie S, 6B |
| Reuben S, 1M | - | Mia B, 3C | Sophie O, 4B | Ella N, 5P | |

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

SUMMER TERM 2013

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| Monday 6 May | Bank Holiday Monday |
| Thursday 9 May | 14:00 - 15:00 & 18:30 - 19:30 E-Workshop for Parents |
| Friday 10 May | 09:10 RD Class Assembly 14:45 4B Class Assembly |
| Mon 13 - Fri 17 May | KS2 Tests Year 5 Bikeability |
| Monday 20 May | Team and Class Photographs |
| Tuesday 21 May | Reception & Nursery to Ash End House Children's Farm Team and Class Photographs |
| Wednesday 22 May | 13:45 Year 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon |
| Thursday 23 May | Children break up for Half Term |
| Friday 24 May | INSET |
| 27-31 May | HALF TERM |
| Monday 3 June | School returns Year 6 to Swanage until Friday 7 June |
| Thursday 6 June | 13:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon |
| Tuesday 11 June | Year 4 to Dunfield House until Friday 18:00 Reception New Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 12 June | 13:45 Yrs 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon |
| Friday 14 June | 14:45 3C Class Assembly Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium after school. |
| Monday 17 June | Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium after school. |
| Tuesday 18 June | 13:45 Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon |
| Weds 19 & Thurs 20 June | Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium after school. |
| Saturday 22 June | 13:00-17:00 GALA DAY |
| Tuesday 25 June | 18:00 Nursery New Parents Evening |
| Mon 24 & Tues 25 June | Year 6 induction at H of E |



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