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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards

Learning

Week ending 10 May

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FKS	RH	Top Class	4D
KS1	2A		97.3%
LKS2	3P	Week	95.9%
UKS2	6I		

RD's and 4B's Class Assemblies

Mrs Daniel's class presented a super assembly last Friday about friendship. They spoke with big voices so that everyone could hear. Everyone enjoyed the story of the car stuck in the mud based on the enormous turnip. It had some interesting characters who came to help, like the head teacher with the Windsor knot in his tie! The highlight had to be when they sang along to 'You've got a friend in me' from Toy Story. Meanwhile Miss Brewer's class acted out the story of the Spanish Armada. They utilized their developing drama skills by acting out some highly effective freeze frames. This was a very informative, and well produced, assembly. Well done indeed to both classes.

Bike-ability

Our Year 5 classes have been learning practically about road safety and the use of the road networks this week...sometimes having to dodge rainfall



alongside moving vehicles. This training will stand them in good stead for the future and all trainers have been particularly impressed with their attitude and behaviour. Carstins, the village Subaru dealership, has very kindly sponsored us with this beautiful mountain bike which we have had in school all week

A-Plan, Independent Insurance Consultants

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just in case anyone from Year 5 turned up without a bike. We will be raffling this off in the near future. Thank you very much Carstins!

Chloe's Dance Troop

Alysia, Molly, Nicole and Georgia, who all take part in Chloe's Dance Sessions here in school, and who are part of her Junior Dance Team, accompanied their parents to the Royal Albert Hall last weekend to take part in the annual Mardi Gras. This event celebrates the different styles of dance around the country with 24 Dance Schools in attendance. If you are interested in joining Chloe's Junior Dance Team, training takes place at the Heart of England each Tuesday between 6.30 and 7.30 for children aged 7-11. She can be contacted on 07737209142. Well done girls.

SAT's

Statutory Assessment has been taking place this week for our Year 6 pupils. They have all dealt with the pressures of testing particularly well. Many thanks to all parents for ensuring that they have been in school on time and ready to perform at their very best.

Water Bottles

A letter has been sent home to KS1 pupils this week asking parents to ensure that children bring a drink bottle into school. We have various water stations located around the building and children are encouraged to have drinks at their tables and to drink regularly. Hydration is known to encourage brain activity and to support learning. If children across the whole school could have their drink bottles in school, they would find it much easier to access this ready supply of water. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Summer Gala

This event is rapidly approaching! Saturday 22nd June! Only **FIVE** weeks tomorrow!



St Peter's Hall and Grounds' Fayre

Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May, between 11.00am and 2.00pm. Loads of activities for all ages! Everyone is welcome!

School Photographs

Class and Team photographs are taking place on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

School Nurse

The school nurse, Jill Hubbleday, will be in school next Tuesday morning, from 9.00am, for a drop in session. Anyone with concerns is welcome to pop in and see her.

Kirkland Rowell Executive Summary

We have now received a summary of the questionnaires which have been completed over the last 4 years. I have uploaded this to the school website for you. It can be found under the 'Parents' tab. Scroll down to 'Head's Update'. Underneath that you will see 'School Questionnaires' and then 'Executive Summary 2013'. **The overall performance of our school was given as excellent by parents and staff.** 40% of parents who are new to the school said that our school was better than they had expected it to be, whilst 31% of parents and 25% of staff said that they felt that the school had improved over the last year. There are areas that are showing significant improvement. I will be making my usual Head's Annual Update to parents in September where we will consider the strengths and areas for future development. In the meantime, I am delighted that the work that we are doing in school is continuing to impact so positively on pupil outcomes.

INSET DAY

School finishes for this half term next Thursday, 23rd May. Friday is a teacher training day.

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess Headteacher

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Atkinson Stilgoe, Village Estate Agents, is once more sponsoring our school generously over the next 4 year period. Please ring Anita McKeogh on 01676 535234 to see current listings of homes for sale.

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

Morning - Alex W and James W

Afternoon - Alfie and Jonty

Robin's Stars of the Week

Tyler O, RM

Jack C, RH

Olivia J, RD

Maths Wizard

Freya P, 1B
Maeve D, 2M

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Krishan K & Haydon P, 2K

Molly W, 1S
Lilla W & Ella W, 2A

Writers of the Week

Hugh H, RM
Millie S-P, 1M
Erin B & Miles P, 2M

Jack C, Jayden C & Yasmine C, RH
Zack W, 1S
Eva N & Katy H, 2K

Oliver W, RD
Levi O-S & Evie H, 1B
Tommy R, 2A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Mia H, 1M
Oliver W, 1B
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Emma S, 2K
Sarah M, 2M
Cameron S, 2A

Edward S, 3P
Luke P 3C
Archie S, 3A

Max H, 4D
Harry C, 4B
Mia J, 4F

Elysia A, 5K
Erin C, 5P
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Charlie W, 6B
Charlie A, 6M
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Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Reeve C, 2K

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

SUMMER TERM 2013

Monday 20 May	Team and Class Photographs
Tuesday 21 May	Reception & Nursery to Ash End House Children's Farm Yr 3 to Warwick Arts Centre Team and Class Photographs
Wednesday 22 May	Year 4 Cricket at 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	13:30-16:30 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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