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Dear Parents

### Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Week ending 13 September

Head's Classes		Attendance	
KS1	2K	100%	2K
LKS2	3D		2D
			3W
UKS2	6H	Week	97.2%

This has been an absolutely tremendous week for attendance. Three classes with 100% and five with 99%, bringing us to a very healthy 97.2% overall. I am delighted! Thank you all for ensuring that your children are arriving on time and ready to learn. I realise that attendance requires, at times, the 'have to be cruel to be kind' approach, so thank you. Very well done to all of the children concerned and well done to the Head's Classes of the week.

### Curriculum

In addition, the experiences of topic



work for children in Year 6 and Year 3 have been brought to life this week. Year 6 'enjoyed' a day as Victorians, experiencing life in a Victorian classroom and playground games played by pupils

### A-Plan, Independent Insurance Consultants

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of that era. Meanwhile, children and staff in Year 3 spent Monday dressed as explorers in order to kick-start their topic on dinosaurs, pretending to be real life explorers and digging up dinosaur fossils. My thanks to all the staff for working tirelessly to inspire children's imagination through inspirational approaches to learning which the children will remember for many years to come.

**McMillan Coffee Morning, 27 September, 9.00-11.00am**

Do remember that this event is a week today and that you are all invited to attend this annual fund raising coffee morning. As usual, tea, coffee and cakes will be available alongside Christmas cards and wrapping paper, birthday cards and a wide selection of interesting gifts. Come along and chat over drinks and snacks, start your Christmas shopping early and raise money for a really worthwhile charity!

### Grow Your Own!

It's that time of the year again! Morrisons has started the Grow Your Own campaign. If you shop at Morrisons, please remember to ask them for the vouchers. We get a great deal of equipment and resources to support the Gardening club, which are essential as Mrs Edwards tries to make the club as self-funding as possible. The collection box for the vouchers is in the library. Many thanks in anticipation.

### Football

What has become the traditional opening fixture of the season at Foremarke Prep school took place last week. Two teams, made up from pupils in Years 5 and 6 travelled to the Derbyshire countryside to play these games. The matches were, as always, very keenly contested and played in great spirit. Our 'A' team raced into a two goal lead through strikes from Ethan W and William S. The game then

began to flow from end to end with our hosts scoring regularly and taking a 3-2 lead. However, with true spirit and being driven on by man of the match Joe G, we equalised through a second Ethan W goal and Joe finished off the game with a wonderful strike from distance. Special mention must go to Dan P and Ben S who put in excellent performances. The "B" team, although competing well throughout, were on the wrong end of a 3-0 score line. This truly did not reflect the team's performance with Year 5 pupil Matthew F playing extremely well. A big thank you must go to Foremarke who were the perfect hosts, and to Mr Green, Mr Gallagher and Mr Ireland for accompanying the children.

### Tomorrow's Centenary Ball

The marquee is now in place ready for tomorrow's celebrations. Everyone I know who is going is very excited about this event. Just to let you know that the area will be heated. Many thanks must go to all the PTA members who have been involved in bringing this event to fruition. We must also thank the Saracens Head for providing the food for us tomorrow. They have recently sent us a cheque for £600 sponsorship as a result of diners who have chosen to eat items from their menu which are earmarked as sponsorship items for our school. Thank you Saracens Head and thank you diners....keeeeeeep eating!

### Head's Annual Parental Update

Thank you for coming along to this event earlier this week. You can find the Powerpoint presentation on the website under news, poll, surveys.

### Forthcoming Events

**Reception Curriculum Evening** next Wednesday at 6.00pm.

**Scalextric Night for Dads**, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

**14 shopping Saturdays remaining before Christmas!**

**Have a great weekend!**  
GT Burgess

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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**

Ted & Toby Bear stayed in the Nursery again last weekend and played with the toys.

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Oscar W, RM

James W, RW

Joel P, RH

**Maths Wizard**

Tara H, 1M  
Levi O-S, 2K

Jasper B, 1S  
Taran M, 2D

Lola B, 1P  
Olivia O, 2A

**Writers of the Week**

Soren W, RM  
Evie B & Magnus W, 1M  
Oliver W, 2K

Jessica L, RW  
Tia B, 1S  
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Chloe H, RH  
Dylan H, 1P  
Vishal D, 2D

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Ava F, 1S  
Rohan H, 1P  
George K, 1M

Olivia C, 2D  
Annika S, 2K  
Ben L, 2A

Charlie S 3C  
Anya B, 3W  
Sean C, 3D

Noah F, 4D  
Abigail C, 4W  
Katherine M, 4B

Lily W, 5M  
Summer S, 5B  
Elina B, 5B  
Caitlyn E, 5P

Ross T, 6B  
Hugh R, 6H  
Hollie A, 6W

**DIARY DATES**

**AUTUMN TERM 2013**

Monday 23 September	Yr 5	Kenilworth Town - Geography Visit
Wednesday 25 September	18:00	Reception Curriculum Evening in hall
	19:30	PTA AGM
Thursday 26 September	Year 1	Coventry Transport Museum
Friday 27 September	09:00	Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Atrium
	14:45	5P Class Assembly
Tuesday 1 October	Year 5	Egyptian Day
	18:00	Year 6 Information Evening for Parents
Friday 4 October	Harvest Assemblies to be led by Andrew Charlesworth	
	19:30	Scalextric Evening for Men
Tuesday 8 October	18:00	Year 2 Information Evening for Parents
Friday 11 October	14:45	5B Class Assembly
Monday 14 October	Year 5	Kenilworth Castle
Tuesday 15 October	Individual School Photos	
Thursday 17 October	Year 5	Medieval Day
Friday 18 October	14:45	5M Class Assembly
Mon 21 - Fri 25 October	BOOK WEEK	
Mon 21 & Tues 22 October	Parental Consultations	
Wednesday 23 October	Author Julia Jarman visiting children. Bookshop in Atrium	
Friday 25 October	14:45	3C Class Assembly School finishes for Half Term



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