



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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motivation and determination in order to overcome barriers. Being resilient and resourceful are characteristics of successful learners and provide us with life-long strategies which help us to succeed at times when we think we might fail. Well done to everyone!

testing, that being to challenge themselves within a climate of positivity. I must congratulate them all and thank you at home for instilling this 'can do' culture at home. My very special thanks to the Year 6 Team, and all of the additional staff, who have worked so hard in school to ensure that this has been a positive experience for the children.

Dear Parents

**Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week**

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RW	3C	99.1%
KS1	1S	5P	99.2%
LKS2	3D	5M	98.8%
UKS2	5M	Week	96.8%

Another great week for the children. Well done to the winning classes of the Head's Class of the Week Certificate and to all of the children for their continued high attendance.

**Class Assemblies**

The assemblies last week were absolutely amazing! The children in Mrs Holmes' class tied themselves up in ribbons to provide a fabulous Maypole Dance routine. The children are simply fantastic at managing to avoid each other and intertwine ribbons to excellent visual effect. Very well done to all of the children and to Mrs Holmes, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Thatcher! Meanwhile, 3D's afternoon performance around the theme of BLP - Building Learning Power - was equally powerful. The children explained about how BLP can be used to provide self-

**John Shepherd Select Estate Agents**

Local Independent Estate Agent making a substantial commitment to BCPS over the long term. Call Matt Carroll on 01676 534411 to discuss your needs.

**Bike Ability**



Our children in the three Year 5 classes have been busy responding to their cycling instructors all week. The purpose of the training is to better equip the children to understand the conditions and rules of the road order to help them to keep safe. The children have, without doubt, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The instructors have been incredibly positive about the children and their behaviour. One of the instructors said to me, "This is a fantastic school."

**Year 6 Tests - SATs**

The children in Year 6 have worked really hard this week on their tests and coped brilliantly with the pressure. They most definitely have the right approach to

**Non-School Uniform Day**

This is NEXT Thursday, the day we break up for the half term holiday. (What? Already? Yes indeed! Must be the shortest half term in history!) Children may wear their own clothes in exchange for **BRINGING A BOTTLE** for the Tombola on Summer Gala Day, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June! Please be as generous as you can since all money is reinvested back into the school and will benefit all children over time!

**INSET DAY Friday 23rd**

A reminder that the school will be closed to pupils next Friday, due to staff INSET, and that the half term will begin.

**Forthcoming Events**

**Dunfield House:** Year 4 children are off on their annual residential the week after half term.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** No Celebration Assemblies either in the morning or the afternoon of the first Friday back!

**Have a great weekend.**

**GT Burgess**

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

**Mornings - Lewis & Lewys**

**Weds pm - Fri - Ella**

**Afternoon - Vienna**

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Soren W, RM

Joel P, RH

Lily F, RW

**Writers of the Week**

Emily S, RM

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Harry M, RH

Jamie B, 1M

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Ria P, 1S

Scarlett A, 2A

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Anwyn M-O, 2k

**Maths Wizards**

Dylan H, 1P

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Tia B, 1S

James M & Mathilda S-B, 2K

Florence C & Eloise A, 2A

Olivia C, 2D

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Joshua S, 1S

Olivia O, 2A

Ruby C, 3W

Ruth W, 4B

Will C, 5M

Daniel R, 6B

Ziyuan Y, 1M

Alfie E, 2D

Oskar Y, 3D

Sophie M, 4D

Jaime P, 5P

George M, 6W

Dylan H, 1P

James H, 2K

Emily D, 3C

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David Y-E, 5B

Hannah S, 6H

**Helen Lewis Friendship Cup**

Olivia C, 2D

**DIARY DATES**

**SUMMER TERM 2014**

Tuesday 20 May	14:00	Yrs 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 22 May		Children break up for Half Term
Friday 23 May		INSET
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May		HALF TERM
Monday 2 June		School returns for Summer Term
Tuesday 3 June	18:00	Reception New Parents Evening Year 4 to Dunfield House Residential. Return Friday 6 June
Thursday 5 June	13:45	Years 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon
Monday 9 June		CENTENARY HISTORY WEEK 1970 -2014 Year 6 to Swanage Residential until Friday 13 June
Thursday 12 June	13:45	Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon
Friday 13 June	9:10	RM Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 June	13:45	Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon
Friday 20 June	09:10 14:45	RW Class Assembly 3C Class Assembly
Saturday 21 June	13:00-17:00	GALA DAY
Tuesday 24 June	18:00	Nursery New Parents Evening
Mon 23/Tues 24 June	Year 6	Induction at Heart of England School
Friday 27 June	14:45	3W Class Assembly
Friday 4 July	14:45 18:00-19:15 19:30-21:00	Final KS2 Assembly for awards Reception & KS1 Disco KS2 Disco
Monday 07 July	17:30	Information meetings for new Y1 parents & *new Y3 parents
Tuesday 08 July	18:00	*Year 6 Production *changes of dates
Wednesday 09 July	Year 2 to Stratford Butterfly Farm 18:00	Year 6 Production
Friday 11 July		INSET