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Summer Term Newsletter No.2

We have had two great educational visits this week. Y2 went to Dawlish Warren on Monday and Y1 went to Stover Country Park on Thursday. They worked with a Ranger to find out more about the wildlife and their habitats at the warren or in the park. They went pond dipping and bug hunting and, generally enjoyed exploring the outdoors. The rangers commented on their good behaviour and lovely manners, which is always great to hear.



We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils:

Ash — Vinnie is becoming much more independent with his writing and trying hard, - Evie has been really brave about coming in on her own in the mornings! Elm — Ella is always kind and helpful towards her friends and teachers. - Freddie has shown real independence in his writing, sounding out words with two syllables. Beech — Frankie has tried hard to increase his independence in his learning. Pine — Oscar P is always aspirational in his learning. He is a joy to teach! Apple — Serina has worked hard on her maths this week, developing her understanding of Time. Oak — Ellen has really improved her writing skills by thinking carefully about punctuation. Birch — Matthew is a great friend, always shows respect and is an aspirational learner! Rowan — Jayden H has shown aspiration in his learning all term! Well done! Cherry — Oscar has shown a growth mindset in maths using what he knows to solve problems. Maple — Beth has shown amazing enthusiasm and energy for her learning. Keep it up! Holly — Jack R has been independent in his work and is especially helpful at lunchtimes. Willow — Anne-Marie has a fantastic attitude and approach to school all round! Hawthorn — Summer participates well and is enthusiastic in her lessons. Hazel — Kayleigh has put in extra effort resulting in fantastic progress!

Diary Date Reminders:

Bank Holiday—Monday 1st May Monday 8th May—Y6 SATS week. Breakfast will be served in the hall to feed those minds before the tests. Please make sure your Y6 child is on time and well rested for school this week. We know the children will do brilliantly and we will

keep it as stress free for them as possible!



<u>Attendance Award</u> Congratulations to Hazel Class for winning our School Attendance Award with 99.5% attendance.

The whole school achieved 96% attendance overall which matches our target. Well done!

In light of the recent Supreme Court Ruling regarding term time holidays we thought we would re-circulate our school holiday dates for 2017-2018 as it is possible that the penalties for taking unauthorised leave are going to increase. Leave can only be authorised in 'exceptional' circumstances and we are obliged to report all attendance figures to the Local Authority.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 – 2018

AUTUMN TERM

Non-Pupil Days 4^{th} & 5^{th} September 2017

First day back for children Wednesday 6th September 2017

Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Christmas Holidays: Last day in school Friday 15th December 2017

SPRING TERM

Non Pupil Days 2nd & 3rd January 2018

First day back for the children Thursday 4th January 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018

Easter Holiday: Friday 30th March 2018 – Friday 13th April 2018

SUMMER TERM

First day back Monday 16th April 2018

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018

Half Term Holiday: Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

Summer Holidays: last day for the children Tuesday 24th July 2018

Non Pupil Day: Wednesday 25th July 2018

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.