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*Working together to be happy; to flourish; to succeed through our Christian Values of perseverance, respect and trust.*

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Dear families,

Welcome back to the final full term of the school year. I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and was able to enjoy the lovely weather and make many happy memories.

This first half term is a very short one, but also incredibly busy. Lots of events take place during the summer term, so to give families as much notice as possible, I have attached a copy of the summer term events to this newsletter and it can also be found on the school website. We do not plan on changing the dates on the list, but if this is necessary, we will aim to provide families with as much notice as possible.

#### **In the classrooms this week**

This week, it has been great to be able to walk around school and see the children settled so quickly back into school life. The school has been calm with lots of really great learning taking place.

Explorers have been investigating different textures this week, with different ingredients being mixed together for them to play with in the classroom. The results provided great interest and fascination for the children. When I visited, I also enjoyed reading a book to a group of Explorers. They chose one of their favourites (Hairy Maclary) and were really excited by the pictures.

The Pioneers were surprised to see a bed in their classroom when they arrived back to school on Tuesday. As part of their work on Little Red Riding Hood, the children have had a bedroom set up as role play. They have absolutely loved using the space and it has proved very popular. Elsewhere, the children have been looking at rather large numbers and identifying one more and one less. This led to some very impressive results.

When I visited the Adventurers with one of our school governors, Kristie Price, this week, the children were working hard to identify different rhyming words. Over the coming weeks the children will be studying fairy tales across school, but giving them different twists. It looked like the children in Adventurers were having great fun creating new rhymes linked to familiar nursery tales!

Not quite a classroom update for Discoverers, as some of the children participated at the local school festival this week. Throughout the day, they improved and with every match, just got better and better. Overall, the team achieved third place. This was against all other local schools, including the much larger ones. A huge well done to them for their great achievement!

The attitude and determination of Leaders has been amazing this week. As the Year 6s approach the final couple of weeks before SATs, they have continued to rise to the challenge and work incredibly hard. We are all so very proud of them. Their resilience and growth in confidence is amazing. Well done Leaders.

#### **Cool Milk – Milk in school update**

The Cool Milk delivery service started this week. Children who registered for the scheme have been provided with a portion of milk each day. To register and pay for the milk, visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or collect a paper application from Mrs Stubbs in the office.

#### **School Photographs – This Tuesday**

Just a reminder that class photographs will take place on Tuesday. These group shots will then be available to buy later in the term.

### **"The Always Award"**

In Celebration assembly this week, we were really pleased to present our first set of 'Always Awards'. This award is a celebration of those children who regularly and consistently demonstrate the very best standards in all aspects of school life.

### **Dates of SATs - reminder**

The SATs are national tests that all children sit in Year 2 and Year 6. Please do not book any appointments or holidays during these times:

- Year 2 SATs will take place **throughout May**.
- Year 6 SATs will take place between **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **Attendance update**






I am so pleased to be able to share that the overall attendance for last half term was **97%**. This is the highest we have seen in school for many years. Overall, we currently sit slightly below the national target of 96%, but a huge well done to everyone for playing their part in making sure the children are in school regularly.

A few holiday requests have been handed in recently. Can I remind you that no holiday will be authorised by the school and may lead to a fine.

The update below is for the last week of term:

0.9% unauthorised absence (5 children)

<b>Whole school attendance so far this year:</b>	95.9%	<b>Target for whole school attendance this year:</b>	96%
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<b>Whole school attendance this week</b>	<b>Pioneers attendance this week</b>	<b>Adventurers attendance this week</b>	<b>Discoverers attendance this week</b>	<b>Leaders attendance this week</b>
97.8% 	97.8% 	98.2% 	97.9% 	97.3% 

Have a great extended weekend with your family. Remember that we are closed on Monday.

Scott Grason  
Headteacher