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# FRIDAY 5 APRIL—SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM

### **Dear Parents**,

As we reach the end of a very busy, enjoyable term I would like to take the opportunity to say Thank You to the numerous parents/ grandparents who give their time so readily to help. Many of you come in to read, play maths games, support in class or cook with the children and so on. This makes a huge difference. Thanks must also go to our PTA for organising so much and helping us create our new library—which will open next term. We hope you all have a happy, restful break. Mrs Berry.

Attendance We set high standards for attendance and punctuality. Our target attendance is 97%. Good attendance is strongly linked to pupil achievement. \*This is defined as the total number of minutes lateness of children within the class. Minutes of lateness = lost learning.

	Attendance		Punctuality*	
Week commencing	18/3	25/3	18/3	25/3
Bee	99.3%	98.7%	30	0
Butterfly	95.9%	98.3%	0	31
Ladybird	95.3%	96.3%	0	0
Hedgehog	100%	99.7%	0	0
Otter	94.7%	98%	35	0
Squirrel	96.3%	90%	0	5
Owl	99%	99%	30	0
Leopard	98%	99.3%	0	7
Lion	98.7%	97.3%	8	0
Tiger	98.3%	99%	131	0

Are you having a Spring clean? If you have any of the follow items you are able to donate to the Maths hut, please leave them in the School Office. Thank you.

- Measuring tapes
- Balances—spring balances, kitchen balances
- Scales—kitchen or bathroom
- Sand timers, kitchen timers or stop watches
- Clocks—analogue or digital
- Measuring jugs or spoons
- Spirit levels, plumb lines



have come to the end of a very busy
n, so a well earned break over Easter is comed by everybody. We have now had the Year 2 class assemblies, a visit to The wer of London, studied Mary Seacole and rence Nightingale through a drama work- op and celebrated World Book Day and ence Week - all before being fortunate to eive a visit from published children's au- r Candy Gourlay. take the opportunity to get out and about n the children over the holidays - hopefully weather will be kind and it will kick start summer. Experiences outside of the m really add to their 'cultural capital', and what they draw upon do comprehension. A day trip or a trying ew activity can really inspire! e uptake in Mathletics has been su- b! We recommend using it 3 or 4 times a ek, for up to 30 minutes is plenty. But n't forget that classic board games such as o, snakes and ladders, chess, cards and nopoly are excellent for learning maths in
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## In Year 1....

Wow! What a busy half term- and hasn't it flown by! Science week was a great success and your children loved doing lots of exciting experiments and visiting the planetarium. We have been learning about different artists and recreating their techniques. Look out for our wonderful work in the art gallery when it is updated after Easter. As we come to the end of the Spring term, we are finishing our amazing topic on Space. Thank you to everyone who worked hard at home to make a project to share with the class, we have loved seeing all your creativity! Our next topic is Growing Things so do take some time to get outside during the Easter holiday and explore nature. Get spotting different plants, trees and wildlife in your local area and try some learn some names of flowers!

It's been wonderful to see so many of you sign up for a Mathletics account. This is an extremely valuable resource (at a low price!) which will support the maths curriculum taught in school. Keep reading regularly over the holiday, but most of all have a restful and relaxing time! We look forward to a busy Summer term packed with swimming, a trip to Painshill Park and lots of fun learning!

### Library news.....

The new library is under construction, and we hope that it will be open in the Summer Term. We are really looking forward to this exciting event and thank you again for your kind donations of new books from our amazon wish list. If you would like to donate a book (or several!) the link is <a href="http://amzn.eu/grFP7Dk">http://amzn.eu/grFP7Dk</a> or search 'Coombe Hill Infants' in the gift list search bar.

### News from our Educational Welfare Officer

If your child is ill immediately before or after school holidays we require medical evidence. Without a doctors letter this will be unauthorised leave, and may be referred to the Educational Welfare Service.