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Message from the Head of School:

Dear Families,

This week the children have been doing their transition days. Year 6 have been to visit their new schools and are very excited about September. The rest of the school have been doing transition activities on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, with some meeting new teachers. I hope that they shared their excitement with you as the school has been buzzing with enthusiasm, something which I love to hear 😊

In other news:

As we head towards the end of term can I ask a few things of you:

1. Could you please clear any outstanding balances for clubs and dinners by the end of term. We have a lot of money outstanding and would hate to have to restrict lunches and club access from September.
2. As we are on the subject of lunches, please make sure that food choices are booked in advance as we are still seeing too much food wastage or not enough food to go around because we are having to make numbers up.
3. Fidget toys. Children should have these only if there is a genuine need and has been discussed with class teacher and approved by me. Please can you encourage your children to leave these at home as they are becoming quite a distraction in the classrooms.
4. I am all for children bringing in toys to school but only if there is a curriculum reason to do so. Please can toys only come into school if your class teacher has said it is ok to do so.
5. Speeding on the road by the gate – I have been made aware of speeding on the road, Miss Doble usually keeps the gate open until 9. If you are running late after this time, please come around the front. Speeding cars can cost lives!
6. Only pre-school parents should be on the playground in the morning, all other children should be left at the gate. This is to help encourage independence in the children.





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Heads up:

Sadly, due to rising costs we are going to have to put up prices for our breakfast and after school club. I have resisted doing this as I know how hard things are, but the reality is our current model is running at a deficit.

Prices will be as follows:

Breakfast club: £4.00

After school club 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm: £4.00 (includes a snack)

After school club 4.15 pm – 5.30 pm: £ 5.00 (includes tea)

The prices will start in September.

Staffing:

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Fitzsimmons who has done a tremendous job of leading our sports in school Her enthusiasm for sports is incredible and the children have learnt so much about minority sports as well as you more common sports. Miss Fitzsimmons has such a positive can-do attitude on staff and children alike, you cannot help but join in. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Fitzsimmons all the best in her future achievements and endeavours 😊

Buildwas Rocks:

This week in Willow Class we have been continuing to look at the story 'The sea saw' in our literacy sessions. Reception wrote sentences about how Sofia and grandad got to the beach and what they could see after the storm had passed. Preschool recalled the story so far in story maps and then used body percussion sounds to create the sound of a storm. In maths reception have been looking at composition of numbers up to 10 and looking at patterns, which we have become very good at! Preschool have continued to recap and recall their knowledge and understanding of 2D shapes focusing on rectangles, circles and triangles. We enjoyed completing lots of different art activities on Art day all around our theme 'Under the sea'.

This week in Oak Class we have done some background research for our trip to Much Wenlock next week by studying the Ancient Greek Olympic games and comparing them to the modern ones. We have been impressed with the way that the Ancient Greeks had a truce for a month so that athletes could make their way to Olympia for the games without





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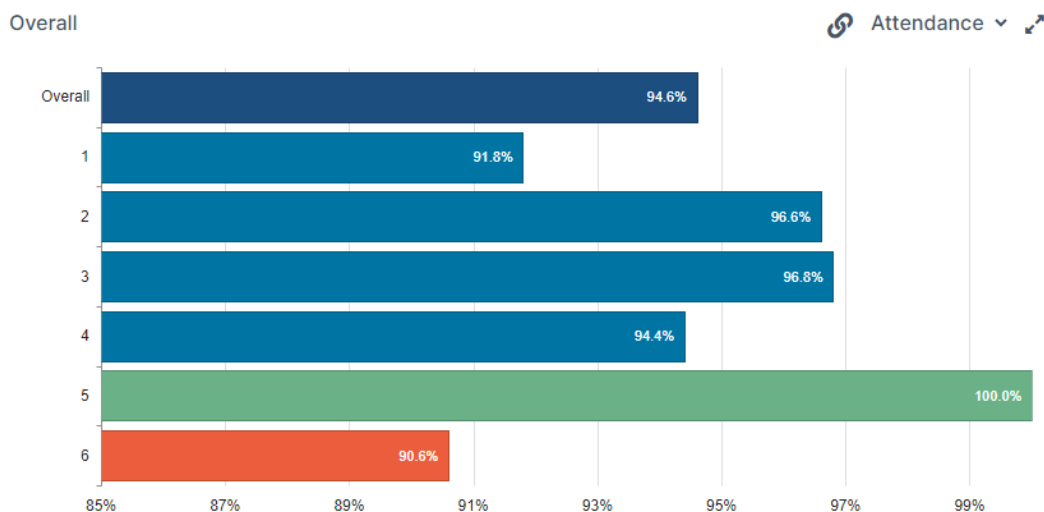
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needing to fear being attacked, and the way that the modern Olympics have brought all the different nations together. We now are looking forwards to finding out, next week, exactly what William Penny Brooks and Much Wenlock have to do with linking the ancient and the modern games. In maths we have been beginning our shape topic by learning about angles. Both year groups got on very well in their new classes on the Transition afternoon on Wednesday. The Year 4s enjoyed being with their Year 5 friends again in Holly Class and the Year 3s were wonderful buddies to the new children that will be joining Oak class after the Summer break.

It has been a busy week in Holly as Mr Kitchen started working with pupils. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly Monday's science lesson, where pupils recreated the phases of the moon using Oreo biscuits - and got to enjoy them at the end of the day! It has been assessment week for Year 5 and they have all been superstars and tried their best. Year 6 pupils also enjoyed their transition days at secondary school while the Year 5 pupils enjoyed their own transition activities on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon with the Year 4 pupils who will be moving up in September. From a personal point of view, it has been a wonderful week and it has been great getting to know the pupils in Holly and the wider school - thank you to everyone at Buildwas for the warm welcome! I'll be teaching the class for the rest of this term and most of next year while Mrs Hayes is on maternity leave, and I'm already looking forward to September.

This week our attendance is:





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Please remember to check this week's class diary sheets.

Finally, a shameless promotion of our School Summer Carnival. If you are free, please come and support 😊



I hope you have a good weekend!

Take care,

Mr Millington

