

The Apple

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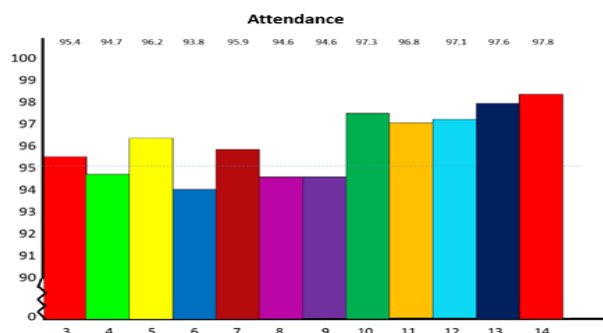
Dear Parents/Carer

Welcome back! We have had a great start to term 2. On Monday we had a staff training day. We looked at ways in which to make the curriculum even more exciting whilst ensuring that it fulfils the needs of all children.

On Wednesday and Thursday the Year 5 classes took it in turn to visit the Victorian School in Cressingham. They had a wonderful time and entered into the spirit of the day. As ever, we are looking forward to the work that they are now able to produce!

During the rest of the week we have had the builders on site. They have been putting additional soft playground surfacing on the KS2 playground (to link the trim trail to the play area) and on the Foundation Stage outdoor area in order to ensure that we make use of the entire space (the muddy bog now has a new soft surface!).

The attendance rate for last term was a record as we managed to achieve over 96%! The chart below shows how each class did:



We will be sending out the Parents/Carers Evening letters next week – please make sure that you book an appointment as we would love to discuss the progress that each child in the school is making.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

PE Kits

Now that we are well into Autumn it is essential that pupils have appropriate PE kit for the outdoors. Can Parents/Carers please ensure that pupils have joggers and a long sleeved top for outdoor sessions. Please do not send hoodies as the hoods can easily catch on apparatus or be grabbed in certain sports.

Dates for your Diary:

15 th November	E-safety Day
15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
22nd November	Parents' Evening (Late)
23rd November	Parents' Evening

Applying for a place in Reception next year

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are due to start Reception in September 2017.

Don't forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception opens on 14th November. If your child is 4 this school year (Sept 16 to August 17) then you need to apply for a place soon! If you would like to come for a visit or know anybody who does then just make an appointment at the school office.

Poppies – Remembrance Day

Each year the Royal British Legion distribute poppies throughout the nation. We always support the poppy appeal and use assembly to explain the significance of Remembrance Day. As such, we are currently collecting donations for poppies. Children simply need to bring a suitable donation to school.

INSPIRE+ (Please Vote)

Your schools local sports charity, Inspire+, wants to build upon the success of the Paralympic Games and inspire young people, especially those with a disability into participating regularly in disability sports. Inspire+ have currently been shortlisted in the Aviva Community Fund Appeal and need your help to secure votes!

If this bid is successful Inspire+ will provide local schools with after school multi disability sports that will include boccia, goalball and new age curling sessions delivered weekly in termly blocks by a specialist coach. Inspire+ envisage that if this bid is successful 800 young people will be engaged in sessions after school on school sites.

It takes no more than 5 minutes to vote, and once registered you have 10 votes.....which can all be given to Inspire+! When you have registered/logged in please search for Inspire Plus and that should take you directly to our page and allow you to vote! DEADLINE TO CAST VOTES IS 12 NOON, 18th NOVEMBER.

To vote please follow this link: <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-740>

Many thanks for your continued support of our local independent charity.

Years 1 and 2 Owl Visit

To begin our Owl topic in KS1, on **Monday 7th November** we will be having two beautiful owls come and visit us for the morning. We will learn about how owls see in the dark, where they live and what they like to eat. We will have the opportunity to ask questions to find out more about the owls, so have some questions ready!

