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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been very busy in school as always.

On Tuesday our Year 6 were all invited to attend a careers fair in our secondary sports hall. This is an event that we have participated in for the last two years and gives our Year 6 pupils a real insight into the future and opportunities that may be available to them. They seemed to really enjoy this event and in particular collecting the many free gifts that the exhibitors offer!



On Thursday, Steve, formerly from Arsenal FC, came to speak with us. He was here to talk about how languages might seem very difficult at school, but they can get you very far in life. Steve studied German at school and even went to live in Germany during his time at university. He was also able to live in Spain and see lots of Real Madrid and Barcelona matches. Whilst working for Arsenal, he was able to teach about football in many different countries such as: Kenya, Barbados and Myanmar. We all think that learning French and Spanish is a really good idea now!

The clubs have been a great success this week and it is lovely to see so many children trying new activities and hopefully finding new hobbies. We are lucky that our staff want to offer such a range of clubs throughout the year and today we have confirmed that there will be an additional club available for our Year 1 and 2 children after half term.

A reminder that Year 5 have their trip to Hazard Alley on Thursday. The trip will be running through the normal school day - we will depart between 8:50 and 9:00 and return to school in time for normal collection. All children need to be wearing their school uniform and have a packed lunch with them. If your child is usually free school meals, then please contact the office so that a lunch can be provided for them.

Please can we ask that you do not allow our children to play or scooter around the cars in the car park at pick up and drop off. Staff leave their cars there for safety and they are being damaged and scratched. Please ensure you have your children with you at all times.

Spring Term Attendance Summary

Spring term saw lots of illnesses within schools nationally. Despite this, the AVA are pleased to say that our attendance for the 2023-2024 academic year is still sitting slightly above the national average. This is a huge achievement when there are so many bugs going around, and we want to thank you all for your continued support with ensuring your children are in school, maximising their educational experiences. As a result of this, we had a phenomenal 105 children who achieved 100% attendance for the Spring term!

As we move into the Summer term, we have set ourselves the goal of achieving 96% attendance each week before the end of the year. With your continued support, we feel confident we can achieve this. As

always, if you have concerns about your child not feeling well, please send them in where possible and catch us on the gate. We will then be able to keep an eye on them throughout the day.



Last weekend, Miss Parker was invited to Windsor Castle for a special awards presentation and afternoon tea, in conjunction with The Scouts.

This was to celebrate her earning a medal for Meritorious Conduct for her quick first aid response after a friend's near fatal climbing accident.

She attended the event alongside the two others who helped with the first aid, and with the person whose life was saved.

It was a really special day, and she even had the opportunity to chat about the event and her award with some Scout Ambassadors, including Warwick Davis and Ellie Simmonds! We are all so very proud of you Miss Parker what an inspiration to all our young people at the school.

Reflection

This week in both Primary and Secondary Phases we were reminded of St George who is celebrated annually on 23rd April. It is valid to ask why we still remember this figure from the late 3rd century. However, we invite you to reflect that St George was executed for refusing to make a sacrifice in honour of the pagan gods and is respected by Christians, some Muslims and many countries across the world as a martyr of monotheistic faith (worship of a single God).

As we end the week rather than focus on St George as a Patron Saint, we invite our community to reflect on his humanity and courage to stand up for his beliefs.

A prayer for St George's Day
(adapted from *scouting prayers* www.easierscouting.com)

Dear God, you gave St. George the strength of character to overcome his fear and to die for his beliefs Please help us to develop the qualities of St. George, to take responsibility, to be truthful, to have courage and determination and to dedicate our lives to helping others. Amen.

To our Jewish community have a wonderful and Happy Passover.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan

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