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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sad news

I'm sure with the shocking event on Monday that your thoughts will be with other families across the country who have been horrendously affected. Please be assured that staff are advised on how to handle such a difficult issue with pupils appropriately.

Many of you may have also heard the upsetting news about Jordan Shields. Jordan was a pupil at St Christopher. He sadly lost his life at the weekend in Coventry - he was 18. I did not have the pleasure of being head teacher here when he was a pupil but I knew his parents and younger sister Aimee, who left fairly recently. Staff have spoken fondly of Jordan and we will look to remember him appropriately. I will send our condolences to the family from our school community.

Sex and Relationships Education

Along with this letter are documents explaining the overviews of lesson content after half term. The documents are very detailed and I made the decision to share as much as possible with you so that you are fully informed. Please take the time to read the documents through - particularly the section that explains the language that will be discussed and used in lessons. Some staff, including the senior team, will be available to answer any questions that aren't answered in the documents on the first Monday back. Please see the calendar below for further details.

Talk Topic

Like all schools, we are constantly striving to improve the quality of children's writing. During a staff meeting we discussed how good talkers make good writers. Good talkers have a range of vocabulary and can speak in clear sentences using correct grammar. We are therefore trying to find more time to talk to children and use opportunities to develop talkers. For the next few weeks we will have a 'talk topic'. This week's talk topic is 'favourite food'. This generated lots of talk in assembly particularly when I shared my favourite take away! All staff across school have been encouraged to talk about food as a conversation starter at appropriate times. I've asked the children to find out about pupil and staff preferences and to tell each other about them.

Lost property

Lost property that is named has been distributed to rightful owners this week. I've asked staff to place remaining lost property without names outside year

group doors on Thursday. Please have a look and reclaim any item that belongs to your child. Any left-over lost property will be recycled in some way.

Training day and half term

Staff have a busy day on Friday. There is various training taking place including attachment training and meeting the needs of pupils with Special Needs. Hopefully with the weather being nice you can take full advantage of the bank holiday weekend and half term. Playpals are offering childcare during the break. See you in June!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson
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WEEKLY FOCUS

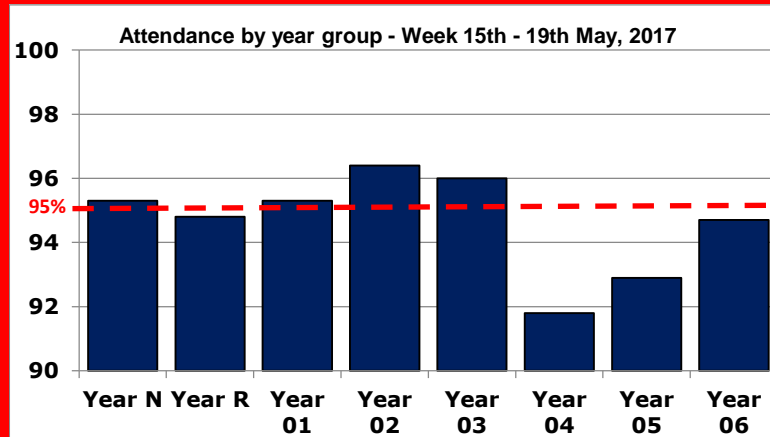
Assembly Focus: The Celebration of Ramadan

Musical Inspiration: Carole King - Beautiful

Word of the week: Hallo means hello in German

Fact: There are many ways to greet someone in German. 'Hallo' is an informal

ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP



WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY

A request for Year 5 parents, could you please complete the Survey Monkey questionnaire which will take approximately 2 minutes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M9V9SJH>.

We aim to use this valuable feedback to ensure the new academy offers what parents are looking for when making the important decision about their child's secondary school.

SCHOOL MEALS MENU - There is a typing error on the ABM printed menus. When we return we will be on Week 3.

SPORTS NEWS

Eleven of our Y6 netball girls had a thrilling evening at the Ricoh Arena on Monday. Mr Coyle, Miss Potter and Kerrie West offered up their time to provide the girls with the opportunity to view top class netball in the fantastic facility of the Ericsson Hall at the Ricoh Arena. The girls enjoyed face painting, dancing contests, collecting free stickers, flags and posters of the team, playing lots of netball based games and activities before taking their seats for the game. The contest proved an invaluable insight into the speed, power and passing skills of the professional players, played in an amazing atmosphere of music, lights, cheering and flag waving. The St Christopher girls became the unofficial cheer leaders as they belted out the "Allez, Allez, Allez!" chant. At the end of the game the girls shared a photograph with the Wasps director of netball, Tamsin Greenway, and managed to get themselves onto SKY TV. A picture of the girls also appeared on the Wasps community website. The evening was a roaring success. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and plans are in place to make it an annual event.

Pupil of the Week Awards



Pupil of the Week Awards go to:

Alfie - 1C: his enthusiastic dancing during our Year 1 Carnival.

Kacey - 1W: improved effort and focus in Maths lessons. Keep it up Kacey!

Joel - 2K: working hard on improving the speed of his mental Maths skills.

Oliver - 2H: trying hard in Jigsaw lessons and sharing some fantastic ideas.

Jonathon - 3D: working hard, trying his best to write a letter of thanks to King Henry VIII

Sam - 3M: his calm and sensible attitude during all lessons. Sam is a delightful member of the class and a pleasure to teach.

Ray - 4I: excellent reading and participation in Spytime. An outstanding sketch of the Bayeux Tapestry.

Keaton - 4P: setting a good example to his peers. Keaton has a very mature attitude to every aspect of school.

Alfie - 5N: his impressive work ethic when drafting a piece of extended writing

Evie - 5T: showing excellent concentration and skill when creating a life-like Tudor model.

Layla - 6E: maintaining immaculate presentation in every piece of work. Your books are a joy to look at.

Rhia - 6L: making a huge effort to improve the quality of her sentences and vocabulary. Keep up the hard work!

Well done to all of the above pupils

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (further dates/information to follow, please be aware that some dates may change)

Monday 5 th June 2017	3M – Ukulele Performance 2.35 PM
Monday 5 th June 2017	Drop in or call re: SRE (Sex and Relationship Ed)
Tuesday 6 th June 2017	PTA Meeting 7.00 pm
Wednesday 7 th June 2017	Reception and Year 6 Group Photographs
Wednesday 7 th June 2017	5T – Keyboard Performance 2.45 pm
Thursday 8 th June 2017	Year 1 visit to Stratford
Monday 12 th June 2017	3D – Ukulele Performance 2.35 pm
Friday 16 th June 2017	PTA in school selling Father's Day Gifts
Friday 16 th June 2017	PTA – Summer Fete
Monday 19 th June 2017	Nursery and Reception Induction Evening (information to follow)
Wednesday 21 st June 2017	5N - Keyboard Performance 2.45 pm
Friday 23 rd June – Monday 26 th June 2017	Y6 Residential Skern Lodge Devon
Wednesday 5 th July 2017	Transition Day/Year 6 Ball
Wednesday 5 th July 2107	Nursery closed
Tuesday 11 th July 2017	Sports Day (further information to follow)
Wednesday 12 th July 2017	Year 2 Performance (further information to follow)
Friday 14 th July 2017	Nursery Reports out
Monday 17 th July 2017	Nursery reports – drop in (times to be confirmed)
Monday 17 th July 2017	Year 6 Evening Performance
Tuesday 18 th July 2017	Year 6 Afternoon Performance and leaving assembly
Thursday 20 th July 2017	Mystery Trip – Year 6
Friday 21 st July 2017	Reports out
Monday 24 th July 2017	Reports drop in (further information to follow)
Monday 24 th July and Tuesday 25 th July 2017	Nursery closed
Tuesday 25 th July 2017	Last day – Toy day