

Friday 18th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ardent Endeavour

It would not be apt to side-step commenting on this week's end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. From the Reading Comprehension test, to the Mathematics Reasoning exam and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers, it is no exaggeration to say that our scholars, without exception, have been robust and conducted themselves with humility and ardent endeavour. Attention now turns to the forthcoming residential school journey to the Isle of Wight, Philip Larkin's The Whitsun Weddings, Matthew Arnold's Dover Beach and the staging of an adaptation of Robert Louis Stephenson's 1882 tale of buccaneers and gold, Treasure Island.

Broadsheets, the Library and Extending Knowledge

'A Room without Books, is Like a Heart without a Soul'


Cicero

This weekend, make every effort to visit the library or a bookshop with your child. Read together. In the case of pupils in Year 5 especially, please ensure they are reading the National Geographic magazine or a portion of a broadsheet such as the 'T' newspaper, The Guardian or Observer. Even in short bursts, the impact will be palpable and can have a profoundly positive impact in terms of extending knowledge and understanding of the world. In addition, they will be exposed to new and sometimes complex vocabulary.

Remarkable Attendance

I am loathe to publish weekly attendance figures, no matter how impressive these may be. In isolation, they do not afford sufficient insight. It is only when attendance is calculated over an entire year that one can ascertain whether or not it is a strength. Attendance across the school, including the Nursery is a remarkable 98% from 5th September 2017 to the end of last week.

Yours sincerely,



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