

Sherborne C of E Primary School

Top Attenders for 8th May-11th May

- ★ Hedgehogs with 100%
- ★ Foxes with 100%
- ★ Owls with 96%
- ★ Whole school: 98%

Stars of the Week

- ★ Hedgehog Class: Harry, Jack and Tallulah
- ★ Fox Class: Lacie and Maddi
- ★ Owl Class: Imogen and Ellie

HOUSE POINTS ASH - 276

BEECH - 255

OAK - 225

ROWAN - 305

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Dates for the Diary

May

- 21st KS1 Assessment Week
- 22nd Y56 Archery and Mountain Biking, Stow
- 23rd Y45 Lacrosse Event, Cheltenham Ladies College
- 25th Hedgehog Class assembly and Open Morning, from 9am
- 25th End of Term 5

June

- 4th INSET Day 4
- 5th Children back to school
- 5th Y56 Engineering Challenge
- 6th Y6 Leavers' Service, Gloucester Cathedral
- 8th Y56 Cricket Tournament, Bourton
- 27th Y56 Residential to Viney Hill

Children in Year 6 undertook the Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) this week. Sitting six papers from Monday to Thursday in Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Mathematics, the children were exceptional from start to finish and we are extremely proud of them. I read with interest comments made by teachers from other schools about how children broke down in tears during the tests and how stressful the process was, and this image sits in stark contrast to the experience the children at Sherborne had: Mrs Priest made breakfast for the children on the day of each test, the children sat round a table and laughed at each other's mascots (some teddies were very old and had very interesting names!), then washed up, played a game of boccia or similar, and got ready for the test. They took the tests seriously and worked diligently throughout. Once these were over, it was back to laughter

and playing with friends, with no visible signs of distress or frustration. This is how SATs should be: not cramming test technique down the children's throats from their first day in Year 6 (or sometimes Year 5); not narrowing the curriculum to just reading, writing and mathematics all day, every day, and; never forgetting that these children are only ten or eleven years old, each with their own unique personalities and strengths. It is our job to recognise these strengths in each and every pupil and celebrate these skills. So well done Ellie, Jamie, Joe, Jonty, Joshua, Leolie and Stella – you did brilliantly.

Don't forget that next week we have an open morning for parents and grandparents on Friday, 25th May until 10:20am. Prepare to be amazed by the Hedgehog Class Assembly, followed by a chance to sit in on one of your child's(ren's) lessons.

School attendance has crept up this term and I am delighted to see this week's figures, where overall attendance was 98% across the school. We aim to reach this amount each and every week, which will ensure that children attending Sherborne achieve their true potential and leave us with the very best start to their lives.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents who were able to help with transport to and from the sporting events recently. The children really do gain a lot from meeting and competing against other children from other local schools. Your support speaks volumes about the strength of the Sherborne C of E Primary School community.

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