Dear Parents and Carers,

We can hardly believe we have reached the end of the spring term! We are all ready for a good rest and some warmer weather – hopefully we’ll see plenty of spring sunshine during the break, and we’ll all return in two weeks feeling refreshed and ready for the final term of the academic year.

**Forest Schools**

This week another group of children have enjoyed a Forest Schools afternoon with Miss Danielles. This year’s activities are focused on team work, with different age groups co-operating together. Each session is very much child led and allows the children increase self-confidence and build self-esteem. The children who have taken part, so far, have loved being outside enjoying nature and re-charging their batteries. They have also thoroughly enjoyed their hot chocolate treat! If your child hasn’t taken part yet, please don’t worry, everyone will be given the opportunity.

**Knowsley Safari Park**

Year 1 had a fantastic day at Knowsley Safari park on Thursday. The photos look amazing! As always, we were incredibly proud of how well our children represented school. Well done Year 1 – you are all our superstars of the day today!

**Attendance**

As always, we have celebrated our class attendance winners in our achievement assembly today. Congratulations to years 1 and 3 who are both winners this week! They spun the wheel of fortune and won chocolate treats and hot chocolate to enjoy this afternoon. We would like to thank you all for the fantastic effort you are all putting into helping us to improve attendance at school overall. Hopefully those classes that have yet to win, will do so in the summer term.

Today we have celebrated those pupils who have achieved 97% and above for the month of March. These pupils have received a special certificate in assembly today. We gave a special mention to the 14 children who have had 100% attendance this half term – amazing, well done!

*Class Attendance for this half term:*

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|  | **Week 1** | **Week 2** | **Week 3** | **Week 4** | **Week 5** |
| **Reception** | 91% | 92% | 93% | 87% | 92% |
| **Year 1** | 94% | 99% | **96%** | 93% | **99%** |
| **Year 2** | **96%** | 98% | 94% | **97%** | 93% |
| **Year 3** | 93% | 97% | 95% | 86% | **99%** |
| **Year 4** | 94% | 95% | 93% | 93% | 89% |
| **Year 5** | 95% | 90% | 95% | 92% | 94% |
| **Year 6** | 94% | **100%** | 94% | 96% | 97% |

***School’s overall average attendance for the year so far: 93.9%***

Fingers crossed that warmer weather and more opportunities to get outside, will help put an end to some of the bugs we have dealt with during the last term.

**Friends of Leftwich Cake Sale**

What a great success! We were amazed by the number and variety of cakes donated to us; thank you to all of you who took the time to baked or buy to support this event. We couldn’t have chosen a worse day weather wise, but our wonderful volunteers set up in the library and the rain didn’t appear to put anyone off queuing to purchase some tasty treats. We managed to raise £140! Well done to all. The FOL have kindly gifted every child a chocolate treat to celebrate Easter, thank you!

**Special Assemblies**

We enjoyed two very special celebration assemblies today. Not only did we share our fantastic stars of the week, our house of the week and our attendance winners, but we also celebrated all things Easter and said goodbye to Mr Robinson.

Thank you to Pastor Dave who came to lead our assembly this morning, telling us the Easter story and reminding us of the significance of this special time of year. Of course, we couldn’t celebrate without mentioning chocolate (a lot!) and singing a lively rendition of Spring Chicken - It’s always a fun way to end the term. We also celebrated the winners of the Friends of Leftwich Easter craft competition. Well done to everyone who entered, your creations were wonderful and we raised £23. Please see the end of this letter for names of the winners.

A few tears were shed this afternoon as we said an official goodbye to Mr Robinson. The children sang him a special song which they had secretly practised and presented him with a book of memories. Mr Robinson has been a great friend to us all, as well as a colleague. The children love him! He has given so much to all aspects of school life in his 11 years with us – he has supported children in every year group, covered PPA time, set up the Northwich mini-league football league, run many sports clubs, supported our teams in inter-school festivals and volunteered for almost every residential visit! He will be greatly missed by us all. We know you will join us in thanking Simon for his contribution to life at Leftwich and wish him the very best of luck in his new job.

**Purple Day**

In honour of Mr Robinson and Mrs Dean, we will be holding a Purple Day on Friday 21st April (the first Friday back) to raise awareness of people affected by epilepsy. We are asking everyone **to wear something purple with their uniform** on that day – it might be a pair of socks, a headband, a t-shirt, a hoodie or even a purple badge. Please note, this is not a full non-uniform day. We ask that everyone donates £1 towards Epilepsy Action if you can.

**Happy Holidays!**

On behalf of all the staff we would like to wish you a very happy Easter and a lovely two-week break. We look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 17th April.

Best wishes,

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Guy

**Easter Craft Competition Winners**

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| **Year Group** | **1st Prize** | **2nd Prize** | **3rd Prize** |
| **Reception** | Frankie | Jax | Oscar |
| **Year 1** | Jack D | Lilah | Jaxx |
| **Year 2** | Harry A | Jenson | Ellie M |
| **Year 3** | Calvin | Jacob | Makiya |
| **Year 4** | Abigail | Harry O | Sophia |
| **Year 5** | Mason | Kate | Maya |
| **Year 6** | Maggie |  |  |