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#### Attendance

Target Met								
Term 5								
<b>GROUP</b>	<b>EYFS</b>	<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>YEAR 4</b>	<b>YEAR 5</b>	<b>YEAR 6</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
2015-2016	94.59%	94.47%	95.20%	96.21%	97.39%	97.63%	97.24%	96.56%
Term 1 2016-2017	97.14%	96.73%	98.57%	99.81%	97.64%	94.67%	98.89%	97.37%
Term 2 2016-2017	95.37%	96.88%	98.61%	96.53%	95.08%	98.21%	97.97%	96.88%
Term 3 2016-2017	92.90%	92.72%	93.28%	94.83%	84.74%	95.97%	97.49%	93.31%
Term 4 2016-2017	95.50%	96.11%	89.86%	96.67%	85.83%	96.90%	96.28%	94.46%
Week 1	97.50%	100.0%	91.67%	98.61%	90.00%	94.64%	98.08%	96.14%
Week 2	99.00%	100.0%	83.33%	100.0%	96.67%	100.0%	100.0%	98.66%

**THE ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%**

#### Thought for the Week:

“Tears are like rain. They loosen the soil so we can grow in different directions.” Virginia Casey  
**RISING STARS OLYMPIC CHALLENGE**

We were very pleased that 4 children in year 5 were able to take part in The Deepings School Rising Stars Olympic Challenge. Amy, Katie, Sophie and Thomas represented the school over a number of weeks and there was a presentation to parents on Wednesday 26 April. Team work, problem solving and presentation skills were as important as technological aptitude and the children all learned valuable life lessons from the experience.

#### OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA

**Good news!** The outdoor shelter should be put into place this week! Unfortunately, **PARKING WILL BE RESTRICTED AS STAFF WILL BE USING THE FRONT CAR PARK.** We apologise for any inconvenience that this causes but access down the side of the school is required for vehicles. We would really appreciate the help of some willing volunteers to help us use the soil from the footings to make safe the rabbit holes that are an on-going feature of our wooded area. If there is anyone with a rotivator that would be prepared to help us turn over some of the ground, we would also be very grateful. We cannot give exact dates and times as yet, but Mr Ecob is happy to coordinate an action squad if you are able to offer your services.

#### WOODEN BENCHES

We are very pleased to have received a generous donation of three oak benches in loving memory of Mr Money. For those of you unfamiliar with the name, he often visited the school as Sophie, Olivia and Emily's grandad. The benches have been positioned near the wild flower area so that they can offer the children a place for reflection and a place for learning. We are very grateful for this welcome addition to our outdoor learning area.

#### COLLECTION TIMES

A small group of children are regularly kept waiting to be collected at the end of the school day and after clubs. We are fully aware that the parking situation is not ideal, but everyone is aware of this and can allow for it. Members of staff are currently spending approximately 75 minutes every week waiting for children to be collected, which is not acceptable. Please collect children promptly.

#### KS2 SATS

Next week, Year 6 children will be taking their end of key stage SATs from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. These have to take place under very strict exam conditions in the school hall each morning. Access to the hall will be restricted and Mrs Bandey will be unavailable in the mornings as she will be supervising the tests. The children have all be working very hard to prepare and we are confident that they will do their very best.

**PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO ACCEPT PAPER £5.00 NOTES AS THEY CANNOT BE BANKED BEFORE THEY CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER.**