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Dear Parents and Children,
Attendance

Weekly Attendance	RC
EYFS Highest	RK - 100%
KS1 Highest	2K - 99.4%
LKS2 Highest	4A - 100%
UKS2 Highest	5K - 98.4%
Whole school	97.3%

Attendance last week was back up above 97%, following bouts of bugs, coughs, colds, sickness and diarrhoea before the half term holiday. Very well done indeed to the classes above, for achieving highest attendance in their phases. A particular well done to RK and 4A for achieving 100%.

Many congratulations to the classes and the children below for achieving the largest number of ATL points!

Head's Classes of the Week

EYFS	RW
KS1	2M
LKS2	4C
UKS2	5B

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

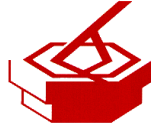
KS1	Lara B, 2L
LKS2	Oliver W and Ellen C, 4C
UKS2	James B, 6W

No Pens Day

The *No Pens Day* that we ran last year was so well received by the children that we are going to do it again this year on Monday 14th November. This event really allows children to focus on speaking and listening skills. Speech, language and communication are really key areas that need promoting in the English curriculum. Resources are available for parents and teachers on this website: <https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-practitioners/no-pens-day-resources.aspx>. Please feel free to engage in these activities with your

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children at home at any time before, during or after our school event. We will be using some of the practitioner resources here in school on that day.

PTA Chair's Quiz

Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 16th November, 7.00-8.00pm in school. You are all welcome. We are running a tight agenda and meetings do finish at 8.00pm sharp. **The PTA Chair's Quiz is on Friday 18th November.** The entry charge per team is £15.00. Each team can comprise up to six members; nibbles will be provided and people should bring their own drinks. Arrival is any time from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. We are expecting to finish at approximately 10.00pm. Please email david.whittlesey@live.co.uk, to register your team.

Children in Need

Friday 18th November 2016 is Children in Need Day and every year the school does something to raise money for this worthy charity. This year we would like to encourage the children to wear something spotty **with their uniform**. It might be a spotty badge, socks, bow tie, wrist band, hairband or ears! On the day, classes will be doing lots of exciting activities about Children in Need and learning how the money they have donated is helping less fortunate children around the UK. School Council will also be holding a cake stall at lunchtime, so if you would like your child to have a delicious treat that day, make sure you send them in with some extra pennies! Nothing will cost more than 20p on the stall, but every little helps.

Wild Wednesday in the Nursery

Mrs Coles is very excited to share that we will be including a 'Forest School' ethos within our curriculum after Christmas in the school Nursery, called 'Wild Wednesday!' The children will be learning outside for the whole of their session on a Wednesday. The children absolutely love learning outside!

This is a new initiative for us and we would like to share details with you about how it will work. As a result, please come and join us, if you can, for a short presentation on Wednesday 23rd November at 5pm, in the main hall, to find out more!

Christmas Boxes

Many thanks indeed to you all for sending in so many Christmas boxes. These will be given to children around the world in order to bring joy to their lives. You can bring boxes in until next Tuesday, 15th November.

Changes to swim lessons

We have had 140 responses to our questionnaire regarding the changes we would like to make to our swim lessons, which represents approximately 50% of our swimmers. 51% of respondents have said that they would continue with us. We consulted with two swim school providers and selected 'tss' (the swim school). Unfortunately, this selection has resulted in the current contractor terminating our agreement next Thursday 17th. We are making arrangements to ensure that existing swim lessons will continue until the end of this term. During this time, 'tss' will recruit swim teachers ready to start as soon as possible in the New Year. I will share booking information as soon as it becomes available. I would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and look forward to receiving your comments in the New Year.

Non-school Uniform Day, Christmas

Fayre

This event is on Friday 25th November, the day before the Christmas Fayre!

Seven Shopping Saturdays left before Christmas Day!

Have a great weekend

GT Burgess



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Robin's Stars of the Week

Florence P, RM

Abigail S, RK

Writers of the Week

Jessica B, RM

Jacob R, 1H

Josh B, 2L

Abigail S, RK

Phoebe M, 2K

Jessica I, 2M

Olivia Y, 1R

Bailey P-R, 2K

Jason K, 4A

Maths Wizards

Molly H, 1R

Olivia M, 2L

Mimzy B, 4A

Jacob O, 1H

Owen S, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Sean K, 1R

Phoebe M, 2L

Josie R, 3B

Kasper V-G, 4A

Matthew C, 5M

Izzy M, 6J

Harry B, 1H

William S, 2K

Amira E, 3B

Jack B, 4C

Olivia C, 5K

Victoria H, 6W

Isabelle J, 3D

George K, 4W

Reeve C, 6P

Stanley D, 3C

DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017

Wednesday 16 th November	Year 5 visit to National Space Centre PTA Meeting in School, 7.00-8.00pm
Friday 18 th November	PTA Chair's Quiz
Saturday 26 th November	Christmas Fayre
Monday 28 th & Tuesday 29 th November	Year 5 visit by Creaturama
Wednesday 30 th November	10:00 & 14:00 Nursery Nativity
Friday 2 nd December	Disco
Monday 5 th December	14:00 Reception Nativity
Tuesday 6 th December	14:00 Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 7 th December	14:00 Year 2 Nativity 18:00 Year 1 Nativity EYFS Theatre Trip to Warwick Arts Centre (The Stick Man)
Thursday 8 th December	18:00 Year 2 Nativity
Friday 9 th December	14.00 Reception Nativity
Monday 12 th December	14:00 & 18:00 LKS2 Carol Concerts
Tuesday 13 th December	14:00 & 18:00 UKS2 Carol Concerts
Wednesday 14 th December	Years 1-6 Panto Trip to Leamington Spa (Beauty and the Beast)
Friday 16 th December	TERM ENDS
Tuesday 3 rd January, 2017	Term resumes for pupils and staff



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