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Dear Parents and Children,
Attendance

Weekly Attendance	RC
EYFS Highest	RC - 98.5%
KS1 Highest	2K - 98.4%
LKS2 Highest	3C - 99.3%
UKS2 Highest	6P - 97.0%
Whole school	95.9%

Despite a number of children, and staff, being poorly last week, attendance figures have remained reasonably high. I am keeping my fingers crossed that children are well enough to take part in the Christmas festivities that are planned for the forthcoming weeks.

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

Head's Classes of the Week

EYFS	RM
KS1	1H
LKS2	4A
UKS2	5B

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

KS1	Lacey P, 1D
LKS2	Sophie C, 4C
UKS2	Elizabeth M, 5B

Cheerleading

Our cheerleading team were, once more successful, in the annual KS2 Cheerleading competition. Their performance was superb and they were placed 2nd overall, which was a fantastic result! Special mention must go to Lucie M, Y4, and Lucy W, Y6, who were picked out at the event as Star Performers. Thank you to Miss Kirsty from Animated Dance for her help in choreographing the routine, and a special thanks to Miss Brewer for all her hard work in instigating, and sustaining over time, this excellent club.

Year 4 Football

The Year 4 boys have been crowned South Solihull Schools Football Champions! After a fantastic evening of football at Lode Heath School, 14 teams set out to win the tournament. Our first match finished 2-2 against Dorridge; this was followed by a 4-0 victory over Berkswell and then a 7-0 victory over Meriden. This score line saw us finishing as group winners. From there, we progressed to the semi-finals and played Monkspath, winning 2-0. The final was a re-match against Berkswell, with a solitary goal, which secured the win! Congratulations to Oliver M, Mickey R, Esterban C, Dylan H and Joe D for an excellent all-round performance. These children now go on to represent the borough of Solihull in the County Games later this year. Well done boys, and thank you Mr Green!

Christmas Boxes

Thank you all so much for putting together a Christmas Box full of presents for underprivileged children in other countries. An amazing 236 boxes were generated from your hard work and generosity.

PTA Quiz

The PTA quiz was a huge success last Friday, with 12 teams tackling some pretty difficult questions. The final top three positions went to Quiz Team Aguilera, Feeling Tired and Shattered.com. I must mention, though, that our team did actually finish fourth overall, which we were equally delighted with. The chair and vice-chair of the PTA, David Whittlesey and Hazel Lea did a fantastic job in creating the quiz rounds and asking the questions. Many thanks to David and Hazel, and to the teams that took part.

Christmas Fayre

Can you actually believe that this is tomorrow, and that there are only three weeks of school left before the Christmas holiday begins? It really does only seem like a matter of *hours* since we came back to school in September! Anyway, I do hope that

you can join us tomorrow. The Fayre is open between 1.00 and 4.00pm. There are a variety of stalls and activities planned for tomorrow, such as the bottle and chocolate tombolas, books, chemist and cosmetics items, guess them name of the teddy, the school council and the pocket money stall. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon in the main hall and, of course, Santa will be on site! Once the event is over, there is a massive clear-up operation to return tables and chairs to their rightful rooms and places and to take down stall tables and decorations to ensure that the school is fit for the children on Monday morning. *We really need as many people as possible to stay behind after the event to help us do this. Just ask me what needs to be done when the time comes!*

Nursery Wild Wednesdays

I hope that you found the presentation on Wild Wednesdays earlier this week useful. Many thanks to the Nursery team for moving this project forwards.

Driving on Kerbs

We all know that the roadways around the school get busy at drop off and pick-up times; we are no different to any other school in the country in this regard. However, mounting the kerb at these times does represent a significant safety risk! Children do not always take notice of what is going on around them and certainly wouldn't expect to see a car driving towards them on the footpath! Please, please put the safety of the children above all else!

Five Shopping Saturdays left before Christmas Day!

Have a great weekend
GT Burgess

Robin's Stars of the Week

Lucy H, RC

Nancy B, RM

Writers of the Week

Jenson L, 1R
Emily B, 1H
Ffion Q, 1D

Aryan K, 2L
Lily H, 2M
Harcus H, 2K

Ziyuan Y, 4A
Gabriel O'D, 2K
Luke B, RM

Maths Wizards

Nate L, 1R
Lauren M, 1H
Eleanor W, 1D

Phoebe M, 2K
Lilian C, 2K

George P, 4A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Tabitha D, 1R	Ben L, 2L	Mason S, 3C	Zara H, 4W	Shelby B, 5M	Ellie M, 6J
Zoya H, 1H	Jake C, 2K	Megan C, 3D	Dylan H, 4W	Alex M, 5K	Millie H, 6P
Charlotte H, 1D	Lewis C, 2K		Lizzie C, 4C		Esme C, 6P
			Ria P, 4A		

DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017

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 16th December	TERM ENDS
Tuesday 3rd January, 2017	Term resumes for pupils and staff
Friday 13 th January	2K Class Assembly
Friday 20 th January	6W Class Assembly
Monday 23 rd and Tuesday 24 th January	Toymaker to Year 1
Friday 27 th January	2M and 6J Class Assemblies 19.30 - Headteacher's Quiz
Friday 3 rd February	1R & 6P Class Assemblies
Saturday 4 th February	PTA Ball
Friday 10 th February	2L Class Assembly Dads Scalextric
Monday 13 th February and Tuesday 14 th February	Parents' Evenings
Monday 20 th -Friday 24 th February	Half-term



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