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Dear Parents and Children,
Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RC - 99.6%
KS1 Highest	1S - 96.8%
LKS2 Highest	3C - 95.0%
UKS2 Highest	5B - 98.7%
Whole school	92.6%

An outbreak of chicken pox and conjunctivitis has badly affected children's ability to be in school. I am hoping that this calms down so that they can enjoy the Christmas festivities. Well done to the classes above who have not been as badly affected.....so far!

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	2K
LKS2	3B
UKS2	5K

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

KS1	William VR, 2K
LKS2	Harris M, 3D
UKS2	Sam W, 5B

Guitars

The children were treated last week to a guitar performance from Solihull Music Service. This is an annual visit from the service; their intention is to raise the awareness of the children of the pleasure that can be gained by learning to play an instrument. It was a great performance and very much enjoyed by the children.

Christmas Fayre

Many, many thanks to you all for coming along to the Fayre last Saturday. Organiser Niki, Chair and Vice Chair David and Hazel, together with a very strong group of dedicated PTA members, did an absolutely super

job! The day went with a real swing. Figures released by the PTA treasurer indicate a figure of about £6500 raised! Wow! Thank you all. In addition, the PTA invited you all to vote for what you would like to spend the money on, based on requests from the school. The votes were very close.

ICT Display Equipment	162
Core reading books	192
A combination of the two	153

As a result, we will be placing an order in the New Year for some new core reading books, which we are absolutely delighted about. Thank you all again, so much.

Nursery Performances of Christmas



Nursery children got the Christmas Shows 'on the road' with their splendid performances of **Christmas**. Talk about bringing a tear to your eye! There is nothing quite as special as seeing such young children on stage. I am, as always, very proud of all of the children and feel privileged to be able to welcome you into school over the Christmas period. Very well done indeed to all of the children and the staff.



Taking Photographs of the Shows

Remember, sharing photos of your child on social media is your choice, but we must remind you to make sure there are no other children in any photos you share.

Year 6 at Solihull College

Howard Rose worked closely with the Principal of Solihull College, John Callaghan, to create this learning experience for the Year 6 children at the Woodlands Campus in Smiths Wood. Our children came face-to-face with real cars and engines on ramps and in bays; they boarded a real aircraft and walked around it, touching and examining it; they styled hair; they painted and decorated. Throughout the day, gasps of awe and wonder could be heard by staff. It was an incredible experience and was cost free for the children as a result of the excellent relationship that Mr Rose continues to develop with the local community. We will definitely be looking to replicate this for next year! Thank you John!

No More Clubs This Term!

Choir will run for one more session, next Monday 5th. Private clubs will continue as shared with parents by them. All other clubs, including Cheerleading, despite previous notification from Miss Brewer to the contrary, have now finished for this term. This is due to staff, and children's, availability being reduced by the number of performance over the next two weeks.

Disco

	Start	Finish
Reception and KS1	5.30	6.45
KS2	7.00	8.15

Four Shopping Saturdays left before Christmas Day!

**Have a great weekend
GT Burgess**

Robin's Stars of the Week

Elena P, RW

Sam A, RC

Connie W-T, RM

Hayden W, RK

Writers of the Week

Oliver C & Amelia S, RM

Henry H & Anna L, 1H

Lilly K & Ben B, 2K

Sean K, 1R

Thomas G, 2M

Hayden W, RK

Anna B, 1S

Shaan R, 2L

Maths Wizards

Jagger P, 1H

Aaron B, 2M

Amelia H, 1D

Thomas E, 2K

Jordan C, 1R

Nelson S, 1S

Chloe-May M-P, 2L

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Jack McT, 1D

Eliska G, 1R

Amelia H, 1H

Daisy P, 1H

Annabel H, 1S

Jensen W, 2K

Lily H, 2M

Ellie-Mae B, 2L

George M, 3D

Charlie H 3C

Oliver J, 3B

Tom G, 4C

Mimzy-Belle S, 4A

Finn Mc, 4W

Rachel R, 5K

Dimitris V, 5B

Henry S, 5M

Amal K, 6W

Louis G, 6J

Vlad P, 6P

DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017

Monday 5 December	14:00	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 6 December	14:00	Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 7 December	14:00	Year 2 Nativity
	18:00	Year 1 Nativity
		EYFS Theatre Trip to Warwick Arts Centre (The Stick Man)
Thursday 8 December	18:00	Year 2 Nativity
Friday 9 December	14.00	Reception Nativity
Monday 12 December	14:00 & 18:00	LKS2 Carol Concerts
Tuesday 13 December	14:00 & 18:00	UKS2 Carol Concerts
Wednesday 14 December		Years 1-6 Panto Trip to Leamington Spa (Beauty and the Beast)
Friday 16 December		TERM ENDS
Tuesday 3 January		Term Begins for Pupils and Staff
Friday 13 January	9:05	Class Assembly 2K
Friday 20 January	14:45	Class Assembly 6W
Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January		Toymaker to Year 1
Friday 27 January	9:05	Class Assembly 2M
	14:45	Class Assembly 6J
	19.30	Headteacher's Quiz
Friday 3 February	9:05	Class Assembly 1R
	14:45	Class Assembly 6P
Saturday 4 February		PTA Ball
Friday 10 February	9:05	Class Assembly 2L
		Dads Scalextric
Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 February		Parents' Evenings
Monday 20 - Friday 24 February		HALF TERM
Monday 27 February		Term Resumes for Pupils and Staff
Friday 3 March	9:05	Class Assembly 1H
Tuesday 7 March		M&M Theatre Productions visit - Pinocchio
Friday 10 March	9:05	Class Assembly 1D
	14:45	Class Assembly 5B



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