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Dear Parents and Children,

This term has simply disappeared! I was talking with some of you after the performances this week and it is obvious that you feel the same. And, what's more, in just a short while it will be 2017! Goodness me!

Thank you so much for all of the support you have given us and your children over this term, and thank you children for being, as always, absolutely amazing. I sincerely wish you all a super Christmas!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RK - 98.1%
KS1 Highest	2K - 98.1%
LKS2 Highest	3C - 98.2%
UKS2 Highest	5B - 97.7%
Whole school	96.5%

We have just managed to sneak into an attendance level which is 0.1% above the national average. Hopefully this means that illness will have been and gone just before the Christmas holidays. In the meantime, well done to the classes above for their attendance last week.

Head's Classes of the Week

EYFS	RW
KS1	1H
LKS2	4A
UKS2	6W

Children, you have been very busy this term collecting ATL points; classes have been hitting weekly numbers in excess of 100! Very well done indeed to you all.

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

KS1	Jay Jay, 1S
LKS2	Josie, 3B
UKS2	Xander, 5B & Maeve, 6W

Furthermore, well done to JJ, Josie, Xander and Maeve for winning the ATL cup for earning the most amount of ATL's individually last week!

Choir to Michael Blanning and Knight's Court



Mrs Brown and I took members of the KS2 choir to Michael Blanning last week; Miss Whitall and I then took the KS1 choir to Knights Court yesterday. Both choirs received a particularly warm reception from the residents; they make a very welcoming and fantastic audience! The children were, as they always are, simply amazing! Well done choir and thank you to Mrs Brown and Miss Whitall for running these choirs this term.

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concerts

This concert was put together particularly well by Mr Wood and the LKS2 team. The balance between singing and information was perfect; learning about Christmas in different countries



was particularly interesting. In addition, the singing was tremendous. So many parents and grandparents have commented on how delightful this was and how much they enjoyed the shows. Thank you all for coming and to the children for performing.

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concerts

And, in the same way, this concert was equally well put together, with another fine balance between carols and narrative. I particularly enjoyed seeing a few moments of these children performing back in 2010 when they

were in Reception. Very well done to Mrs Walkerdine, our UKS2 leader, to all of the staff and the children for a fantastic finish to our Christmas performances.



Christmas Dinner

The children's Christmas dinner was a 'cracking' event last week with Christmas music as an accompaniment. Many thanks indeed to Paul Cheema at Malcolm's for helping us out at short notice with the crackers, and letting us have them at cost.

St Martin's Swim Gala

Last Tuesday our Swim team competed in the St. Martin's Gala. A superb team effort led to Hannah C swimming with the Year 6's whilst Max H and Roxy B lead their team to a year group victory. Overall, our swim finished in second place. Very well done to all swimmers, and many thanks to Mr Barton for his super coaching.

Note from Admissions

'The national closing date for Reception entry into school for September 2017 is 15 January 2017. Applying after the closing date will almost certainly affect the offer parents may expect to receive. Parents must submit an online application to their home authority. Solihull parents can apply online at:

www.solihull.gov.uk/enrol.

Parents living outside of Solihull can still apply for Solihull schools but must submit this through the online system provided by their home authority.'

TWO Shopping Saturdays left before Christmas Day!

Have an absolutely fabulous Christmas and New Year! See you in 2017!

GT Burgess

Robin's Stars of the Week

Toby W, RW

Louie B, RM

Arabelle B, RK

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Kirath M, 3D
Joshua Q, 3B
Jonty D, 3C

Millie H, 4A

Roxy B, 6W

DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017

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
Friday 10 March	9:05 Class Assembly 1D 14:45 Class Assembly 5B
Friday 17 March	14:45 Class Assembly 5M
Friday 24 March	Mothering Sunday Assembly Disco
Friday 31 March	9:05 Class Assembly 1S 14:45 Class Assembly 5K
Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 April	Year 4 Production

*Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas
and
Happy 2017!!*



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