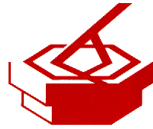




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Dear Parents and Children, Attendance

Congratulation to the classes below for their attendance last week, especially RM with 100%! Well done children and parents!

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RM - 100%
KS1 Highest	1S - 98.7%
LKS2 Highest	3C+3D - 97.3%
UKS2 Highest	6J - 97.5%
Whole school	96.2%

Head's Classes of the Week

Children are continuing to demonstrate excellent attitudes towards learning. Well done to the classes below for achieving the largest number of ATL points last week.

EYFS	RC
KS1	2M
LKS2	4C
UKS2	5B

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

The amount of effort that the children are putting into their work to achieve the ATL Cup for the week is tremendous! The number of ATL points required to win these cups is increasing each week. We are all delighted with the level of commitment the children are demonstrating towards their learning. Very well done indeed to the children below for winning these cups last week.

KS1	Ben B, 2M
LKS2	Ria H, 4A
UKS2	Elianne O, 5B

Nursery Swimming

Our nursery children began swimming with Mr Barton this week. Staff have been full of praise for the excellent start these young children have made in the water. Many thanks indeed to parents who have been in supporting the children at this early stage.

Swimming Lessons

The Swim School (*tss*) started their lesson programme this week. I have had some superb comments from you regarding the quality of what you have seen during this opening week. If you didn't get a chance to bring your child to an assessment, or if you were waiting to see what others' views were, and would like an assessment, please contact *tss* directly either by email, balsall@theswimschool.co.uk, or by telephone, 0845 644 8217. The outline is below:

Week of Mon 16th Jan - WEEK 1 Lessons- FREE WEEK

Week of Mon 23rd Jan - WEEK 2 Lessons- FREE WEEK

Week of Mon 30th Jan - WEEK 3 - *First Paid-For Week*

tss will run for 11 weeks until the end of the week commencing Monday 1st May 2017. Their last lesson prior to Easter will be on Saturday 1st April 2017. There will be a 2-week break for Easter, corresponding to the school's Easter Holidays, during which time they may run one of their 4-5 days 'Fast Track' courses, along with afternoon 'swim clinics', which parents are invited to attend. In all, by the end of the course there will have been 15 swimming weeks, but you will have paid for only 12 of them, costing £90. *tss* has already appointed Cathy Reekie on a full-time basis, who will teach 5 days a week, and have retained the services of the Saturday morning teacher, Kyle Aldridge. These two already-popular teachers will lead the programme and will receive constant support and professional development from *tss* to ensure that lessons are always of the highest quality. Initially, lessons will run from Tuesday to Friday evenings and all day Saturday. They plan to extend these lessons to Monday evenings and Sundays as soon as demand and staff availability permits.

Fund raising by one of our Year 3 pupils

Ashton is completing a swimming challenge with his mum to raise money for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Ashton has diabetes and wants to raise money to help other children like himself. He will be swimming one mile over the next ten weeks! Ashton is quite excited about raising money for JDRF. If you would like to make a donation for Ashton please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CamiIla-Tomlinson1>

Head's Fish and Chip Quiz, Friday

27th Jan, 7.15 Arrival for 7.30 Start
The entry form for this annual quiz is now available. Mrs Brown, Mr Ireland and I are busy creating the rounds! I have been sampling a number of chips, from different local chip shops, to see which ones are the best and, as a result, apart from being a little heavier, we have changed our fish and chip supplier and extended the menu choice considerably! Mr Rose has been busy collecting prizes from local sponsors and will be running a raffle, an auction and the traditional heads and tails. No-one ever knows how well these events will be supported, but in the past they have always been very busy so do get your teams organised and entry forms in to us as quickly as possible.

PTA Masquerade Ball

This event is pretty much full! There is one table only available due to a late cancellation. Contact Angela Perrett via bcpsball@gmail.com if this is of interest to you. Full details of the event are coming out via the school's email service.

Dad's Scalextric

This term's event is Friday 10th February. Booking is open now via ParentPay.

All the best for a great weekend
GT Burgess

Robin's Stars of the Week

Mia L, RK

Joe M, RW

Harry O'R, RM

Jenson B, RC

Writers of the Week

Arabelle B & Zachary F, RK

Beau G, RW

Florence P, RM

Eloise J, RC

Matilda F, 1H

Jessica H, 1S

Esher R, 1R

Eleanor W & Amelia H, 1D

Aimee L, Henry J-B & William VR, 2K

Nathan W, 2M

Reuben J, 2L

Maths Wizards

Rosie R, 1D

Emily O, 1S

Caitlyn B, 1R

Ben A, 1H

Lilly K, Priya T & Jensen W, 2K

Luke W, 2M

Daisy T, 2L

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Sophia W, 1S

Faith B, 2L

Soren W, 3B

Ziyuan Y, 4A

Evie H, 5M

Leo M, 6J

Chloe W, 1R

Freddie E, 2K

Harris M, 3D

Edward L, 4C

Scarlett A, 5B

Eva N, 6P

Shivani D, 1D

Tawny H, 2K

Joel B, 3C

Jayden R, 4C

Emily C, 5K

Izzy S, 6W

Tilly B, 1H

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Micky T, 4W

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Mia L, RK

DIARY DATES ~ Spring 2017

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
W/C Monday 6 March (Not Tuesday 7 March)	Scholastic Week in Atrium	
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	
Friday 7 April	Easter Bonnet Parade FS and KS1	
Friday 7 April	TERM ENDS FOR EASTER HOLIDAY	



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