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Dear Parents and Children,

#### Attendance

Yeah!!! It finally looks as though we are moving out of the 'bug zone' and into better health for all! For the first time since Newsletter 9, dated 11<sup>th</sup> November, weekly attendance is above 97%! Long may better health continue! Well done to the classes below for having the highest attendance in their phases, and well done to more than 100 children for achieving 100% attendance for last term; they received their 100% attendance badges earlier this week!

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RC - 100%
KS1 Highest	1R - 98.6%
LKS2 Highest	3D - 99.3%
UKS2 Highest	5B+5M - 99.3%
Whole school	97.1%

#### Head's Classes of the Week

Well done to the classes below for achieving the largest number of ATL points last week.

EYFS	RK
KS1	1H
LKS2	3B
UKS2	6P

#### Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

Well done to the children below for winning the individual ATL cups for earning lots of points last week.

KS1	Lara, 2L
LKS2	Emelia, 3B
UKS2	Maeve, 6W

#### Sport

This has been a great start to the New Year for our school teams. Years 5 and 6 football teams travelled to Solihull School and came up against very strong opposition. Although results didn't go our way, both sides played great football with sterling performances from Oliver M and Mitchell G in Year 5;

Oscar Y and Alex R also worked tremendously hard for Year 6. A mixed-aged team also attended a football tournament at Lode Heath School, finishing third overall, with Reeve C being named our player of the tournament. Meanwhile, the indoor rowing squad extended our impressive run in this competition with both the boys' and the girls' teams winning their heats; this was a true team victory, so many congratulations to everyone who took part. The girls are once more the South Solihull Indoor Rowing Champions and will represent the Borough at the County Finals. Our Year 5 and 6 footballers enjoyed success against King Henry's, with William K playing extremely well for Year 6. Once again, the Year 5 boys continue to show that they have great talent within the squad; Miles G put in an outstanding performance during this game. Our Year 3 footballers also played Bablake and were narrowly beaten 1-0; our team created numerous chances to win the match but, unfortunately, were denied by a series of excellent saves by the home goalkeeper. Kieron T and James W led this team particularly well. Many congratulations to all of the players who have represented the school so well in these fixtures. There are a number of additional fixtures between now and half term which I will keep you posted about. Mr Green has been tremendous; the reason that the children have these opportunities is because he is prepared, unfailingly, to give up his time to organise and attend these fixtures. Many thanks Mr Green!

#### 6W's Class Assembly



6W delivered a great assembly last Friday with an important message about trying hard and achieving goals. The children acted superbly and used the Disney film 'The Good Dinosaur' which tells the story of a young dinosaur

who wants to 'make his mark'. The children used this idea to talk about how they can make their mark and find a way to achieve goals and let their talents shine. A great assembly! Well done 6W,

#### Science Week

Science week has been a huge success yet again! The children have been thoroughly immersed in Science, conducting a range of exciting experiments and investigations. They have shown real enthusiasm and risen to the challenge of beginning to think like real scientists. Many thanks indeed to Mrs King and Miss Brewer for their excellent organisation of this week.

#### New Reading Books

Thank you parents for our lovely new books! You voted at the Christmas Fayre to see PTA money invested in new reading books; we have ordered them; they have started to arrive; they are beginning to appear on the shelves. The children absolutely love them!

#### Google Expeditions

This visit has been incredible. Both children and staff have been fascinated by the virtual reality equipment, as was the Mayor! We are exploring ways of bringing this into the classroom more regularly. Thank you Mrs Edwards for organising this.

#### KS2 Playground

The gate onto the KS2 playground is being blocked by children and adults gathering to talk, making arrival and departure times tricky. We have asked all children to move seamlessly through the gates to ensure free-flow. Could parents do the same please? Many thanks for your help.

#### Dad's Scalextric

This term's event is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Booking is open now through ParentPay.

#### Head's Fish and Chip Quiz Night

This event is tonight. Kick-off is 7.30pm; food has been organised for an 8.30ish arrival; questions are ready. Bring your own drinks and be prepared to be teased and challenged.

#### Have a great weekend

**GT Burgess**

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Martha B, RC

Lucciano F, RM

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Mason C, RW

**Writers of the Week**

Martha B & Ava S, RC

Alex F & Gabriella S, RM

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Walter H & Joseph M, RW

Isla M, 1H

Grace B, 1S

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Charlotte H, 1D

Matthew F, 2L

Lewis B, 2K

Megan W, Harrison N & Eva G, 2M

**Maths Wizards**

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Eva C, 1S

Lucia P, 1D

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Tilly B, 2K

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**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Jordan C, 1R

Phoebe M, 2K

George B, 3D

Ava F, 4C

Bethany H, 5B

Oscar N, 6P

Vivienne T, 1S

Jake B, 2L

Jonty D, 3C

William M, 4W

Hannah B, 5B

Max H, 6P

Amber R, 1D

Archie B, 2M

Sophie M, 3B

Jason K, 4A

Summer P, 5M

Katy H, 6J

Mikey S, 1H

Charlie B, 2M

Maia F, 5K

Haydn P, 6W

**DIARY DATES ~ Spring 2017**

Tuesday 31 January	17:30 Year 4 Dunfield Residential - Parents' Information Evening
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	<b>HALF TERM</b>
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 17:30 Phonics Evening for parents
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	<b>TERM ENDS FOR EASTER HOLIDAY</b>



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