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Dear Parents and Children

Another great week in school; this is, without a doubt, a superb place to be. Teachers and children have been busy with their mid-year assessments, giving us lots of information to share with you next week at parents evening.

Attendance

The attendance yoyo does appear to be stabilising, but staff and children continue to struggle with coughs and sneezes. Very well done to the classes below!

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RM - 99.2%
KS1 Highest	1S - 99.3%
LKS2 Highest	4A - 98.6%
UKS2 Highest	6P - 99.3%
Whole school	97.2%

Head's Classes of the Week

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

EYFS	RC + RK
KS1	2L
LKS2	3D
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	Jake B, 2L
LKS2	Emilia W, 3B
UKS2	Lucy W, 6P & James B, 6W

Class Assemblies

1R - This was a smashing assembly all about their topic this term on toys. A number of staff were interviewed about their favourite toy by the children; my favourite was the Bionic Man action figure! The children were absolutely amazing! They were full of energy and enthusiasm, and 'bags and bags and bags and bags' of character. Well done children and staff.

Meanwhile, the afternoon class assembly, delivered by 6P, was equally impressive. The children charted the Chinese New



Year, our assembly theme this week. They listed a number of famous people, together with a couple of staff members, who were born in certain years within the Chinese New Year. It was presented with confidence and humour and really 'hit the spot'. Again, well done to the children and the staff!

PTA Masquerade Ball

This was a splendid evening and exceptionally well supported by us all. The PTA team, led particularly well by Angela Perrett, did an absolutely superb job on this event. Many thanks to all of our sponsors for supporting this ball; between us, the PTA team, the sponsors and our attendance at the ball, the PTA has raised just over £5000 from this event. A great night, and a great result for the support we can offer the children in the school. Thank you.

Brain Tumour Charity

During the Christmas Nativities last year, the children had nominated the Brain Tumour Charity for the collections. The final figure collected from these collections is a very impressive £2043! We will be sending the charity a cheque to assist them further with their work.

A Week of Sport

Last week was a fantastic week for sport in our school; two teams represented South Solihull at the County Games, Year 6 in the indoor athletics and Year 4 in football. In addition, Year 3 took part in football matches here at school. The highlights from the County Games were that the Year 6 Girls indoor rowers finished 5th overall, whilst the Year 4 boys' football team finished 7th overall. Over 400 schools entered these competitions, so to reach the finals and finish in these positions

is an outstanding achievement. Year 6 children also enjoyed a very competitive morning at the Indoor Athletics Tournament and finished 5th overall. In addition, Year 6 footballers entertained two teams from Bablake and played a league match against Sharman's Cross. This was a very busy week, enjoyed by all pupils and parents; in total, 59 children were involved in sport over a period of four days. Well done to all of the children and a very special thanks, once more, to Mr Green for his splendid work in training these children and facilitating their involvement in so many different matches and tournaments.

Scooters and Parking

The number of children riding scooters on the school playground at the beginning and the end of the school day is increasing, and there is a risk of injury both to children and adults. Please ensure that the children dismount and push their scooters when they are on the school site. In addition, residents have been in contact regarding some inconsiderate parking. It would be very helpful if this could be avoided. Thanks in advance of your support!

Large Bows

The school is now no longer in danger of being overrun by large bows! Many thanks indeed for your support.

New Local Governors

We are delighted to announce that our new Local Governing Body is now formed, comprising parent governors Mark Fitch and Shelley Thorp, appointed governors Ross McKinnon and Hazel Lee, staff governor Jo Brewer and chaired by Richard Murray. Thank you all for volunteering.

Parents Evening

Booking for parents' evenings of 13th and 14th February has been available this week. We look forward to welcoming you into school to talk about your children.

Have a great weekend

GT Burgess

Robin's Stars of the Week

Mikey S, RK

Amelia S, RM

Jessie S, RC

Angelina C, RW

Writers of the Week

Laila P & Owen H, RC

Amelia C, RM

Elena P, RW

Dylan L & Oscar L, RK

Jessica W, 1R

Jacob G, 1S

Lauren M, 1H

Freddie J, 1D

Lewis C & Henry M, 2K

Lexi-Lou F, 2M

Aryan K, 2L

Maths Wizards

James L, 1H

Jessica H, 1S

Willow R, 1D

Eliska G, 1R

Chase C & Isla B, 2K

Lewys H, 2M

Oliver C, 2L

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Yohan K, 1S

Jovan G, 2M

Joel P, 3D

Harry V, 4A

Sophie B, 5M

Victoria H, 6W

Tilly B, 1H

Shaan R, 2L

Nathan E, 3C

Magnus W, 4C

Alex S, 5K

Charlotte C, 6J

Archie C, 1D

Gabriel O'D, 2K

Drew T, 3B

Rachel W, 4W

Anwyn M-O, 5B

Joseph S, 6P

Billy P, 1R

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Amelia C, RM

DIARY DATES ~ Spring 2017

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 17:30 Phonics Evening for parents
Friday 10 March	9:05 Class Assembly 1D 14:45 Class Assembly 5B
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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
Monday 24 April	Term Begins for Pupils and Staff
Wednesday 13 April	PTA Meeting
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 May	9:05 Class Assembly RC 14:45 Class Assembly 3C
Monday 8 May - Friday 12 May	Key Stage 2 SAT's
Friday 12 May	14:45 Class Assembly 3D
Wednesday 17 May	PTA Meeting



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