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#### Dear Parents and Children

We are now, officially, half way through the academic year. Many thanks for all of your support so far; attendance at parents' evenings this week has been extremely high; we are looking forward to a great second half of the year!

#### Attendance

The attendance yoyo is continuing! Nonetheless, children and staff continue to attend so very well done to all those who are managing to stay relatively 'bug free'.

Weekly Attendance	Class
<b>EYFS Highest</b>	RK - 99.2%
<b>KS1 Highest</b>	2L - 98.7%
<b>LKS2 Highest</b>	3B - 99.3%
<b>UKS2 Highest</b>	5M - 99.3%
<b>Whole school</b>	96.5%

#### Head's Classes of the Week

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

<b>EYFS</b>	<b>RK</b>
<b>KS1</b>	<b>1S + 2L</b>
<b>LKS2</b>	<b>3C</b>
<b>UKS2</b>	<b>5M</b>

#### 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.

<b>KS1</b>	Jake B, 2L
<b>LKS2</b>	Tia B and Sophie C, 4C
<b>UKS2</b>	Romilly M & Hannah C, 5M

#### Class Assemblies

2L treated everyone to a wonderful assembly last week, tied in with Valentine's Day. The children spoke clearly and very enthusiastically about how nice it is to love and care for someone; they even gave us a bit of a history lesson on who St Valentine was and why the day is named after him. It was a very happy assembly full of love! Well done to 2L and to Miss



Lewis. This was Miss Lewis' very first ever class assembly!

#### Dads Scalextric

This event just continues to grow in popularity and individuals' racing skills are improving....for the vast majority! We had 27 contestants last Friday, all on good form. As a result, each heat was fantastically dramatic! Drivers were sliding



around the bends, overtaking on the straights, undercutting on the turns! Collisions were minimal, concentration immense! The final was breath-taking! The car in first place changed, and then changed again, and again! Final podium positions were Rob M, Nick W and myself! Rob will now get his name engraved on the Scalextric Shield, alongside our previous winner, Fast Eddy! Many thanks indeed to Nick, who brings his track and cars and sets them up each time we race. Many thanks also to the 'racing dads', who always bring an element of fun to the event! Next Scalextric event is the penultimate Friday before May half term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Get it booked into your diaries, pay online, shop in good time to gather your drinks for the night and come and RACE!

#### More Sport

It's been yet another good week for our pupils in the sporting arena. Year 5 and 6 footballers travelled to our neighbours, Crackley Hall, and, in a terrific match, Year 5 drew 2-2. Though our goals came from Mitchell G and Alex R, the whole team played their part, with outstanding contributions from Ashton W and our excellent goalkeeper, Lucas W. Over the last few matches these boys have shown great team spirit and are working together exceptionally well. Meanwhile, every member of the Year 6 squad continues to work hard and display great sporting values; they are not yet, this season, having the luck that they fully deserve. In addition, on Thursday evening our KS1 gymnastics squad attended Lode Heath School, along with 15 other schools, to compete in the South Solihull Schools Tournament. The performance of the team was of the highest standard and we eagerly await the final results. Well done to the team members, Charlie B, Isla B, Becca G, Lewys H, Henry J-B, Shaan R, Owen S, Hemma T, William V-R and Freya W, and a massive thank you to all the parents who supported this event.

#### Scooters and Parking

Many thanks indeed for ensuring that children are not riding their scooters on the playground; there has been a big improvement this week. **Large Bows** are still no longer visible, so thank you for this too. We could still do with cars being **parked** a little more carefully, if possible. Many thanks.

#### Stars in their Eyes

Mrs Brown is once more running this event. Children have already been to see Mrs Brown to register their interest. We look forward to their performances after the half term.

**In the meantime, have a great week.**

**GT Burgess**

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Jessica B, RM

Tyler W, RK

Toby W, RW

Thomas C, RC

**Writers of the Week**

Thomas C, RC

Wenpeng G & Alfie C, RK

Samuel F, RM

Toby W, RW

Ava K & Bethan K, 1H

Josh S, 1D

Annabel H, 1S

Amrin G, 1R

Freya W & Priya T, 2K

Ben B, 2M

Daniel T, 2L

**Maths Wizards**

George D, 1H

Jack McKi, 1D

Harry P, 1S

Benjamin A, 1R

Ella G, 2L

Anya O & Sophia P, 2K

Lily H, 2M

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Shiven S, 1D

Phoebe C, 2M

Isabella M, 3C

Lucas H, 4A

Levi O-S, 5M

Cameron S, 6P

Tara V, 1S

Bailey P-R, 2K

George O, 3D

Chloe S J, 4W

Vishal D, 5B

Jasmine B, 6J

Jacob R, 1H

Oliver M, 2L

Alois O, 3B

Max M, 4C

Daniel W, 5K

Lois E, 6W

Harlie S, 1R

**UKS2 Council Friendship Cup**

Emily S, 6W

**DIARY DATES ~ Spring 2017**

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 - Pinnocchio 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>
Monday 24 April	<b>Term Begins for Pupils and Staff</b>
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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