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Dear Parents and Children

Read on to find out the latest news and information!

Attendance

We are all still trying our best to cope with illness; many children were sent home this week as a result! Nonetheless, attendance figures are better than last week.

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RK - 96.8%
KS1 Highest	2L - 99.4%
LKS2 Highest	3B - 98.6%
UKS2 Highest	5M - 100%
Whole school	96.2%

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	5M

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	Eleanor W, 1D
LKS2	William M, 3B
UKS2	Olivia C, 5K

Football

Years 3 and 4 footballers were busy last week, with both teams having fixtures against Eversfield and Solihull School. On Tuesday, we visited Eversfield with Year 3, winning 3-2, and Year 4 drawing 2-2; on Thursday, against Solihull, Year 3 lost against a very strong team 0-4 and Year 4 won 2-1. Over the two evenings all of the boys played extremely well with a special mention for Oliver M, Mikey R and Dylan H, all in Year 4, and also to Kieran T and Sam W from Year 3. Well done to all players and thank you Mr Green.

1H Class Assembly



The children in 1H led a super assembly all around the author A.A.Milne. They spoke with real confidence and had learned their lines thoroughly! Their singing was absolutely amazing!. Very well done indeed 1H!

Brain Tumour Charity



We invited a representative from the Brain Tumour Charity into school last week to receive a cheque from the children for **£2,043.00**. If you recall, this money was raised as a result of the generous donations made by yourselves and grandparents at the end of each of the children's Christmas performances last year; the charity was chosen by the children themselves. The Brain Tumour Charity would like to thank you all for your generosity. This money is sufficient to provide an opportunity for ten families to have a special day out in order to give them the chance to forget about their illness for the day and to meet other families who are going through the same ordeal. What a great use of donations!

School Book Fair

Our apologies for the late arrival of the books earlier this week; this was due to circumstances beyond our control. Thank you for supporting the event, though. We will share details of the amount of books sold next week.

School Funding Issues

I am sure that you are all aware of the discussions that have been taking place in the media over the last few months around school funding issues. School leaders and governors have successfully steered this school through declining funding through prudent decision making over time. As a result, the impact on our school has been kept to a minimum. However, budget forecasts across the country are dire; schools have had to reduce staffing numbers and make significant cuts in order to make budgets balance. It is certain that this will now begin to hit us. This link, schoolcuts.org.uk, shows that our school will be just under £200,000 short in two years' time. All schools are affected; Solihull schools are under even more pressure because the funding received for children educated here is much less than that received by the majority of other authorities. For example, schools in London receive approximately four times more funding per pupil than schools in Solihull. Solihull school collaboratives are working on the release of information to parents; our collaborative is doing the same thing and I will share it with you when it is ready. In the meantime, you can count on us to continue to maximise our resources, to find as many ways as possible to bring money into the school and to do the very best we can to avoid staffing reduction.

Assuring you of our best efforts at all times

Have a great week.

GT Burgess

Robin's Stars of the Week

Ajay T, RW

Oscar L, RK

Alexandra B, RM

Davinia G, RC

Writers of the Week

Seren S & Ajay T, RW

Alex H, RK

Lucciano F & Rose O-N, RM

Sam R, RC

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Rosie R, 1D

Jagger P & Jacob R, 1H

Tabitha D, 1R

Jordon J, 2L

Lauren O, 2M

Jake C, 2K

Maths Magicians & Wizards

Joe M, RW

Nancy B, RM

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Luke R, RC

Victor F, 1D

Joseph H, 1H

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Amelia D, 1R

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Luke D, 2L

Reece A, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Sam M-L, 1D

Artie K-P, 2L

Ashton T, 3D

Charlotte J-B, 4W

Erin C, 5K

Sean C, 6J

George D, 1H

Eva G, 2M

Alex T, 3B

Jasper B, 4C

Aaron Q, 5K

Lilla W, 6P

Zac A, 1R

William VR, 2K

Daisy May A, 3C

Yasmine C, 4A

Jessica C, 5M

Dulcie G, 6W

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Elianne O, 5B

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Lauren O, 2M

DIARY DATES ~ 2017

Wednesday 15 March	Year 5	Brandon Marsh
Friday 17 March	14:45	Class Assembly 5M
Tuesday 21 March	Year 2	St John's Museum
	Year 3	Chedworth Roman Villa
Wednesday 22 March	Year 6	Houses of Parliament
Friday 24 March		Mothering Sunday Assembly Disco
Thursday 30 March	Year 4	West Midlands Safari Park
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
Friday 19 May	9:05	Class Assembly RM
	14:45	Class Assembly 3B
		Dads Scalextric
Wednesday 24 May		UKS2 Sports Day
Friday 26 May	9:05	Class Assembly RW
		HALF TERM



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