



### Newsletter Number 26

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#### Dear Parents and Children

A huge amount has been going in in school this week! Read on to find out more.

#### Attendance

Yeah!!!! Attendance is on the move and it's going UP instead of DOWN! Fantastic. Well done everyone!

Weekly Attendance	Class
<b>EYFS Highest</b>	RC - 99.3%
<b>KS1 Highest</b>	1D - 100%
<b>LKS2 Highest</b>	3C - 99.6%
<b>UKS2 Highest</b>	5K - 98.4%
<b>Whole school</b>	97.4%

#### 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>RW</b>
<b>KS1</b>	<b>2M</b>
<b>LKS2</b>	<b>4A</b>
<b>UKS2</b>	<b>5K</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>	Eleanor W, 1D
<b>LKS2</b>	Lila B, 4A
<b>UKS2</b>	James B, 6W

#### Reception's Mothering Sunday Assembly



This assembly was absolutely lovely and it completely melted all of the hearts in the room. Small children extolling the virtues of their mums and those who they live with, who look after them is so emotional. Very well done Reception children and staff.

#### School Disco

The turn-out for the school disco was, as always, very high. Sweets and glow sticks were racing off the shelves; girls and boys were jiggling around; DJ Bains was swerving and twisting; helpers were tired and sweaty! It was another great event. Many thanks to everyone for making this so successful and to Lee Baker for his super organisation.

#### Year 5 Bike-ability

Year 5 children have been receiving road safety and cycling tuition this week to help them to stay safe when they ride. The children have been loving it!

#### Comic Relief Fundraising

Izzi M and Maisy M, both from 6J, organised their own sponsored silence in aid of Comic Relief last week. They managed in their lessons without speaking a word, from the time of their arrival through to their departure, and raised £100.10. The girls emailed me to keep me fully informed and wrote, '*We are very happy and we hope you are proud of us.*' Girls, I most definitely am! Very well done indeed.

#### Note from Mrs Goodwin, School Crossing Patrol

Mrs Goodwin has noticed a danger to children and parents around the slip road where she stands. She suggests that if parents can stay on the pavement as they approach from the service road, they would be clear of fast moving vehicles that pull in quickly to that slip road. Drivers, if you do pull into that slip road first thing each morning, please be aware that there are children and adults who are using the slip road to access the crossing area. Many thanks.

#### Cricket and Football

Year 5 Cricketers were invited to Solihull School to take part in a cricket festival led by ex-England international Darren Maddy. Our pupils enjoyed a coaching session, followed by three matches against other local schools. A great morning was enjoyed by all. Year 3 and 4 footballers also visited Crackley Hall and had another successful afternoon. Year 4 continue to impress us all with a very conclusive 7-1 win. The performance of all individuals within

the squad was extremely good, with exceptional performances from Mickey R and Oliver M. Year 3 boys had a much closer match and, although the result did not go our way, we created enough opportunities to win the match. Very well done to all of our sporting pupils.

#### Join Twitter

Thank you again for sending in so many emails in support of how successfully our Year 6 children were kept safe last week by staff and parents whilst in London. A particular thanks to the anonymous grandparents who sent in some absolutely beautiful flowers; they have been in main reception since they arrived. **Twitter** was used successfully by us to provide live information. Our Twitter account is [@BalsallCommonPrimary@BalsallCommonPS](https://twitter.com/BalsallCommonPrimary) and is case sensitive. Please request that you follow us and drop us an email to say who you are, since we always check before we click to accept; we only allow a very select group to access these pages.

#### Next Week's Events

**Year 4 Production:** Staff have been practising with the children at scheduled times over the last half term. We are all very much looking forwards to seeing the children perform next Tuesday and Wednesday at 6.00pm. As always, you will be welcome to take photos but you must act responsibly with regard to their use!

**Nursery, Reception and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade:** As previously advised, we are staggering the times of the parade as follows:

- 9.05-9.20: Nursery children
- 9.25-9.40: Reception children
- 9.45-10.00: Year 1 children
- 10.05-10.20: Year 2 children.

Please come in through the main Reception area. We will let you in as the previous parade finishes and open the hall fire exit doors for those who wish to leave. **So, in through the front and out through the back!** Hopefully, this will be less congested and more enjoyable for all!

**Have a great weekend**

**GT Burgess**

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Isabelle F, RC

Kacy S, RK

Alex F, RM

Beau G, RW

**Writers of the Week**

Connie W-T & Harry O'R, RM

Sofia M, 1R

Ella G, 2L

Oscar E & Mikey S, RK

Sienna E, 1S

Lilian C & Owen S, 2K

Isabelle F, RC

Jack McT, 1D

Peter F, RW

Ben A, 1H

Aaron B, 2M

**Maths Magicians & Wizards**

Mason C, RW

Sophie F, 1H

Ruby W, 2L

Belle B, RK

JJ L, 1S

Ben B & Lewis B, 2K

Stefan W, RM

Kieran P, 1D

Owen H, RC

Amelia O, 1R

Meelia I & Sadie G, 2M

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Grace H, 1S

Tom S, 1S

Freddie P, 1D

Molly H, 1R

Jacob O, 1H

Jasmin S, 2K

Freya W, 2K

Thomas G, 2M

Aimee B, 2M

Lewis S, 2L

Chloe W, 3D

Sophia M, 3C

Olivia G, 3B

Caitlin K, 4C

Joshua S, 4W

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Seoul C, 5K

Mathilda S-B, 5B

Dimitris V, 5B

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Bless L-A, 6J

Jojo G, 6P

James B, 6W

**Helen Lewis Friendship Cup**

Luke B, RW

**DIARY DATES ~ 2017**

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
<b>Monday 1 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
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 <b>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 5 June</b>	<b>Term Resumes for Pupils and Staff</b>
Thursday 8 June	KS1 Sports Day
Friday 9 June	14:45 Class Assembly 5B
Monday 12 June	Nursery and Reception new parents
Monday 12 - Friday 16 June	Year 6 to Isle of Wight Residential



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