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#### Dear Parents and Children

Class assemblies last week from **1S** and **5K** were particularly well delivered, to very receptive audiences. I was really impressed with the children in both assemblies; their confidence is growing each time they perform. Well done children and staff!

#### Attendance

Fantastic 100% attendance from RW and 3C last week, and an overall of 97%. Well done everyone!

Weekly Attendance	Class
<b>EYFS Highest</b>	RW - 100%
<b>KS1 Highest</b>	1H - 98.3%
<b>LKS2 Highest</b>	3C - 100%
<b>UKS2 Highest</b>	5M - 99.3%
<b>Whole school</b>	97.0%

#### 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>1D</b>
<b>LKS2</b>	<b>4C</b>
<b>UKS2</b>	<b>6P</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>	Sophia P, 2K
<b>LKS2</b>	Dylon S, 3D
<b>UKS2</b>	Ethan T, 6W

#### Twitter and Communication

Following on from the events in London, governors and school leaders have reviewed communications and come to the conclusion that we will continue to use Twitter. Thanks to those of you who shared your ideas with us. We recognise that it is not possible to meet the needs

of everyone, all of the time, and request that, even if you don't use Twitter for any other purpose, that you consider signing up just to follow us. We are looking into linking our Twitter account with our school website. However, each person that follows us is checked before being given access; linking our account to our website would mean that anyone would have open access to the contents of Twitter, including photos. Therefore, we are looking at the possibility of linking Twitter to a page on the website which would be password protected. If we achieve this, I will let you know and email out the password to you. Many thank again for taking the time to share your comments. They have been extremely valuable.

#### Year 4 - West Midlands Safari Park

Year 4 have been studying biomes and the way in which animals adapt to their environment. As part of this study, the children enjoyed the opportunity to visit the West Midlands Safari Park to see first-hand the many varied animals and plant life there. One of the highlights of the visit was a tour of the animal enclosures, with the Safari Park Rangers, and feeding the penguins; in the classroom session, the children were able to handle animals and look more closely at the way in which they had adapted to their habitats. It was a fabulous trip. Many thanks indeed to the parent helpers who accompanied the children.

#### Swimming and Sport

**Swimming:** Many congratulations indeed to Jessica L and Alois O who have made it into the City of Coventry Swim Team!

**Sport:** Last Tuesday, Year 6 completed their Football League campaign with a fixture against Ulverley school; two second half goals from James B finished the season off on a high! On Wednesday, when Year 3 and 4 rugby players visited Solihull School. Both matches were of the highest quality, with the host

school securing victory with just one try in both matches. Clarissa Y, Luna and Kieran were all outstanding! Finally, on Thursday, Harry B, Alistair B and Erin B represented South Solihull at the County games and finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Boccia. What a fantastic sporting week and very well done to all of our young sport stars. Many thanks, as always, to Mr Green for his unwavering enthusiasm.

#### Year 4 Sleeping Beauty-the Ugly Truth



This show was awesome! I cannot extol the virtues of the children enough! The acting, the speaking, the singing; all sensational! Very well done indeed Year 4!

#### Mobile Phones and the Swimming Pool

During after school swim lessons, parents are encouraged 'poolside' to watch the children swimming. However, this is **NOT** a time to have mobile phones out! School policy is that mobile phones are not out around children. If you wish to text, please text from the viewing area, and leave your phones in your pockets whilst in the swimming pool area. Many thanks.

#### London Marathon for Charity

Scott Meacham is running the London Marathon to raise funds for the Lily Mae Foundation. Please support him by visiting his giving page at [Read Scott's story!](#)



**Have a fantastic Easter Break**  
**GT Burgess**

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Laila P, RC

Abigail S, RK

Matthew M, RM

Ivaylo T, RW

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Rafael P, 3C

Chloe D, 4C

Ben A, 5M

Lucy W, 6P

George B, 3D

Esteban C, 4W

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Baley W, 6J

Lexi D, 3B

Millie M, 4A

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Izzy S, 6W

**DIARY DATES ~ 2017**

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 Night
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
Wednesday 14 June	LKS2 Sports Day
Friday 16 June	9:05 Class Assembly RK 14:45 Class Assembly 5K
Tuesday 20 - Friday 23 June	Year 4 at Dunfield
Wednesday 21 June	EYFS Sports Day
Friday 23 June	14:45 Class Assembly 5M
Saturday 24 June	Gala Day
Wednesday 5 July	18.00 - Summer Concert
Friday 7 July	Disco
Monday 10 July	16:30 Year 1 Information Evening 17:30 Year 3 Information Evening
Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 July	18:00 Year 6 Performance
Friday 14 July	<b>INSET DAY - School closed for pupils</b>
Monday 17 July	Reports Home
Wednesday 19 July	Year 6 Fun Day and BBQ PTA final meeting
Thursday 20 July	Final KS1 birthday assembly
Friday 21 July	9:00 Year 2 final assembly 14.30 Year 6 final assembly (no awards)



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