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#### Dear Parents and Children

I do hope that you enjoyed the most recent Bank Holiday weekend; the weather was unusually favourable I thought. School continues to move forwards at a brisk pace.

#### SATS

Year 6 statutory assessments are next week. The children in the Year 6 classes will be sitting their papers every day next week. It is vital that they get a good night's rest, have a decent breakfast and arrive in school fresh and ready to work.

#### Whole School Assessments

Meanwhile, assessments have already begun in other year groups and will continue to form part of teachers' routines until just after the half term. I am pretty sure that the children will simply take these in their stride, since this is the ethos of the school. As in previous years, we will share these assessment outcomes with you in the children's school reports, thus enabling you to make sense of their attainment and progress. The assessments that took place at the end of the last academic year were the first without levels; levels had been in place for about 26 years and were well understood by parents, children and teachers. If you recall, the average expectation is now higher than it was previously, thus giving the impression across the whole country that standards in schools had fallen. I will be providing you with provisional information regarding the outcomes from these statutory assessments before this academic year draws to a close, thus allowing comparisons with last year's outcomes to be made.

#### Nursery Graduation Dates

The dates for this absolutely amazing event are: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2.00 pm for our **Mon-Wed and PM children**, and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am for our **Wed-Fri and AM children**.

#### Attendance

Very well done indeed to the following children and classes for their attendance last week.

Weekly Attendance	Class
<b>EYFS Highest</b>	RK - 98.8%
<b>KS1 Highest</b>	2K - 99.4%
<b>LKS2 Highest</b>	3C - 97.9%
<b>UKS2 Highest</b>	6J - 99.0%
<b>Whole school</b>	96.7%

#### Head's Classes of the Week

	Weekly
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>RM</b>
<b>KS1</b>	<b>2M</b>
<b>LKS2</b>	<b>3C</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>	Lauren O, 2M
<b>LKS2</b>	Olivia C, 3B
<b>UKS2</b>	Millie R, 5M

#### Netball League

The netball squad have had a terrific season, and have finished in an impressive third place in League 1. They achieved this by winning all but two games, against some extremely tough opposition. In a very hard-fought final game, BCPS beat Coppice 10-2, with Lucy W named player of the match. Well done to Anya B, Charlotte C, Emily D, Amal K, Bless L-A, Ellie M, Courtney W, Ella W and Lucy W, who have worked so hard this season in the squad, and to everyone who faithfully turns up to the weekly practice on Monday evenings. Well done girls and thank you Mrs Mackay, Miss Khan and Mrs Johnson for running this club throughout the season. This is a fantastic result.

#### Tesco Sponsorship

Mr Rose has made a successful application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme. What this means is that the school could win up to £4,000 for the Forest School Project! All you need to do is **VOTE**. The stores taking part are: Cannon Park; Balsall Common; Kenilworth. To **VOTE**, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction, and it's not necessary

to purchase a carrier bag to receive a token. Our project, along with the other two successful projects in our region, will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place during May and June and we will find out by the end of July 2017. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive up to £4,000, the second placed project up to £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000. So, whatever happens, we will get £1,000 towards it. Our plan is to provide outdoor learning through a forest area at the bottom of the KS2 playground for ALL children to use. If you use Tesco's, then please remember to vote when you visit. Also, tell all of your family and friends!

#### Sponsored Read

In the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> May, we will be having a sponsored read in school and at home. We will be sending home a sponsor form and a covering letter asking the children to get as many sponsors as possible. They don't have to read a whole book, and they can read to others or be read to. They can also include any books that are read to them during the school day or any reading they do themselves in school. If we can reach £600 in sponsorship, Usborne Books will give us 60% commission to spend on new books. If we can get every child in school to be sponsored for just £1, we will exceed this target. That's £360 worth of books for £1 sponsorship. Please help us achieve this.

#### End of the School Year

Just for clarity, the final day of this school year is **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July!** School will re-open for the children on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September are INSET Days. **Dragons** staff will be part of the INSET Day on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**, so **Dragons** will be **CLOSED** that day.

**Have a great weekend**  
**GT Burgess**

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Oliver C, RM

Alfie P, RW

Myles S, RC

Hayden W, RK

**Writers of the Week**

Jessica B, RM

Alfie G, RK

James L, 1H

Pheobe C, 2M

Ivaylo T, RW

Hayden W, RK

Gia G, 1D

William S, 2K

Ava S, RC

Sam W, 1S

Billy P, 1R

Thomas C, RC

Jacob G, 1S

Lily H, 2M

**Maths Wizards**

Daisy L, RC

Grace P, 1R

Isla B, 2K

Daisy P, 1H

Matilda R, 1D

Lewis C, 2K

Sofia W, 1S

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Trinity P, 1H

Sophia G, 1R

River B, 3B

Jason K, 4A

Alfie K, 5M

Keira M, 6J

Eleanor W, 1D

Andrew B, 2M

James W, 3D

Tara H, 4C

James H, 5K

Lois E, 6W

Alfie W, 1S

Marcus H, 2K

Luna K, 3C

Catherine E, 5B

Summer R, 6P

**DIARY DATES ~ 2017**

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 Nursery and Reception New Parents Introduction Presentations Nursery 5.15-6.00pm Reception 6.15-7.00pm
Tuesday 13 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
Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 July	<b>Nursery Graduation:</b> Mon-Wed and PM children Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> 2.00pm; Wed-Fri and AM children Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am
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</b> - School closed for pupils
Monday 17 July	11.00am Children meet their new teacher for next year 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)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	TERM ENDS
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY, Dragons CLOSED
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY, Dragons OPEN
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	TERM COMMENCES FOR ALL CHILDREN



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