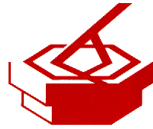




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#### Dear Parents and Children Sports Days



A beautifully, hot and sunny afternoon, just before the half term break, saw the first of our four sports days commence. Years 5 and 6 competed with energy and enthusiasm across the different sporting activities, leading to an extremely close result for the eventual winners. The lead switched between the houses several times and, in the end, it came down to the results of the team relay event. The trophy was draped in red as the Vikings came out on top! Thank you to all parents who came and supported their children on a very sunny afternoon, and well done to all of the children for their commitment to the event.

#### String Explosion

In addition, on the final Monday of last half term, 22nd May, Year 3 attended the annual String Explosion concert at Warwick Arts Centre. This event is the culmination of the strings teaching that Year 3 pupils experience throughout the year. It was a great privilege and a fantastic opportunity to be able to perform with a live orchestra and around 400 other children from schools around Solihull. Thank you to Mrs Batty, Mrs Hawthorn and Miss Gosling for their teaching over the course of the year and for inviting us to take part in the concert. It is something the children will remember for the rest of their lives.

#### Attendance

Following an absolutely cracking attendance over the previous two weeks, where six classes achieved 100% attendance, our attendance figures plummeted to 92.7% in the final week before half term. This is the lowest figure that we have had all year and is due to a combination of illness and some unauthorised absences. None the less, the classes below still celebrated achieving the highest attendance within their relative phases, so very well done indeed to them. Many congratulations, also, to the Head's Classes of the week for achieving the greatest number of ATL points within their phases.

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RK - 95.6%
KS1 Highest	1D - 97.5%
LKS2 Highest	3D + 4W - 97.1%
UKS2 Highest	5M - 97.2%
Whole school	92.7%

#### Head's Classes of the Week

	Weekly
EYFS	RK
KS1	1S
LKS2	4A
UKS2	5M

#### Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

Children across the school continue to work hard to achieve ATL points for outstanding attitudes. Well done to the children below for winning the cup this time.

KS1	Neveah D, 1S
LKS2	Amira, 3B
UKS2	Maeve D and James B, 6W

#### Rounders and Tennis

**Rounders:** We enjoyed terrific success before half term. Year 4 hosted Eversfield Prep in a rounders fixture, and won by 15½ to 11½ rounders, with the whole team contributing to the team's success with great batting and fielding.

**Tennis:** Meanwhile, the members of the Year 6 tennis team were crowned South Solihull Champions. The players were unbeaten on the evening, winning seven out of seven matches!

The team, comprising Ella W, Nicole, Sam R and Charlie S, will now represent the borough at the County Games, which is a tournament that these children won as a team when they were in Year 4! Many congratulations and very good luck for the forthcoming tournament.

#### Sponsored Read

When Mrs Shimmell first started opening the sponsored read sponsor forms, she expected to find a few £1 coins in each envelope. How wrong she was! After opening just 10 envelopes, she had already counted £215.15! She told me that she simply could not believe the generosity of the families of Balsall Common Primary. Half way through her collection, she went on to update me that we had not only reached our target of £600, but totally smashed it, with the children raising £870! The parents, grandparents and friends of children have been so generous. With this week being the final opportunity to bring in any remaining sponsor money, she was not expecting much more. However, the total has now reached an incredible £1296.53!!! Thank you all so much, and thank you to Mrs Shimmell for her excellent organisation. I will update you next week if this final figure increases any further.

#### Sports Days

Remaining sports days are:

**13 June LKS2** - 1.45pm

**15 June KS1** - 1.45pm

**21 June EYFS** -R 1.30pm N 2.00pm

We will keep our fingers crossed for good weather for these events too.

#### SUMMER GALA

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Bring in items such as hair and nail products. This is **NOT** non-school uniform!

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** This IS non-school uniform! Bring in bottles for the tombolas!

This fantastic event is **ONLY** two weeks tomorrow, 24<sup>th</sup> June. As always, it will start at about 1.00pm and finish at around 4.00pm. All help to tidy the desks away at the end of the day will be warmly welcomed! I'll be cooking burgers as usual! See you all there!

**Have a great weekend**

**GT Burgess**

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Oliver F, RK

Hollie C, RM

Elena, RW

**Writers of the Week**

Hayden W, RK  
Alexandra B, RM

Rupert F, RW  
Beau G, RW

Amelia H, 1H  
Luke D, 2L

**Maths Wizards**

Dylan L, RK  
Gabriella S, RM

Henry C, RW  
Ethan B, RW

Sofia M, 1R  
Maddie-Grace C, 2L

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Olivia Y, 1R	Luke D, 2L	Micky T, 4W	Hannah C, 5M	Miles G, 5B	Clare S, 6J
Lauren M, 1H	Charlie P, 3C	Macy P, 4A	Thomas O'R, 5K	William K, 6W	Jayden H, 6P
	Chloe H, 3D	Tom G, 4C	Harriet G, 5B		Esme C, 6P

**DIARY DATES ~ 2017**

Monday 5 June	Term Resumes for Pupils and Staff
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
Thursday 15 June	KS1 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	Nursery Graduation; 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	INSET DAY - 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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