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Dear Parents and Children

Unbelievably, I find myself writing the penultimate letter of the school year. Where, just where, has the last year gone!?

Sport

On Tuesday 4th July the KS1 Cheerleading team took part in the Solihull School Cheerleading competition. Although they were not placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, they held their own against teams taught by professional dance coaches and took to the stage with an excellent performance. Lara B, 2L was given the medal for Star Performer- well done Lara and well done to the whole team. Meanwhile, our Year 6 Tennis Team, comprising Ella W, Nicole W, Charlie S and Sam R were crowned County Tennis Champions at Warwick University in the last of our official sporting fixtures this year. Three group game wins of 3-1, 4-0 and 3-1 propelled our team into the final against Warwickshire; this simply could not have been closer! The match finished 2-2, meaning that overall points from the event had to be used to determine the winning team! BCPS won by five points. Very well done to all of the children! This was a fantastic result and a brilliant way to finish a tremendous sporting year. Children in year groups two to six have competed in 53 separate sports fixtures this year! We have established ourselves as a real force to be reckoned with in the schools' sporting arena. Many congratulations to all of the children, many thanks to you as parents for the tremendous support you offer, to the many staff that give their time up at the beginning, middle or end of the school day to run clubs and a very special mention, again, to Mr Green, who absolutely thrives on coaching sport.

Attendance

Once again, children in KS1 have been struggling with illness; but again, they valiantly struggle on. Overall attendance is below.

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RM - 99.2%
KS1 Highest	2K - 98.4%
LKS2 Highest	4A - 99.0%
UKS2 Highest	6J - 98.7%
Whole school	95.8%

Head's Classes of the Week

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

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

KS1	James L, 1D
LKS2	Ryan B, 3D
UKS2	Romilly M, 5M

The children with the most amount of ATL points over the school year have been calculated. The KS1 children accompanied me to Jam Jam Boomerang this week, and the KS2 children are going bowling with me next week. I am delighted with their continued excellent behaviour over time.

Classes for Next Year and Standards

You will have received information from me this week regarding classes for next year, which is one week earlier than it has been in the past. I have also sent out a detailed summary of the progress and attainment of the children in all year groups. Apart from writing in Year 3 and 4, and maths in Year 6, all attainment figures were above the national averages, and progress measures are very high. We are very pleased and will be working on the areas outlined this coming year.

Disco

Many thanks to the staff, the PTA and the parent helpers, who made this another fantastic evening for the children.

Year 6 Production - Move It



Oh my goodness me! What a sensational performance this was from our Year 6 pupils. The staging was innovative and really involved the audience in what was going on; the dance moves were choreographed by the children themselves, and were amazing; the maturity and confidence of all of the children absolutely shone through! What a fabulous way to end their career here! Well done children and thank you to all of the staff involved in making this such a resounding success.

Final Assemblies

Year 2 are celebrating July and August Birthdays at a special assembly on Thursday 20th at 9.10am

Year 2 have their final assembly on Friday 21st at 9.10am

Year 6 have their final assembly at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm, also on 21st!

Before and After School Clubs

As in previous years, there will not be any before or after school clubs run by staff next week. Clubs will re-start in the Autumn term, and letters will be sent out to parents on our return.

School Re-Start

School will re-start for the children on Wednesday 6th September. The office will be open each morning (9am to 12pm) on the final week of the school holidays, and Tuesday 5th. The office **WILL NOT be open on Monday 4th September**, as a result of all office staff taking part in essential whole school training.

INSET DAY TOMORROW! School closed to pupils!

**Have a great weekend
GT Burgess**

Robin's Stars of the Week

Lucy H, RC

Luke B, RM

Writers of the Week

Oscar McD, RC

Maths Wizards

Aidan M, RC

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Joe N, 3D

Olivia C, 3B

George M, 3D

Caitlin K, 4C

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 July	TERM ENDS
Monday 4 September	INSET DAY, Dragons CLOSED
Monday 5 September	INSET DAY, Dragons OPEN
Wednesday 6 September	TERM COMMENCES FOR ALL CHILDREN



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