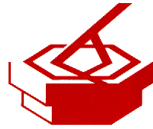




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Dear Parents and Children

So, the final newsletter of the academic year 2016-2017! It has been an exciting and eventful year and I am now looking forward to welcoming the children into school on Wednesday 6th September.

Activepix



One of the most exciting partnerships that we have developed is very recent indeed! It is the one with Activepix! Nick Browning, one of our parents and DBS checked by us, has become our official school photographer. The aim is to capture those special moments, like the one above from our most recent production. Events are individually categorised on the Activepix site, and then each event is password protected. We only issue the passwords to parents of children in that event and have canvassed parental views regarding removing pictures where necessary. If you haven't looked yet, and would like to, visit www.activepix.co.uk. The password for the BCPS folder in 1913, but you will then need the password for the individual event, which is available through school. If you need to contact Nick, you can do so at nick@activepix.co.uk. There are some amazing photos on the site, so do visit and take a look; these are images that we, as parents, would find difficult to take and will form part of our child's history.

Attendance

For a number of reasons, attendance has been lower this year than it was last year, though it still remains above the national average. We will be working hard next year to ensure that attendance is higher.

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RC - 100%
KS1 Highest	1R/2K - 99.2%
LKS2 Highest	3B - 99.1%
UKS2 Highest	6J - 96.7%
Whole school	96.3%
Whole Year	96.5%

Head's Classes of the Week

	Weekly	Termly
EYFS	RK	RM+RW
KS1	1S	1S+2M
LKS2	3B	3C+4A
UKS2	6W	6W

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

KS1	James L, 1D (Four weeks running)
LKS2	Ryan B, 3D (Two weeks running)
UKS2	James B, 6W

Parents and Children Cooking



Mr Rose has continued to encourage both mums and dads to cook with their children after school. I know that everyone has thoroughly enjoyed it. Many thanks Mr Rose and Mrs Whitfield for their time and effort they have given all year to this fantastic after school club.

Year 1 Cake Sale



Year 1 spent last week raising money for the Air Ambulance Service. Activities included wearing yellow on Monday, a one hour Danceathon on Tuesday and a huge tea party in the hall on Thursday. The total amount raised was £850 and the children presented a cheque to Mrs Heywood

from the Air Ambulance Service this Monday. The Year 1 teachers would like to thank the children for all their hard work, and the parents, family members and friends who helped to raise such a substantial amount of money. Well done everyone.

Sports Mark GOLD

The children in this school perform at an extremely high athletic level. This year alone we are champions in: Year 4 Football South Solihull champions; Year 6 Girls Indoor rowing South Solihull Champions; Year 6 Tag Rugby South Solihull Champions; Year 6 Tennis South Solihull Champions; Year 6 Tennis County Champions. In recognition of high quality sporting achievements over a number of years, we have been awarded the Sports Mark Gold. Well done children and many thanks to everyone, especially Mr Green, who is involved with sport in school.

Summer Reading Challenge

Balsall library is running the usual 6 week, 6 books challenge. Children can read whatever books they would like to. Simply pop to the library with your child and his/her books and meet the librarian. Children will need to be able to say what the books are about. Prizes are given to the children! Get reading everyone!

Staff Leaving

After many years of service to the school, Mrs Mitchell retires today. Mrs Davies is also leaving, after seven years of service, as is Miss Bragg, having been with us for this academic year. Both will be taking up post at another school. Of course, we wish them all the very best for their future. Mrs Tranter is returning from maternity leave and we have appointed two new members of staff, Miss Pinhorne and Mr Perkins, who will join us in September.

School Re-Start

School will re-start for the children on Wednesday 6th September. The office will be open each morning of 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.

**Well, that's it for this year folks!
Have a fantastic summer holiday!**

GTBurgess

Robin's Stars of the Week

Noah S, RM

Writers of the Week

Maths Wizards

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Max, 3B

Shelby B, 5M

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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