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Dear Parents and Children

Last week I reported that some of the children were arriving at 8.30am! The games they were playing were boisterous and causing them to disagree amongst themselves. This meant that they entered the school at 8.55am 'worked up', leaving teachers trying to resolve their issues before the day had even begun. The impact of this on learning is considerable. However, there has been a significant change this week, with children arriving much closer to the 8.45am start time. **Thank you all very much indeed for addressing this issue.** Please continue to ensure that children arrive in school at the correct time, remembering that teachers will not be on the playground until 8.45am!

Parental Parking

I also reported last week that issues around parking inconsiderately in front of residents' homes had already been brought to my attention. Sadly, despite my note last week, there has been a case where a parent parked directly across a driveway, meaning that the owner was unable to get off her drive to go to work. On returning to the vehicle, the owner and the parent had a heated conversation which resulted in the parent sitting in her car for several minutes refusing to move! As you're reading this, I wonder what you're thinking. We have worked really hard over the years to support parents and residents with parking. The neighbourhood policing team are committed to supporting residents and parents alike. If you have a concern, please contact: Bickenhill, Meriden, The NEC and Marston Green Neighbourhood Policing Team, Meriden Constituency, Solihull Local Policing Unit, West Midlands Police. Tel: 0345 113 5000. In the meantime, please park sensibly.

Attendance

Wow! What an excellent start to the new year with attendance. We exited last year at 96.5%, which was just above the national average of 96.1%. I think the attendance of the children in this school should be much higher. This is why our whole school attendance target this year is 97.5%. I definitely think this is achievable. BUT, it is dependent on children and parents being determined to ensure that children are in. **This does not mean that I think you should send your children in when they are ill.** It just means think more carefully about requesting holidays during term time, and whether your son/daughter could manage a day in school, even if they are saying that they cannot. We can always let you know if we think they need to be sent home. Together, I think we can set new attendance heights!

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RC - 100%
KS1 Highest	1H+1R - 100%
LKS2 Highest	3M - 99.4%
UKS2 Highest	5B, 5M, 6P-99.3%
Whole school	98.5%

Head's Classes of the Week

	Weekly
EYFS	RW
KS1	2M
LKS2	4A
UKS2	5B

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

KS1	Max D, 2L
LKS2	Harry B, 4A
UKS2	Olivia J, 5B

Clubs



Clubs have re-started and attendance at them is particularly high this year!

Macmillan Coffee Morning



The first ever Coffee Morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their drink to Macmillan in the process. It was so effective, it was repeated the following year, only this time nationally. Since then, Macmillan Coffee Morning has raised over £165.5 million for the charity. It is now the World's Biggest Coffee Morning and is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. The charity asks people all over the UK to host their own Coffee Mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan. Last year alone the charity raised £29.5 million. Please come along and join us in the Atrium on Friday 29th September, from 9.00am onwards.

School Photographs

Tempest will be taking individual school photographs on Monday 9th October. As in previous years, photographs of siblings can be taken from 8am. If you would like a photograph of your children together, then please feel free to pop in with your children. The photographer uses the Atrium. Please be advised that this is a popular service and a queue builds rapidly. The photographer will return to school on Wednesday 11th October to take W/F Nursery children and any other children who were absent on Monday 9th.

PTA Quiz

This event is on Friday 6th October. Please book early to ensure your team's space.

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

Robins

Rebecca H, RW	Grace O, RC	Lyla S, RM	
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Writers of the Week

Amber K, RW	Phoebe H, 1H	Joseph S, 1B	Sofia W, 2K
Olivia V-R, RM	Martha B, 1K	Sophie F, 2M	Adam M, 2K
Matthew M, 1R	Thomas C, 1K	Zac A, 2P	Sam M-L, 2L

Maths Wizards

Ellie D, RW	Alfie C, 1H	James L, 2M	Joshua S, 2L
Tom S, RM	Sam A, 1K	William P, 2P	
Florence P, 1R	Joseph G, 1B	Tom S, 2K	

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Luke B, 1R	Zach B, 1B	Sam W, 2K	Aimee L, 3D	Gracie T, 4W	Joel B, 4W	Lucy M, 5B
Oliver F, 1H	Amelia H, 2M	Erin M, 2M	Freddie E, 3M	Holly B, 4A	Dylan S, 4C	Brian D, 6P
Jenson B, 1K	Sophia G, 2P	William V R, 3C			Chloe St J, 5M	Scarlett M, 6J

Diary Dates

Key

	Class Assemblies/Performances etc
	INSET
	Parents'/Information evenings
	PTA
	Trips/visitors/dress-up days etc

Monday 25 th September	Maths Curriculum Evening for parents (18.00)
Tuesday 26 th September	EYFS Information Evening (18.00)
Thursday 28 th September	Y5 to Kenilworth Castle
Friday 29 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
	4C Class Assembly
Monday 2 nd October	Poetry/Storytelling Week
	Dinosaur Man to Y3
Tuesday 3 rd October	Dinosaur Man to Y3
Wednesday 4 th October	PTA (19.00)
	Nick Barker to visit Year 5/6
Friday 6 th October	4W Class Assembly
	PTA Chairs' Quiz (19.30)
	Slip into Slippers
	BOOKS AND TARGETS HOME
Monday 9 th October	Individual & family photographs
	Reception Hearing Tests
Tuesday 10 th October	Y4 Egyptian Day (hall in use)
	EYFS Further Curriculum Information Evening (Nursery 18.00 Reception 18.30)
Wednesday 11 th October	Travelling Book Fair (until the 18 th)
	Individual & family photographs for Nursery (Wed-Fri only)
Friday 13 th October	5B Class Assembly
	Dads' Scalextric (19.30)
Monday 16 th October	PARENTS' EVENING
Tuesday 17 th October	PARENTS' EVENING
Friday 20 th October	5M Class Assembly
	Non-uniform for PTA - chocolate donations
HALF TERM	

