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Dear Parents and Children 5P's Class Assembly



As it was All Saints day last Wednesday, November 1st. 5P took the theme and presented an assembly on saints, with a particular focus on the story of St George. As always the children delivered with clarity and enthusiasm and looked delighted to be able to dress up in their costumes! We had a particularly gallant St George and an excellent dragon complete with menacing black wings. Well done 5P and to Mr Perkins for his first class assembly at BCPS.

Harry Potter Dress-Up Day



Wow! What a fabulous day this turned out to be. The quality of the costumes really illustrated the amount of time and effort that the children, and you as parents, had put into this wonderful event. We had wizards and witches, and heroes and heroines galore. The amount of reading that the children are doing at home has definitely increased this term, and we are absolutely delighted. We will continue

to plug the 'reading for pleasure' theme in school. In addition, the children in Reception dressed up as part of their theme of 'People who help us', and had, equally, gone to a huge amount of effort. Many thanks indeed to everyone!



Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RW - 99.2%
KS1 Highest	1H,1K +1R - 100%
LKS2 Highest	4W - 99.6%
UKS2 Highest	5P+6W -99.6%
Whole school	96.7%

Overall attendance was a little lower than it has been over the last half term, but the classes above certainly deserve high praise indeed. I do hope that the children remain in good health as we move into the winter months.

Head's Classes of the Week

	Last Week
EYFS	RW
KS1	2K
LKS2	3D
UKS2	6W

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

Many congratulations to the classes above and the children below for achieving the most ATL points in the week before half term.

KS1	Trinity P, 2M
LKS2	Harry B, 4A
UKS2	Morgan K, 6W

Slip Into Slippers

We have received a lovely letter from Lorraine, at Age UK, thanking us for the very impressive £445 we raised for this charity by coming to school in slippers. This means that this school has raised £5000 for Age UK over the last three years. She is most grateful.

Swimming

Our Year 3 and 4 Swim Teams competed at Eversfield School on the 31st October. Despite this being Year 3's FIRST EVER gala there were no nasty surprises this Halloween as both year groups secured a win against Eversfield. The Year 4 swimmers did a great job encouraging the Year 3 swimmers, whilst the support from family and friends was excellent. There were several exceptional individual swims with the relay races clearly showing how well our swimmers work together as a team. A very brave performance and excellent swimming from the Year 3 and 4 Swim Teams! Very well done indeed children! Many thanks indeed to the parents and staff who were able to support the children.

The Big Nursery Clear-Up



A massive thank you to the EYFS staff and parents, Mr Kent, Mr Kershaw, Mr Adams and Mr and Mrs Bayliss for their excellent work last Saturday morning weeding, cleaning and tidying the Nursery outdoor classroom. It looks fantastic! We would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Bayliss for donating copious materials. Thank you all!

Forthcoming Events

PTA Meeting: Wednesday 15th, 7.30 in the school hall. Everyone welcome.

Wear something spotty for Children in Need: Next Friday, 17th

Seven Shopping Saturdays left until Christmas Day!

Have a great weekend!

Robins

Thomas M, RM	Hamson G, RC	Ellie D, RW
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Writers of the Week

Sienna F, RM	Sam M, RW	Mikey S, 1H	Lucciano F, 1R	Eleanor W, 2L
Hamson G, RC	Walter H, 1B	Eloise J, 1K	Tabitha D, 2P	Sophia B, 2K

Maths Wizards

Maggy D, RM	Alex M, 1B	Gabrielle S, 1R	Amelia O, 2P
Archie S, RC	Zach F, 1H	Ava S, 1K	Archie C, 2L
Rufus M, RW			Anna B, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Seren S, 1B	Noah S, 1R	Tawny H, 2C	Isla B, 3M	Joshua Q, 4A	William M, 5M
Abi S, 1H	Eleanor W, 2L	Jay, 2P	Ashton T, 4C	Edward L, 5B	Anwyn MO, 6P
Oscar Mc, 1K	Evie K, 2K	Jensen W, 3D	Jonty D, 4W	Clarissa Y, 5B	James L, 6J

Diary Dates

Key

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

Monday 13 th November	Y1 to Transport Museum (1B, 1H, 1K)
Tuesday 14 th November	1R to Transport Museum
Wednesday 15 th November	PTA
Thursday 16 th November	Y5 to Space Centre
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 24 th November	Non-uniform and bottles for PTA
Saturday 25 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 29 th November	Nursery Nativities (am and pm)
Friday 1 st December	DISCO
Monday 4 th December	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30)
Tuesday 5 th December	Year 2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) Year 1 Nativity (14.00)
Wednesday 6 th December	EYFS Theatre Trip (Warwick Arts Centre) Year 2 Nativity (14.00) Year 1 Nativity (18.00)
Thursday 7 th December	Reception Nativity (14.00) Year 2 Nativity (18.00)
Friday 8 th December	Reception Nativity (9.30)
Monday 11 th December	LKS2 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) LKS2 Carol Concert (14.00 and 18.00)
Tuesday 12 th December	UKS2 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) UKS2 Carol Concert (14.00 and 18.00)
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1-6 Panto Trip (Leamington Spa) Beauty and the Beast
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Wednesday 3 rd January	Return to school
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