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#### Dear Parents and Children

Children and staff have been even busier recently as we move towards the end of this academic year. Nursery children have been busy meeting their Reception teachers, Year 6 have had a Leavers day out at Drayton Manor Park, and are busy making money through Dragons' Apprentice. They are also busy practising for their end of year play! Year 5 have been on a cricket tournament, we have been visited by some excellent cars from JLR, and Nursery children have graduated. In addition, materials for next year have been arriving, tables, chairs and books, and teachers have been writing reports and preparing for their classes next year. It's all action and the weather has been glorious; what more could anyone want! Read on to find out more about some of these events!

#### Sports

The Borough sports dominated last week's calendar with two late evenings at the Athletics track in Solihull. The quality of the competitors seems to rise year on year, with many pupils achieving personal bests in the qualifying heats alone! Florence C finished just outside the medals in the girls 600m final in a really exciting finish, whilst the relay teams just finished outside the finals. A big well done to all and many congratulations on outstanding performances, especially in such hot conditions.

Meanwhile, the Year 4 tennis players were crowned South Solihull Champions last Wednesday evening, after battling through the group stages. A semi-final against Monkspath, followed by Dorridge in the final, saw the best two teams pitched against each other. In a gripping display of tennis prowess, and by the narrowest of margins, we were triumphant! Very well done indeed to Luna, Jessica, James and Oscar! Next stop? County finals at Warwick University.....today!

#### Robot Challenge

Just after half term, six children, working with Mrs Edwards began designing a moon base and a space robot as part of the School Robot Challenge. This is a national competition run by the EPSRC UK Robotics

and Autonomous Systems. The children used this software to create a 3D version of their design and wrote an explanation of what their design would do. Christie S won FIRST prize and went with her parents to an award ceremony in London last week where she was presented with a 10.5-inch Apple Ipad! She was absolutely delighted and we are all extremely



proud of her! Well done Christie and thank you Mrs Edwards for providing this opportunity.

#### Attendance

A fabulous week of attendance. Well done to the classes below for achieving the highest attendance last week, with a particular well done to the three classes that achieved 100%!

Weekly Attendance	Class	
EYFS Highest	RM	- 97.6%
KS1 Highest	1B	- 100%
LKS2 Highest	3D	- 99.4%
UKS2 Highest	5M & 6W	- 100%
Whole school		96.6%

#### Head's Class of the Week

Well done also to the classes below for achieving the greatest number of ATLs in their phases.

	Last Week
EYFS	RW
KS1	2M
LKS2	3D
UKS2	5M

#### Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

And a very big well done indeed to these children for achieving the most amount of individual ATLs in their phases.

KS1	Ava S, 1K
LKS2	Joshua Q, 4A
UKS2	Esther H, 6W

**Joe Climbs Snowdonia...With the school BEAR**  
Joe M, from 1B, and his football team, Solihull Sporting, climbed Snowdonia at the beginning of June in aid of charity. Joe managed to raise £600 of the total £3000 raised. This is an

incredible achievement and one that has made everyone feel extremely proud. What's more,



Joe was accompanied by the School Teddy! What a wonderful adventure for them both!

#### JLR

JLR employees spent the whole day with us earlier this week, with three amazing cars.



The children absolutely loved sitting in them, learning more about them and constantly sounding each of the horns!!! Many thanks to JLR, Mr Rose and Mrs Varga for organising this splendid learning opportunity.

#### Warwick Bookshop

A group of children from Years 3 and 4 took a special trip to Warwick Books to find out more about how they are published. The children loved the opportunity to handle books in a 'real' bookshop and came away with a signed copy of a book each. Many thanks Mrs Brown for organising this event!

#### New Classes for Next Year

Just a reminder that we will be sending out information on Monday regarding new classes for next year. Children will then spend time with their new teacher the following Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>. We will also be issuing school reports on this day.

#### School Disco

This is tonight! I do hope the children have a fantastic time!

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

**Robin**

Alex W, RC	Aaron K, RM	Quentin O, RW
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**Writers of the Week**

Eve G, RM	Olivia H, RC	Sienna S, 1H	Mahsin A, 1R	Azmeh S, 2L	Olivia H-G, 2M	Molly H, 2P
Rebecca H, RW	Alex W, RC	Tyler W, 1H	Joseph G, 1B	Sam W, 2K	Daisy, 2M	Jay F, 2P
Daniel K, RW				Vivienne T, 2K		

**Maths Magician**

Theo T, RM	Olivia H, RC	Phoebe H, 1H	Erin F, 1R	Matilda R, 2L	Olivia H-G, 2M
Jameel A, RW		Ajay, 1B		Tom S, 2K	Benjamin A, 2P
Tom D, RW				Adam M, 2K	

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Ben H, 1R	Hayden W, 1H	Max D-L, 2L	Macey C, 2M	Ben L, 3M	Clarissa Y, 5B
Ethan, 1B	Oliver G, 1H	Samuel M-L, 2L	Alex H, 2K	William S, 3C	India L, 5B
		Joseph H, 2M	Yohan K, 2K	Archie F, 3D	Evie B, 5M
		Yijiang W, 2M	Sophia G, 2P	Lilian C, 3D	

**Golden Ticket Winner of the Week**

Ellie P, RM	Ziqing, 1R	Vivienne T, 2K	Faith B, 3M	Jasper B, 5B	Miles G, 6P
Amber K, RW		Jenson L, 2P	Lewis C, 3C		
Alice, RC					

**Diary Dates**

HALF TERM	
Monday 9th July	Letter home regarding next year's classes Year 1 and 3 Information Evenings (16.30 and 17.30)
Wednesday 11th July	Y6 Performance (18.00)
Thursday 12th July	Y6 Performance (18.00)
Friday 13th July	INSET (Data Day) School closed to pupils
Monday 16th July	Reports home
Wednesday 18th July	Y6 Fun Day and BBQ PTA (19.00)
Thursday 19th July	Final KS1 Birthday assembly (9.10)
Friday 20th July	Y2 and Y6 Leavers' Assemblies and last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET DAY School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY School closed to pupils
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School Open to pupils for the beginning of the academic year 2018-2019!