



Friday 21st September 2012
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Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude Towards Learning

The children have made an excellent start with regard to their Attitudes Towards Learning over these first 3 weeks. Our first loss of Golden Time saw ONE child only receive this sanction last week. Winners of the Head's Classes of the Week last week for super attitude and 100% attendance are as follows:

Head's Classes		Attendance	
Foundation	RM	Last week	98%
KS1	2A	all Pupils	
LKS2	4F	Class 100%	1M
UKS2	6B	Class 100%	2M

Very well done to all of the children for their attendance and I hope to be able to publish more classes achieving 100%! Even though this requires determination and effort, it does reflect one's attitude towards learning, so do try and keep it up. I will continue to publish this data for you.

Football V Foremarke, Derby

Mr Green and I took two Year 5 teams up to this private school last week to play two 7-a-side matches. The 'A' team won 9-4 and the 'B' Team won 8-1. The quality of play was extremely high with some tremendous performances all round. Special mention needs to go to Joe W, who scored 7 of the 9 'A' team goals, and assisted the other two, and Sepehr and Liam, who were fearless and relentless in the 'B' side. I would like to thank Mr Gallagher for accompanying us on this trip and Mr Green for his organisation! Most importantly, I would like to thank the children whose attitude and effort were both outstanding. Well done boys!

A-Plan, Independent Insurance Consultants

A-Plan will make a contribution to the PTA for every policy taken out. Ring James Shaw on 0121-742-7961 to see if A-Plan has anything which matches your requirements

Victorian Day in Year 6

Teachers in Year 6 looked less austere than usual in their Victorian garb earlier this week as they used this 'Inspiration' day to embark on their project on 'Microbes', by exploring the historical side of infection and disease during the Victorian age. As a result the children have attended school this week dressed as Victorian street urchins and have sampled some rather tasty 'teacher-made' gruel.....'Please Sir, I don't want any more!' Many thanks to the gruel-making teachers for their ingenuity!

Head's Update and Maths Curriculum Evenings

We were delighted to be able to welcome so many of you into the school this week for these two information sharing sessions. I do hope that you found them useful and supportive. The slides from my Head's Update Presentation, together with the Kirkland-Rowell Surveys and this Year's SIDP (School Development Plan), can all be found on the school website under the News link. Many thanks for taking the time and trouble to attend.

Horticultural Society

Many thanks to Doug and Jacky, from the local Horticultural Society, for coming into assembly earlier this week to present the prizes for the art competition. They also presented the school with a rake, a hoe and a watering can, all of which will be particularly useful for the gardening club. Thanks again and well done to the winners.

Cakes for Macmillan Coffee Morning

The World's Largest Coffee morning is back in Balsall Common Primary School next week, Friday 28 September. This is an annual event and is extremely well supported. Coffee and cake will be served from 9.00am onwards. Please feel free to join us from then or, if you are in attendance at the KS1 assembly simply drop in afterwards. Donations of **CAKES** to sell at the event will be warmly received. Please send them in nearer the time to your child's class teacher and Mrs Baker will organise them from there. Many thanks in anticipation of your support!

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Dad's Scalextric Night

This event is BACK! £10 entry gets you racing and FED!!! That's right! We're providing a buffet in the price!!!!...bring your own drinks....all proceeds to the PTA.....a crate of beer to the champion! Digital track racing in the hall....all cars and equipment provided.... control tower to record winning time! To enter complete the form below, put in an envelope and post in the PTA box in main reception! Make the £10 entry payment on line at Parentpay! **Please make payments, and return forms back, by no later than Thursday 4 October so that the Grand Prix Heats can be ready to go!**

Water Aid

This year we have decided to support the 'Water Aid' charity www.wateraid.org.uk for our Harvest Celebration, and this is how you can help: we would like you to drink the contents of a 500ml water bottle and instead of throwing it away, wash out and dry the bottle. All you need to do next is begin to collect money! Silver coins are great but 'coppers' are acceptable too! All the bottles are to be returned by Friday 5 October, so we can display them at our harvest assemblies on that day.

Forthcoming Events

We have our Reception Curriculum Evening next Tuesday, 25 September at 6.00-7.00pm. This event is organised to provide basic information about teaching strategies and how best to support your child / children at home.

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

Atkinson Stilgoe, Village Estate Agents, is once more sponsoring our school generously over the next 4 year period. Please ring Anita McKeogh on 01676 535234 to see current listings of homes for sale.

Nursery - Ted & Toby Bear's Star of the Week Awards

Morning - Megan H & Joel

Afternoon - Amira & Kieran

Robin's Stars of the Week

Ava F, RH

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Oliver H, RM

Maths Wizard

-
Cameron H, 2M

Bethany H & Giorgia C, 1M
Esme C & Asad K, 2A

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Jayden H, 2K

Writers of the Week

Caitlin G, RM
Krishan K, 1S
Oskar Y, 2M

Millie H, RD
-
Ethan T & Sam R, 2A

Ava F & Christie S, RH
Eloise A, 1M
Kiran C, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Tom M, 1B	Esme C, 2A	Zachary D, 3P.	Becky H, 4F	Sophie B, 5K	Megan L, 6I
Sophia S, 1M	Oliver B, 2K	Olivia D, 3C	Tilly Boo S, 4D	Grace H, 5P	Charlie W, 6B
Molly-Rose L, 1S	Leo M, 2M	Bethan W, 3C	Aanaya, 4B	Callum D, 5B	Ollie S, 6M
		Franco V, 3A			

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

AUTUMN TERM	
Tuesday 25 September	18:00 Reception Curriculum Evening
Wednesday 26 September	Year 1 to Transport Museum
Friday 28 September	09:00 World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Atrium Targets home to parents
Mon 1 & Tues 2 October	Year 3 Creaturama Visit
Tuesday 2 October	17:30 Year 2 Information Meeting for parents
Friday 5 October	19:00 Dads' Scalextric Night
Tuesday 9 October	11:00 Burial of time capsule at Harpers Field Care Home 19:30 PTA meeting
Friday 12 October	09:10 2K Class Assembly 14:45 5K Class Assembly
Wednesday 17 October	Year 5 to Kenilworth Castle
Friday 19 October	09:10 2M Class Assembly 14:45 5B Class Assembly
Mon 22 & Tues 23 October	13:45 Open afternoon for prospective parents 16:00-19:00 Parents Evening
Tuesday 23 October	Year 4 Egyptian Day in hall
Wednesday 24 October	09:30 Open morning for prospective parents
Friday 26 October	09:10 2A Class Assembly 14:45 5P Class Assembly
29 October - 2 November	HALF-TERM



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