



Friday 28 September 2012
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Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude Towards Learning

Winning classes last week!

Head's Classes		Attendance	
Foundation	RH	Last week all Pupils	96%
KS1	2A	Class 100%	2A
LKS2	4F		
UKS2	6I		

Improvements to the Building

We are delighted to report that the Reception and KS1 toilet refurbishment has been completed ahead of schedule and have been in use all this week. The children think they are 'brilliant' and I am guessing that some of your children may well have commented to you at home about these improvements. We will continue to forge forwards as fast as we can with improvements which enhance your son/daughter's experience of school life.

Girls' Cross County

Mr Green took charge of our Year 4, 5 and 6 girls at the annual St Martin's Cross Country event on Saturday. Our team totalled 18 children and was the largest there! Our Year 4 and 5 children competed in the Year 5 event and ran well. Meanwhile our Year 6 Team, comprising Rachel, Nieve, Jenna and Olivia, won! We were, once again, the only non private competing school, and once again we won! Very well done indeed to all of the children, thank you Mr Green and many thanks to all of the parents who supported!

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

Morrisons 'Let's Grow'

This Gardening Scheme has recommenced and Mrs Edwards makes excellent use of the vouchers with her Gardening Club. The box to collect the vouchers is located outside the ICT room. The vouchers are exchanged for gardening tools, seeds and equipment. Obviously the more vouchers we get..... So, if you shop at Morrisons, do remember to ask for your 'Let's Grow' vouchers!

City of Coventry Swimming Club

I have for a long time commended the quality of swimming coaching in this school, sharing with you the high standards that our children achieve, such as attendance at the National Swimming Gala where, once more, we are the only state school. On this occasion I wish to celebrate the success of Sophie D, Ella N, Josh M, Emily N, Tom M and Lauren B on being accepted to swim for the City of Coventry Swimming Club. Very, very well done indeed swimmers and well coached Mrs Strong!

Reception Curriculum Evening

We were delighted to welcome so many of you into school earlier this week to join us in offering guidance and support in how you can support your child's learning at home. Thank you for attending and many thanks to all of the staff involved in making this event happen.

Head's Update and Maths Evening

We have received a huge number of positive comments about these two events which we ran last week, particularly with regard to how useful the Maths session was on Thursday. Our second one of these is Thursday January 10 2013 at 5.30.....Put it in your diary.....It will be fantastic!

Cakes for Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much for sending in so many cakes for sale today at this event. Mrs Baker and Mrs Hughes have, once more, invested a huge amount of time in fund raising for Macmillan. Thanks also to everyone who has given so willingly of their time. I will update you next week with regard to the sum raised.

Dad's Scalextric Night

Do remember that this event is now a week tonight. There will be a buffet and you can

bring your own drinks....all proceeds to the PTA.....a crate of beer to the champion! To enter complete the form entry form, 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 next Thursday, 4 October, so that we can organise the race order.**

Unpleasant Parental Comments on Facebook

It was with great sadness that I released the letter earlier this week explaining how unpleasant comments had been on Facebook regarding the school's approach to demanding exacting standards from the children. I have been overwhelmed by the number of highly supportive messages we have received from you. I would like to thank you for this support and assure you that we will not sway from our commitment to do the very best we can for all of the children in our care. We will not be put off by the narrow minded bullying tactics of the minority. We will tackle such unpleasant behaviour constructively in order to ensure that unacceptable behaviour will not go unchallenged. Thank you again.

Forthcoming Events

We have our Year 2 Parents meeting next Tuesday at 5.30pm and both of our assemblies next Friday are Harvest ones. Everyone is welcome to attend all events.

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

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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 - Casey & James O

Afternoon - Isobel C. & Joel B

Robin's Stars of the Week

Jason K, RM

India L, RD

Sophie C, RH

Maths Wizard

-
Ben T, 2A

James, M, 1B
Kiera M, 2K

-
Luke S & Sarah M, 2M

Writers of the Week

Delilah O, RM
-
Ella W, 2A

Laura B, RD
Evie, H 1B
Yasmin G, 2K

Clarissa Y, RH
-
Jacob B, 2M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Jack M, 1M	Summer R, 2M	Harrison T, 3A	Arjun H, 4D	Grace H, 5P	Tabatha H. 6B
Aaron, Q 1B	Clare S, 2K	Edward S, 3P	Lily M, 4B	Gagandeep S, 5B	Hattie R, 6B
Navneet S, 1S	Ben T, 2A	Louise H, 3P	Ella P, 4F	Evie M, 5B	Olivia M, 6M
		Keira M, 3C			Ria C, 6I

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

AUTUMN TERM

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 19:30	Burial of time capsule at Harpers Field Care Home PTA meeting
Friday 12 October	09:10 2K 14:45 5K	Class Assembly Class Assembly
Wednesday 17 October	Year 5 to Kenilworth Castle	
Friday 19 October	09:10 2M 14:45 5B	Class Assembly Class Assembly
Mon 22 & Tues 23 October	13:45 16:00-19:00	Open afternoon for prospective parents 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 14:45 5P	Class Assembly Class Assembly
29 October - 2 November	HALF-TERM	
Monday 5 November	Back to School Individual photographs in Atrium all day	
Wednesday 7 November	09:00	Year 6 Chemistry Demonstration in hall with Nick Barker
Friday 9 November	Targets home to parents	
Mon 12 - Fri 16 November	BOOK WEEK	



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