



Friday 5 October 2012

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Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude Towards Learning

Winning classes last week!

Head's Classes		Attendance	
Foundation	RM	Last week all Pupils	96.4%
KS1	2A	Class	2M
LKS2	4B	100%	4F
UKS2	6B		

Full Contact Rugby V Eversfield

Mr Ferris took a full side of rugby players to Eversfield Prep School last Wednesday for their first school full contact fixture. You will be delighted to hear that our first encounter against this private school saw us win 13 tries to 0, that's a score line of 65-0! I am delighted with the outcome of our first encounter and will keep you regularly informed. The boys are off again next Wednesday!

Year 3/4 Football

Our Years 3 and 4 boys played Warwick school for their first fixtures of the year. Our teams played very well against very strong opposition. Year 3, in their first ever match, lost 4-1 but worked really hard, whilst year 4 triumphed over their opponents thanks to a George Sullivan goal in what was a very entertaining game. Very well done boys and great support from the parents.

Swimming

Another one of our pupils has just made it into a prestigious club. This time it's Hannah from Year 5 who has been invited to join Solihull Swimming Club. She will now be competing in the National Leagues. Well done Hannah.

Mcamillan

Thank you to everyone who was busy baking for this event and to everyone who came along and ate them!! Also a really big thank you to Mrs Lowe and Mrs Edwards for their help (on their non-working days!) and to Mrs

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

Lee and Mr Tuckey for all their support with posters, photos and the tea urn - and helping to sell the remaining cakes after school!! Thank you particularly to Kirsty Hughes and her team of helpers and to the Year 6 children who helped on the stalls. We raised an amazing amount of £795.33 for this very deserving charity. Particular thanks in school to Mrs Baker for her excellent co-ordination of this event.....again!

Animated Dance NEW GYMNASTICS CLUB WEDNESDAYS 8 - 8.45AM

Animated Dance is proud to announce that, due to popular demand, they have started a new gymnastics club where pupils will learn all gymnastic skills: cartwheels, bridges, walk overs, rolls, splits, jumps, balances, lifts, sequences and tricks, to help flexibility and strength. This gymnastics club is aimed at pupils from year 2-6. Please call Miss Chloe if you would like more information or would like to join the club on 07737209142/01217079904. Alternatively please collect an enrolment form the school reception

Passport to the World of Maths

BCPS consistently achieves high standards for maths but we are determined to keep improving. We think we can do even better by focussing on basic skills. The entire school therefore is taking a journey into the **World of Maths** by embracing the *Passport* scheme. The core skills we are focussing on are: tables (multiplying and dividing); doubling and halving; number bonds (how many more to make 10 or 20 or 100). What this means for you is that your child has brought home a folded target card for you to see. This shows you what Continent your child has reached. Please return this to school! The A4 sheet is for you to keep so that you can practise the skills at home. In order to move to the next continent your child needs to be able to answer the questions very quickly. Instant tables recall will help your child tackle the more complicated mathematics that KS2 introduces.

Dinosaurs in Year 3!!!

Our Inspiration day to kick off the Year 3 topics of DT and History has been a resounding success yet again! I bet you're looking forward to seeing the models during the forthcoming Parents' Meetings on 22 and 23 October.

Sustainability Competition - win a £25

Touchwood Voucher

Details of this competition, to design a lorry banner along the theme of recycling waste electrical equipment, have already been released. Entries need to be into Mrs Brown by Monday 12 November and should include a slogan, a rhyme,



a brand new character/ superhero as part of the design. Do remember to include name, year group and school on the entry!

Mums/Dads and children Stay and Play - HERE

We have managed to arrange fun sessions for mums/dads and children on a Tuesday morning, commencing here in our school hall, all 9.15-10.45, on the following dates:

Tues 16 October: Balsall

Tues 23 October: George Fentham

Tues 13 November: Berkswell

Please come along and enjoy yourselves. This link will take you to full details of activities in the local area.

http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Attachments/ACTIVITY_GUIDE_FOR_RURAL_SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER_2012.pdf

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, bringing joy into the lives of underprivileged children since 1990. You can help by encouraging your child to bring into school a shoebox filled with gifts by **Friday 1 November**. The boxes will be collected by the organisers on Monday 19th November. Ideas of suggested gifts can be found on

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

Donations of £2.50 would be appreciated. When you've completed your online donation, print out the unique reference code provided and place this inside your shoebox. Once the shoebox has been processed you will be notified by email which country it went to. Our aim is to send 600 boxes. Thank you in advance for your support!

Scalextric Tonight

Arrival from 7.00pm. Practice laps 7.30. Race commences 7.45!

Forthcoming Events

PTA meeting on Tuesday at 7.30pm

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 - Isabella & Lewis

Afternoon - Libby & Drew

Robin's Stars of the Week

Mason, RH

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Millie H, RD

Maths Wizard

Alfie K, 1M
Benjamin G, 2A

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Haydon P, 2K

Sophie B, 1B
Baley W, 2M

Writers of the Week

Sian J, RH
Matthew C, 1M
Ava McG, 2A

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Simran N, 1S
Leah-May M, 2K

Chloe D, RM
Grace W, 1B
Eddie T & Sean C, 2M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Alfie E, 1S
Alfie K, 1M
Dexter T, 1B

Max H, 2K
Jojo G, 2M
Anya B, 2A

Bethan W, 3C
Abigail C, 3P
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Layla J, 4B
Jack R, 4D
Esther W, 4F

Megan D, 5K
Grace B, 5K
Eloise M, 5P
Ross T, 5B

Megan R, 6B
Megan, 6M
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Diary Dates 2012- 2013

AUTUMN TERM

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	
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	
Wednesday 14 November	09:00 Year 5	Chemistry Demonstration in hall with Nick Barker
Thursday 15 November	Author Anne Fine in school all day and parents meeting at 18:00	
Friday 16 November	Children in Need Day	



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