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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	97%
KS1	2A	Class	100%
LKS2	4F		None
UKS2	6M		

Assemblies

Well done to 2K and 5K who started the ball rolling with this year's class assemblies. 2K told us all about Keeping Healthy and 5K's topic was about Water Aid. By the way, Mrs Davies, Mrs Lee and their little helpers have almost finished counting and banking our harvest collection for Water Aid. The final figure, coming out next week, will be in excess of £1,000!

Sport

Football: The lads were outstanding in their group matches earlier this week. A 0-0 draw against Monkspath to begin was followed by a 3-0 win against Our Lady of Lourdes and then a 2-0 win against King's Heath. We were defensively solid with Kieran, Luke M and Charlie W ensuring three clean sheets. Harry D was impressive in attack, supported by Finley B, Hadlee P and Sam D. We won our group to qualify for what was to be an extremely close-fought semi-final against Bourneville. Unfortunately, we lost our scoring touch in this game and were knocked out 1-0 by a fine strike from one of the opposition. Well done lads, and thank you Mr Ireland!

Cross Country: Mr Ireland took 4 teams to the Borough Cross Country Championship Monday after school at the Old Silhillians Rugby Club. There were 47 teams competing and our teams finished in 5th, 7th, 15th and 16th positions. This is an incredible achievement and we had the

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largest number of children wishing to run. A very BIG well done to all of the participating children!

Rugby V Bablake: Mr Ferris and I accompanied a group of lads last week to play in a full contact game of rugby against Bablake. The boys were amazing and received much acclaim from the referee. We lost by one try, mainly due to the fact that Bablake was more experienced at competitive scrummaging. Harvey and James were outstanding in the tackles! Our next game is after half term v. Warwick Jnr. The Bablake crew said that they lose when they play Warwick, so there's a challenge for us. We will keep you informed. Many thanks to parents who supported with lifts and positive words of encouragement and a fantastic well done to all of the boys.

John Shepherd's Design Competition

Very well done to Chloe D, Charlie H, Tilly-Boo S, Helena W, Tilly J & Elina B for being amongst the top designs for this competition. The winning design was that of Aaron G, who won the massive cuddly dog, named "Shep", featured in the photograph above. This winning design will now adorn the For Sale boards of John Shepherd, who have recently become one of our sponsors. Shepherd's have committed a substantial sum of money to our Nursery Outdoor Garden Project and, in addition, will be making a contribution to the school for the sale/purchase of every house that is connected with the school. Simply mention your link with us when you contact them. Many thanks Carl Stokes!

Nursery Outdoor Classroom

This long awaited project gets underway during half term and should be completed by the time we return to school. The PTA are contributing two thirds and Shepherds the final third in a £26,000 project! I look forwards to the completed works!

PTA Meetings

The PTA is clearly extremely successful in this school, investing £80,000 in the last 12 months, and is very well supported. The dates of the

forthcoming meetings are:

14 November 19:30, in The Brickies and 18 December 19:30 in school with nibbles. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is Saturday 1st December, 1pm to 4pm. This is a great event with stalls and attractions for both parents and children. If any parents or grandparents would like to provide a hand on any of the stalls, whether this is for an hour or for the whole session, could they please email Rachel Brand on rbrand@williamfordham.com. This is a great way to get to know people and a fun and rewarding afternoon.

The PTA also produces a Christmas Fayre brochure which is delivered locally and includes adverts for local businesses. This is a great, inexpensive way of companies advertising and raises valuable money for additional facilities for our children. If you know anyone who may be interested in advertising again please contact Rachel Brand. On the day of the Fayre we need as MUCH HELP as possible to tidy up immediately after the event. Simply stay behind and get stuck in!

Build a Guy Competition

It's that time of year again! Build a Guy with your children and bring it in for the final week of this half term. All entries will get a prize from the school and then the Guys can be taken to the Lions Bonfire event on Saturday 3 November.

Forthcoming Events

Parents' Meetings next Monday and Tuesday. Open Afternoons and Morning, next Monday-Wednesday!

Quote of the Week

From Ava in Reception who said to Mrs Holmes, 'There's so much going on in school there isn't time to go home!'

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

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

Morning - Alex T and Oscar

Afternoon - Matilda and Soren

Robin's Stars of the Week

Jamie B, RM

Jack, RH

Gabriella H, RD

Maths Wizard

Giorgia C, 1M

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Orson B, 1B

Aiden E, 2A

Louis G, 2M

Samantha C, 2K

Writers of the Week

George K, RM

Sophie, RH

Joe D, RD

Krishan K, 1S

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Sophia S & James L, 1M

Leo M & Isabelle M, 2M

Joseph W, 2K

Kaitlyn S & Tommy R, 2A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Miles G, 1M
Mathilda S-B, 1B

Miles P, 2M
Jayden H, 2K

Shaun B, 3P.
Arjun D, 3C
Ruth W, 3C
Ellie Mai J, 3A

Pavan C, 4D
Louis S, 4B
Caitlin B, 4F

Claudia T, 5P
Krishan D, 5B
Jack R, 5K

Sophie G, 6B
Myles H, 6I

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 22 & Tuesday 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
Wednesday 14 November	09:00	Year 5 Chemistry Demonstration in hall with Nick Barker
Thursday 15 November	Year 6	Skills Show, NEC Author Anne Fine in school all day and parents meeting at 18:00
Friday 16 November		Children in Need Day
Friday 23 November		Non-uniform day for PTA chocolate stall 14:45 6B Class Assembly
Saturday 1 December	13:00 - 16:00	CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Tuesday 4 December	13:00	Choir to Young Voices at LG Arena
Friday 7 December	18:00 19:30	Yrs 1 & 2 Disco Yrs 3 - 6 Disco



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