



Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Last week's winning classes/attendance

| Head's Classes | | Attendance | |
|----------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Foundation | RH+RD | Attend | 5P |
| KS1 | 1B | | 99.4% |
| LKS2 | 3A | Overall | 96.2 |
| UKS2 | 6M | | |

6B's Class Assembly

The children from this class had really got to grips with the notion of bullying behaviour, during Anti-Bullying Week, and shared some very clear messages with us all about saying 'No to bullying behaviour' in this school and across the UK! Well done 6B!

Own Clothes for Chocolate and CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Many thanks indeed for supporting the PTA Fayre by allowing your children to come in their own clothes and to bring some chocolate for the chocolate tombola. We are all very much looking forward to winning it back and to what we hope will be a brilliant start in school to December with Christmas tunes, mince pies, mulled wine and much more **TOMORROW!** Entrance is from the KS2 playground and doors open at 1.00pm, closing at 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome! Don't forget that **FOR THE FIRST TIME**, photographs with Santa taken in the grotto will be available to view instantly. Photos can be purchased in mounts or in key rings on the day, and Christmas themed photo gifts may be ordered. And...**WE NEED HELP AT THE END TO PUT TABLES BACK INTO ROOMS, SWEEP AND DISMANTLE. JUST STAY BEHIND!**

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

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your generosity a week ago Friday! The total we will be sending to this charity is £513.05. Well done everyone!

Children's Fundraising

In addition, children have also been busy running stalls across lunchtimes and have raised £24 for Save the Children and £54 for Help the Heroes. Well done indeed!

Maths Challenge Winners

The annual maths challenges, which our children have traditionally done very well in, have begun again and we have got off to a cracking start with our Year 4's winning their opening challenge. They scored full marks, 15/15, with the closest rivals scoring 12! Very well done indeed to William M, Caitlin B, Jack R and Rhania D, and many thanks again to Miss Miller for her organisation!

Born to Giggle

Monday afternoon was just one big giggle as we were entertained by Ian Billings and other poets and illustrators at the launch of 'Born to Giggle'. Hunt Emerson, joint editor, created some very realistic drawings of teachers, much to the amusement of the children. Thank you to those who pre-ordered a copy of this book. We sold about 40 on the day and some are still available for £5. All proceeds from this poetry book for children will be used by Save the Children to help children in the UK and around the world.

Creaturama - Diorama

Art for the children in Year 5 has been brought to life through the Diorama work led by Creaturama! The children have each created a spectacular scene using cardboard, paper, glue and paints and thoroughly enjoyed this topic. I would like to congratulate all of the staff in this school in providing rich and memorable learning opportunities for the children.

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Christmas Performances

TIME CHANGE!!

KS1 Monday Afternoon 10th! 2.00pm, NOT 2.15. This additional performance has been put on specifically so that **grandparents** can see it! Normally tickets are in such high demand that only parents get to see the show. With grandparents increasingly taking responsibility for children during the working week, it only seems fair that they get to see the show too. We will make them feel very welcome in school, but please remember that tickets are limited!

Reception and PM Nursery Tuesday afternoon 11th, 2.00pm NOT 1.15!

EVENING PLAYS

The timing of all of the evening plays remains at 6.00pm. There may even be a guest appearance from the BOBBS and the BOBETTES at some point!

School Gate Parking

We will be taking part in this initiative once more in the Spring Term. We are expecting to see a heightened presence of traffic reinforcement officers and a further reduction in the relatively small number of drivers who persist in putting children's lives at risk and earning the wrath of the residents by parking illegally!

But until then.....we have only FOUR

Shopping Saturdays remaining before Christmas Day!

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 - Alex W & Joe

Afternoon - Emily & Kataar-Singh

Robin's Stars of the Week

Macy P, RD

Magnus W, RM

Mabel S, RH

Maths Wizard

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Dexter T, 1B

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George W, 2A

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Ethan A, 2K

Writers of the Week

Libby R, RD

Jason K, RM

Mabel S, RH

Giorgia C & Alfie K, 1M

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James H, 1B

Cameron S, 2A

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Libby J, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Ben A, 1B

Dulcie G, 2A

Olivia D, 3C

Will C, 4B

Lewis W, 5K

Tara O, 6B

Milli R, 1M

Isabel M, 2K

Lucie G, 3P

Hattie M, 4F

Eloise M, 5P

Rachel M, 6M

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Joseph W, 2K

Cerys M, 3A

Michaela B, 4D

Sepehr S, 5B

Bradley H, 6I

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Diary Dates 2012- 2013

AUTUMN TERM

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| 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 | Reception and Yrs 1 & 2 Disco |
| | 19:30 | Yrs 3 - 6 Disco |
| Monday 10 December | 14:00 | Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance |
| Tuesday 11 December | Year 5 to Space Centre | |
| | 09:30 | Reception and Morning Nursery Christmas Performance |
| | 14:00 | Reception and Afternoon Nursery Christmas Performance |
| | 18:00 | Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance |
| Wednesday 12 December | 10:30 | Nursery and Reception to Warwick Arts Centre |
| | 12:00 | School Christmas Lunch |
| | 18:00 | Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance |
| Thursday 13 December | 09:00 | Years 1 - 6 to Leamington Theatre - Snow White |
| | | Party Day for Nursery and Reception |
| Friday 14 December | | Party Day Yrs 1 & 2 |
| Sunday 16 December | 15:30 | Choir at Methodist Church |
| Monday 17 December | 14:30 & 18:00 | Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Carol Concert |
| Tuesday 18 December | 14:30 & 18:00 | Yrs 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert |
| Wed 19 December | | Party Day Yrs 3 - 6 |
| Thursday 20 December | | School Ends - please note that this is a day later than other Solihull schools |
| SPRING TERM 2013 | | |
| Thursday 3 January | | School starts |
| Thursday 10 January | 17:30 | Parents' meeting with Ray Maher |
| Friday 11 January | | Conference in Hall No Hot Dinners today |
| Friday 18 January | 09:10 | 1M Class Assembly |
| | 14:45 | 3A Class Assembly |
| | | Targets home to parents |



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