



Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Last week's winning classes/attendance

Head's Classes		Attendance	
Foundation	RM	Attend	4D
KS1	1B		99.6%
LKS2	3P	Overall	95.7
UKS2	6M		

Christmas Fayre

Wow! What a fantastic day this was. Rachel Brand, the event co-ordinator, has sent this message:

'To all the people who helped with the Xmas Fayre, from wrapping presents, making gift bags, producing brochures, taking messages, sending out mails, counting money, banking cheques, invoicing for payments, making or talking people into giving gifts, sorting donations, delivering brochures, shopping, setting up stalls, running stalls, taking down stalls, painting signs or hunting down bean bags...thank you! Thank you so much for all your efforts to make this work. Thank you too to all the people who came along, spent money, had fun and raised a huge amount for the school.' The indicative figure raised is £10,500, AFTER costs! In addition, we were visited by the Blues Brothers' Car, courtesy of John Shepherd, and the Mayor of Solihull, who performed an outstanding dance at the John Shepherd Karaoke! This dance can be viewed on the Home page of our website!

Bottle Top Competition

One of the fund raising activities was to bring in a bottle for the tombola. This is always run as a competition. Winning classes this year were 5P, 144 bottles, and 2M with 130! Well done.

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National Switch Off Fortnight

I have no doubt that the children will have told you all about our campaign to save energy. We have kept a close eye on the electricity meter and can report that we saved £52 in a three week period (we started the week before). Over the year this will mount up to a considerable amount of money. All we have done is change our computer backdrop screens to black and ensure that we have turned off lights in rooms that are not being used. Try it at home....it really works! Thank you Mrs Brown for leading on this.

Primary Maths Challenge

68 pupils from Years 5 and 6 entered this annual maths competition. Only the top 13 children go through to the final and we will find that out in February. Well done children.

Coats in School

Now that the temperature has dropped, and is set to continue to be low, please ensure that your children have their coats in school. The older children particularly seem not to mind freezing!

Nursery Places

As you are aware, applications for places to start Reception class in 2013 should now be being made. As last year, the application is done on-line. Solihull has already received over 1300 applications. However, there are over 900 children who live in Solihull that the LA has not yet received an application for. Making a late application will almost certainly affect the chances of getting a place in the preferred school. Applications for our school are done in the usual way, through the LA. The closing date for application is 15 January and application can be made at www.solihull.gov.uk/enrol.

School Website

If you haven't perused our website for a while, take a look now...we are constantly updating it. Look especially at our virtual wall in **Our Sponsors**.

Young Voices

The choir attended the LG Arena earlier this week and had a fantastic time. Many thanks indeed to the accompanying staff, Mrs Aviss, Mrs Hardwick,

Mrs Clinton, Miss Davis and Mr Tuckey, to all of the children, who were superb, and to yourselves for attending the show!

Michael Blanning and Rose Court

Representatives of the school choir, accompanied by myself, Miss Davis and Mrs Aviss, delighted the residents of these homes earlier this week. I have to say that it is a delight to see the pleasure that the children give them.

The Next Two Weeks

Nativities and Carol Concerts -Our plays are almost upon us! All classes are busy preparing. The children are singing and acting and the teachers are soldiering on through numerous presentations by the Three Kings to the Baby Jesus! Costumes are being prepared, scenery is being constructed and brows are being mopped!

School Choir -Our choir will be singing at Blooms tomorrow at 11.00am and again at the Methodist Church a week on Sunday, 16th, at 3.30. You are all welcome to join us at these events.

Parties- Staff will send home information about the children's Christmas Parties separately as each Key Stage will have different plans.

Whole School Christmas Meal- This is next Wednesday and a huge number of meals have already been ordered.

Christmas Panto- Years 1 - 6 will be out at Leamington to see Snow White on 13th December.....24 million coaches around the school!

And.....in between all of these events, Year 5 will be visiting the Space Centre!

So, we are very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the next two week period. Until then, I'll leave you with the very important fact that we now have only **THREE** Shopping Saturdays remaining before Christmas Day!

Have a great weekend!

GT Burgess

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

Morning - Chloe & Ben A

Afternoon - Harris & Kirath

Robin's Stars of the Week

Clarissa Y, RH

-

Lizzie C, RD

Maths Wizard

-

Tom M, 1B

-

Izzy S, 2M

-

Katy H, 2K

Writers of the Week

-

Mia S, 1S

-

Baley W, 2M

Keira P, 2K

Nicole B, 2A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Simran N, 1S	Emma S, 2K	Arjun D, 3C	Tilly Boo S, 4D	Isabel H, 5P	Sophie G, 6B
Sophie B, 1B	Millie H, 2M	Ben Birtles, 3P	Morgan H, 4B	Ellie D, 5B	Finley B, 6M
Florence C, 1M	Nicole B, 2A	Matthew B, 3A	Charlie P, 4F	-	Angelina D, 6I
			Talia C, 4F		

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 10 December	14:00	Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 11 December	09:30	Year 5 to Space Centre
	14:00	Reception and Morning Nursery Christmas Performance
	18:00	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	Years 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	Years 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
Friday 25 January	09:10 1S	Class Assembly
	14:45 3C	Class Assembly
	19:30	Headteacher's Quiz
Tuesday 29 January	18:00	Dunfield meeting for Year 4 parents



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