



Dear Parents,

Well they promised us snow all weekend and it did finally arrive late Sunday night much to the pleasure of the children. There was just enough snow for them to have fun and build snowmen! As you are aware we will always do our very best to keep the school open. However at times it is deemed by Solihull Council that in the interests of safety for staff and pupils schools will be forced to close. So if the forecast is correct and the snow comes back the 'Snow Line' will come in to force. You will have received information about the procedure earlier this week.

#### Attendance

Well Done 1B for becoming the first class in 2013 to achieve a weekly 100% attendance. Let's hope that more certificates can be given out in the coming weeks. Overall attendance last week for the school was 97.5%.

#### Dads, Lads and Lasses Cooking Club

Mr Tuckey will be starting a second series which will commence on Tuesday 22 January 5:30 - 7:00 with further sessions on 28 January, 5 and 26 February. If Dad's can't manage it another male family member can accompany your child. All ingredients are provided. If you want further information contact Mr Tuckey on [s2rtuckey1@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s2rtuckey1@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk)

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#### The World Beneath Our Feet

On Tuesday Year 3 explored trade and fairness in our world with Jackie Zematt from Lifeworlds Learning. With the aid of a giant map of the world they looked at which countries were the most populated, which ones were the richest and which ones were the poorest. They explored the importance of Fair Trade when buying commodities from other countries. This was the first time we had used this company and the staff thought it was an excellent workshop.

#### Beware Hungry Bears!



All 3 Reception classes came dressed to go on a Bear Hunt around the school grounds as a start to their new topic on Bears. Bears in Balsall Common? Oh yes there are! The children followed the clues and used their binoculars and magnifying glasses and tracked down three bamboo eating Pandas hiding in our Atrium!



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#### Government

Year 6 embarked on their new topic of Government this week with a voyage on the SS Corinthia. Unforeseen circumstances resulted in the loss of the ship but all crew and passengers made it to safety on an unknown island. Will democracy prevail? What a fabulous way to begin a new topic. Well done Year 6 staff.

#### Internet Safety

Please check that you know what your children are accessing through computers and other devices with internet accessibility. You should have received Mr Prescott's letter this week concerning a site called Movie Star Planet which is not as suitable and as safe as you may think!

#### Class Assemblies

Just as a reminder the next class assemblies up to half term will be;

25 January 1S and 3C

1 February 1B and 3P

8 February 6M

15 February 6I

#### Twitter

Our followers are growing, 33 in 4 days after the launch. Do you Tweet?

#### Headteacher's Quiz Next Friday

You can still book a place at this if you get your entry in by 22 January to enable us to order the chips. It's a good evening with questions for all abilities. There are even some picture rounds!

Regards

**S J Davies**, Deputy Headteacher

**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 - William & Oliver

Afternoon - Joel & Kirath

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Isabella W, RH

Zachary J, RM

Alexandra B, RD

**Maths Wizard**

Mia H, 1M

Taran M, 1S

Alex M, 1B

Reeve C & Darcy J, 2K

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Josie C, 2A

**Writers of the Week**

Hannah W & Mimzy-Belle S, RH

Riley R, RM

India L, RD

Scarlett A, Oliver B, Millie S-P, 1M

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Alfie E, 1S

Esme C & Aidan E, 2A

Oskar Y & Cameron H, 2M

Keira M & Eva N, 2K

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Olivia C, 1S

Victoria H, 2M

Laila E, 3P

Tillie J, 4B

Ella N, 5P

Zoe G, 6M

Mollie S, 1M

Izzy S, 2M

Noah S J, 3C

David Y-E, 4F

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Dylan B, 6B

Shelby B, 1M

Ben W, 2K

Oliver N, 3A

Summer S, 4D

Alex D, 6I

Seoul C, 1M

Isabel M, 2K

Tigerlily C, 1B

Lucy W, 2A

**Helen Lewis Friendship Cup**

Grace D, RM

**Diary Dates 2012- 2013**

**SPRING TERM 2013**

Friday 25 January	09:10 14:45 19:30	1S 3C	Class Assembly Class Assembly Headteacher's Quiz
Tuesday 29 January	18:00		Dunfield meeting for Year 4 parents
Friday 1 February	09:10 14:45	1B 3P	Class Assembly Class Assembly
Friday 8 February	14:45	6M	Class Assembly
Mon 11 & Tue 12 February	16:00-19:00		Parent Consultations
Friday 15 February	14:45	6I	Class Assembly <b>Break up for Half-term</b>
Monday 25 February			<b>INSET</b>
Tuesday 26 February			School starts for children
Tuesday 5 March			Year 4 to Safari Park
Friday 8 March	09:10 14:45		Reception Mothering Sunday Assembly Class Assembly
Friday 15 March	Red Nose Day 14:45	5K 5B	Class Assembly
Monday 18 March			Visit to Warwick University Science Lab for Yr 5 & 6 Science Club



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