



Friday 15 February 2013

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Dear Parents,

As usual we have finished this half-term with the opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher to discuss progress. I do hope that you found it informative and that we can all work together to ensure that your child reaches their potential. If you missed your appointment please contact the class teacher to arrange an appointment as these meetings are so important.

Attendance

Can I remind you that school begins at 8:55 and that once registration has been completed lessons begin immediately? If your child is late every morning it means that they are missing a chunk of their learning each day. Not only that, it is unsettling for them as they have missed instructions. If they arrive after the register has closed it will count as an absence.

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Last weeks' winners

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FKS	RD	Top Class	2M 99.6%
KS1	1B	Week	96.7%
LKS2	4D		
UKS2	6B		

Netball Skills Winners

I am proud to announce that last night our girls' netball team won the South Solihull Skills Tournament, beating 17 other teams. They gained a new BCPS record of 4 minutes 25 seconds which was 27 seconds quicker than the team in second place. Very well done to Jessie L, Rachel M, Lauren B, Freya J, Olivia L, Jasleen S, Jenna R, Francesca C and of course, Mrs Benarous and Mrs Edwards.



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6M Class Assembly

Not a dry eye in the hall as 6M entertained us with an X Factor style assembly that gave them the opportunity to display their talents and their dreams for the future. The singing was excellent. Well done Mrs Brown and 6M.

Internet Safety week

Children in Y2-6 have been focusing on e-safety this week in their ICT lessons. With the internet being so readily available on computers, smart phones, tablets (i-pads etc), games' consoles (Wii, PS3, XBox) and some e-readers such as Kindles, making sure all of us, especially our children, know how to keep safe online is so important. These websites might be useful for more information:

www.childnet.com

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics

Last week the Year 6 team competed extremely well, winning races and finishing highly in many events. Unfortunately they finished 3rd out of 10 teams (still an achievement of which to be proud) but it meant that we missed out on qualifying for the final by one place.

Pancake Day

Reception have had a lovely time this week making and eating pancakes with their teaching assistants.



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Year 6 Government Topic

This week Year 6 have had two opportunities to develop their understanding about the government. Firstly the children took part in a parliamentary debate in their very own 'House of Commons'. It was very realistic with lots of jeering and noise. On Thursday the Mayor of Solihull visited and spoke about his role and gave the children the opportunity to ask questions.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday 5th March, 7.30, here in school. Everyone is welcome. **Can you help?**

Do you have any spare socks, pants and tights suitable for girls aged 4-8? Unfortunately we have run out of spare clothes as the wet weather means that we had a bit of a run on our stock, and clothes have not been returned to school.

A reminder that we break up for half term today and that school re-opens for the children on Tuesday 26th February as Monday 25th is a teacher training day. Have a lovely break with your children.

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 - Ben & Sam

Afternoon - Sophie (the other bear is still on holiday!)

Robin's Stars of the Week

Joshua S, RH

Ruby P-G, RM

Catherine I, RD

Maths Wizard

Eleanor D-D, 1B
Dulcie G & Zara H, 2A

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Mia S, 1S
Emily S, 2K

Writers of the Week

Georgia K, RM
Harriet, G, 1B
Lucy W, 2A

Joshua S, RH
Elianne O & Olivia O, 1M
Jayden H & Isabel M, 2K

Olivia J, RD
Rohan C, 1S
Millie H, 2M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Alex R, 1M
Annika S, 1B
Catherine E, 1S
Lois E, 2K
Oliver B, 2K
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Katherine M, 3C
Charlotte W, 3P
Carys H, 3A
Ryan H, 4F
Lucy W, 4F
Ethan B, 4B
Elina B, 4D

Hannah S, 5K
Mia E-R, 5P
Emily C, 5B
Francesca C, 6I
Henry D, 6M
Megan R, 6B

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

SPRING TERM 2013

Monday 25 February	INSET	
Tuesday 26 February	School starts for children	
Tuesday 5 March	Year 4 to West Midlands Safari Park	
Thursday 7 March	Year 2 to St John's Museum, Warwick	
Friday 8 March	09:10 14:45	Reception Mothering Sunday Assembly 5K Class Assembly
Friday 15 March	14:45	Red Nose Day 5B Class Assembly
Monday 18 March	Visit to Warwick University Science Lab for Yrs 5 & 6 Science Club	
Tuesday 19 March	Year 3 to Chedworth Roman Villa	
Friday 22 March	14:45 5P 18:00-19:15 19:30-21:00	Class Assembly Yrs 1 & 2 Disco KS2 Disco
Tues 26 & Wed 27 March	18:00	Year 4 production
Thursday 28 March	09:10	Years 1 & 2 Easter Bonnet Assembly Term Ends - please note that this is a day later than other Solihull schools
SUMMER TERM 2013		
Monday 15 April	School returns	
Thursday 18 April	17:30	Parents meeting with Ray Maher
Friday 19 April	Conference in Hall No Hot Dinners today	
Friday 26 April	09:10 RH 14:45 4F	Class Assembly Class Assembly Targets home to parents
Friday 3 May	09:10 RM 14:45 4D	Class Assembly Class Assembly
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday Monday	



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