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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to half term 4, or Term 4 as we call it in school. We are now, unbelievably, over half way through the school's academic year, marching quickly towards Easter. This is an incredibly short half term of only 4 weeks and 4 days, breaking for the holidays the day before Good Friday, Thursday 28th March.

Eco-Science and Engineering Week

On our way towards that date we have Eco-Science and Engineering Week, 18th-22nd March. A huge amount of effort has been made to ensure that this is an extremely practical, hands on and exciting learning opportunity. We will be joined across the week by a number of scientists and engineers from various companies and institution, with the intention of bringing science and engineering to life in our school. I am already looking forwards to writing the final newsletter of this term in order to share these experiences with you.

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

The week before half term winners

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FKS	RD	Top Class	5K
KS1	1B		98.1%
LKS2	4F	Week	95.5%
UKS2	6B		

Attendance continues to be high in school and we are delighted with the outcomes of our increased emphasis in this area. Please continue to do the best you can to ensure that children

are in school and that they are arriving on time. The impact of regular and punctual attendance on pupil learning is significant.

6I's Class Assembly

The KS2 class assembly before half term saw 6I celebrating the birth of YouTube.com on 14th Feb 2005. Having discussed the theme for the assembly with his class, Mr Ireland discovered that the children wished to move away from the traditional assembly packages of Valentine's Day and Pancake Day and look to something more unusual. They selected YouTube following class research, and felt that it linked well to the e-safety work that had been going on in school earlier in the term. They presented well, with significant humour, with Mr Dandy still managing to make links with 'loooooove'! Well done 6I and Mr Ireland.

Story Telling in Nursery

This is not what you might think.....pupils telling stories in Nursery? Oh no! This was



Alec Williams, story teller extraordinaire, bringing tales and poems to life, captivating and exciting the children with every turn of the page! The children 'looooved' it!

Kirkland-Rowell Questionnaire

Thank you to those who have returned these already. To those who may still have them lurking in the dark recesses of the kitchen worktop corner, please unearth them and get them to us as quickly as possible because your views are extremely important to us.

School Gate Parking Scheme

This is the second year in succession that we have taken part in this borough initiative. Information regarding the purpose has already been shared with you, and Solihull MBC would like to gain feedback from you. We will be canvassing your views, and the views of the residents, independently at Easter time, together with sharing information from the LA regarding the number of tickets issued during this time. In the meantime, the LA's survey is located at: www.solihull.gov.uk/consultation under the **Parking near a school** section - deadline date of 27 March. If you would like to request a hard copy of the survey, please contact **Clare Lee** on 0121 704 6366.

Next Week's Events

PTA Meeting - is next Tuesday, 5th March, 7.30, here in school. Everyone is welcome.

Year 4 Safari Trip - also next Tuesday.

Year 2 Trip to St John's Museum, next Thursday, 7th March.

World Book Day - Next Thursday 7th. The £1 book tokens will be given out on this day to redeem against books when the Book Fair is on site on 21st March.

Have a great weekend

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

The Bears will be back next week!

Robin's Stars of the Week

Charlotte J- B, RM

Clark S, RD

Jasper B, RH

Maths Wizard

 Tigerlily C, 1B
 Ellie M, 2A

 Eloise A & Bethany H, 1M
 -

 Krishan K, 1S
 Leah-May M, 2K

Writers of the Week

 Ciara H, RD
 -

 Rajan D & Hannah M, RM
 Lucas W, 1B
 Ellie M, 2A

 Ava F, RH
 -

Jayden H & Katy H, 2K

Harrison B, Louis G & Luke S, 2M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

 Bethany H, 1M
 James H, 1B
 -

 Zara H, 2A
 Keira M, 2K
 Darcy J, 2K
 Maisy M, 2M

 Nicole K, 3P.
 Bethan W, 3C
 Reah A, 3A

 Emily Mc, 4F
 Summer S, 4D
 -

 Tom M, 5K
 Gagandeep S, 5B
 Annie H, 5P

 Kerry B, 6I
 Jesse L, 6M
 Halle R, 6B

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Imogen R, 2M

Diary Dates 2012- 2013
SPRING TERM 2013

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	
Thursday 21 March	17:15	Year 3 Concert in school
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	Year 4 to Tamworth Castle 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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