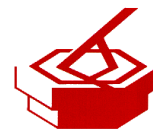


Friday 15 March 2013

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Dear Parents,

The Spring Term is almost complete although it hasn't felt like Spring as we are still experiencing minus temperatures and snow. Hopefully this will change as we approach the Easter break.

The children are really committed to the whole school focus on good attendance. Prompt arrival is still an issue for some families and as an example 24 children signed in late this morning. This is so disrupting for those children and for the classes that they are disturbing on their arrival. So please help your children to be prompt.

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Week ending 11 March

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FKS	RD	Top Class	4F
KS1	1B	Week	96.1%
LKS2	3A, 3C, 4B		
UKS2	6M		

5K Class Assembly



5K presented an impressive assembly last Friday. It focused on the war between the Greeks and the Trojans and the cunning plan to use the wooden horse. Well done to Miss Norris who wrote it and rehearsed with the class.

Netball Report

On Tuesday 10 Yr 4 girls played in a friendly netball tournament at the Xcel Centre in Coventry. This was the culmination of 6 weeks training by volunteers from Warwick University Netball Club. The girls showed superb manners and super spirit and came 4th overall out of 8 teams. They are a great prospect for Year 5.

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

National Climate Week



Last week children from years 3, 4 and 5 took part in the National, Climate Week Event. The challenge was to create the ultimate eco-friendly home, which could be a drawing, a computer generated design or a 3 dimensional model. The children enjoyed designing their homes and thought carefully about what materials they would use. Their end products will now be entered into the competition for best design.

Roving Book Fair 21 March

We were very impressed with the quality of books that this book fair company offered when they visited during book week in November and for that reason we have invited them back next week. It will be held on Thursday 21 March in the Atrium. All classes will be visiting the fair during the day to have the opportunity to buy books and it will be open to parents after school or after morning nursery.

School Swim Team Update

We hosted our first ever school gala in our school pool against St Mary & St Margaret's School. Our two teams shone throughout the afternoon and we won convincingly. Two mixed teams also competed at Edgbaston School. Although the teams did not win overall many of the races were very close indeed and their spirit and strokes were very impressive. Thank you to all the parents who helped and supported enthusiastically at both events.

Mothering Sunday Assembly

What a lovely way to end a week listening to our Reception children entertain their Mums. They spoke and sang so well. Thank you to the staff for producing a very memorable assembly.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Less than two weeks to the end of term and the, now annual, Easter Bonnet Parade. Year 1 parents are invited to the first performance at 9.10am and Year 2 parents at 10.00am on the final day of this term, Thursday 28 March. Get busy with your bonnets!

Year 4 Performance

Year 4 will be performing 'Porridge' on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of term at 6:00pm. Year 4 parents should receive notification of tickets very soon.

Poppy Appeal November 2012

We have just received notification that the school raised £220.66 from the sale of poppies. Not as much as previous years but gratefully received by the Royal British Legion.

PTA and Scalextric Night

The next Scalextric evening is planned for Friday 19 April - get your order forms in early and pay via Parentpay. The next PTA meetings are Monday 22 April, 7.30pm in school and Monday 3 June, 7.30pm in the Brickies. Everyone is welcome.

Disco

The PTA School discos for FS2 - Yr 6 will be held on **Friday 22 March**
Reception/Y1/Y2 disco - 6.00 - 7.15pm
Y3/4/5/6 disco - 7.30 - 9.00pm.

Easter Holiday

Next week is the last full week of the term as the following week is only four days long as we finish on Thursday 28 March.

Enjoy your weekend whatever the weather.

S J Davies.
Deputy Headteacher

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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 - Joel & George

Afternoon - Josie & George

Robin's Stars of the Week

Tom G, RH

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Lucie M, RD

Maths Wizard

James C, 1B
Ben W, 2K

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Erin B, 2M

Rohan C & Kierath C, 1S
Lucy W, 2A

Writers of the Week

Zara D, RM
Alex R, 1M
Lois E, 2K

Hannah W, RH
Oliver W, 1B
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Gabriella H, RD
Navneet S, 1S
Jacob, 2A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Maia F, 1B
Mia P, 1S
Ben L, 1M

Lilla, 2A
Ben, 2M
Erin B, 2M
Clare S, 2K

Isabella M, 3C
Evelyn K, 3A
Mia E, 3P

Chloe D, 4F
Will M, 4B
Grace L, 4D

Amy S, 5B
Alice W, 5K
GraceH, 5P

Harry D, 6I
Jacob R 6B
Jessica R, 6M

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Jasper B, RH

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

SPRING TERM 2013

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	Roving Book Fair in Atrium, until 4pm. 17:15 Year 3 Concert in school
Friday 22 March	14:45 5P Class Assembly 18:00-19:15 Reception and Yrs 1 & 2 Disco 19:30-21:00 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
Monday 23 April	Musicians to King Henry VIII School
Friday 26 April	Year 4 to Tamworth Castle 09:10 RH Class Assembly Targets home to parents
Friday 3 May	09:10 RM Class Assembly 14:45 4D Class Assembly
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 10 May	09:10 RD Class Assembly 14:45 4B Class Assembly



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