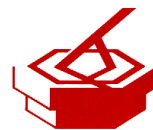


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### Dear Parents

What beautiful bank holiday weather we had last week, quite unusual! The children came back to school with a definite glow showing they had played outside. We also had some tired children who had obviously had a busy weekend making the most of the good weather. Next week we have our Year 6 statutory assessments and the children will benefit from good nights' sleep to help them concentrate.

### RM's Class Assembly



Such big voices Miss Ross's class had! They spoke with such confidence and enjoyment as they presented their interpretation of Old Macdonald had a Farm. It was a real pleasure to watch.

### 4D's Class Assembly



Meanwhile on Friday afternoon we travelled back in time in the Tardis for 4D's assembly which linked in to their current topic of the Tudors. We all learned some very interesting facts particularly about what was thrown out on to the streets! Not nice at all. Another well-presented and informative production.



### Jaguar Challenge

Thursday 2 May saw Princethorpe's Sports Hall transformed into a mini version of Silverstone for the hotly contested regional leg of the Jaguar Primary Schools Challenge 2013. Miss Davis and Mrs Holmes accompanied 12 Year 4 pupils to take part in the challenge along with 3 other local schools. The overall winners were Harbury School but Balsall Common School was awarded 'Best Additional Challenge' and 'Best Portfolio and Pit Display'. Well done on the day and well done to the Year 4 staff who worked with the children prior to the event and also attended training sessions.



### Attendance

Well done to all the parents who get their children to school on time and a special well done to those who have improved their punctuality. We still had 20 pupils arrive after the register had closed yesterday and missed the start of their lessons which is embarrassing for them. School begins at 08:55.

### Forthcoming Events

Friday 17 May - Gala Day Football Heats  
Thursday 6 June - Years 3 & 4 Sports  
Wednesday 12 June - Years 1 & 2 Sports  
10-14 June - Arts Week  
Saturday 22 June - Gala Day  
Saturday 21 September - Gala Ball

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### Internet Safety Workshop

Thank you to all 15 of you that attended one of these workshops yesterday. It was disappointing that out of 660 pupils only this small number came. Why were there so few parents? Was it because you are not worried? Was it the timing? Please let us know. Technology has become so sophisticated and it is an important part of everyday life. It also means that children are more vulnerable to predators as they are able to access the internet with relative ease through many different devices. It was so easy to protect our children when there was only the family PC!

### Learning is Fun in Year 5



On Wednesday, Mr Prescott created a river on the playground as part of the Year 5 river topic. Using a sheet of blue tarpaulin and two bags of sand and soil, he successfully demonstrated to the children how common features of rivers, such as meanders, tributaries and rapids, are formed from the natural landscape.

### Year 6 Cooking Club

Thank you to local businesses who have supported us with local produce free of charge. Firstly to Oakes Farm on Balsall Street East who regularly supply us with fresh eggs and secondly Tuckey's Farm Shop in Back Lane who provided sausage meat last week for our Toad in the Holes.

The year is flying by - only two weeks of term left. Please remember that on Friday 24 May school is closed to pupils.

**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.

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

Morning - Sophia & Toby

Afternoon - Amira & Joel

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Sophie C, RH

-

Libby R, RD

**Maths Wizard**

Lucas W, 1B

-

Scarlett A, 1M

Jayden H, 2K

-

Ethan T, 2A

**Writers of the Week**

Isabella W, RH

-

India L, RD

Annika S & Tigerlily C, 1B

-

Florence, C & Thomas O'R, 1M

Guy G & Ben T, 2A

-

Joe W, 2K

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Romilly M, 1M

Oscar N, 2K

Samuel R, 3A

Taran S, 4B

Lindsey N, 5B

Hadlee P, 6B

Alex S, 1B

Benjamin G, 2A

Fred D, 3P

Karan A, 4F

Eloise M, 5P

Zoe G, 6M

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Oscar Y, 2M

Olivia D, 3C

Kian K, 4D

Hannah O, 5K

Hugo S, 6I

Masie M, 2M

**Diary Dates 2012- 2013**

**SUMMER TERM 2013**

Mon 13 - Fri 17 May	KS2 Tests Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 20 May	Team and Class Photographs
Tuesday 21 May	Reception & Nursery to Ash End House Children's Farm Team and Class Photographs
Wednesday 22 May	13:45 Year 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 23 May	Children break up for Half Term
Friday 24 May	<b>INSET</b>
27-31 May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3 June	School returns Year 6 to Swanage until Friday 7 June
Thursday 6 June	13:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 11 June	Year 4 to Dunfield House until Friday 18:00 Reception New Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 June	13:45 Yrs 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon
Friday 14 June	14:45 3C Class Assembly Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium after school.
Monday 17 June	Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium after school.
Tuesday 18 June	13:45 Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon
Weds 19 & Thurs 20 June	Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium after school.
Saturday 22 June	13:00-17:00 GALA DAY
Tuesday 25 June	18:00 Nursery New Parents Evening
Mon 24 & Tues 25 June	Year 6 induction at H of E
Friday 28 June	14:45 3A Class Assembly



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