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Dear Parents

What a wonderful week we've been having - a taste of summer at last! We hope that you and your families had a fantastic half term and that the children are ready for a busy and exciting final half term of the year!

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Week ending 10 May

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FKS	RH	Top	1B
KS1	1B	Class	98.6%
LKS2	3C and 3P	Week	96.9%
UKS2	6M		

Again, we have very pleasing attendance rates for the week before half term. The total percentage attendance for the year so far is currently 96%. This week we have had fewer children coming late to school and we'd like to thank you for the punctuality you are striving to develop in our children.

Year 2 Folk Music and Dance

As part of our efforts to ensure the children have a full and varied curriculum we organised a music and dance workshop for Year 2. "Haddow" came into school and taught some fairly tricky dances to both the children and staff! The company were very impressed by the standard the children reached and by their enthusiasm.

Year 4 Cricket

Before half term all of year 4 spent the day at the Berkswell Cricket Club. Coaching and relays in the morning were followed by competitive matches against other schools in the afternoon. We are pleased to say that the A team got through to the finals at Edgbaston on 11th July! Well done to all!

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



Year 6 Residential Visit to Swanage

Year 6 set off on Monday morning - in the glorious sunshine - for their residential trip to Swanage. The news is that they have been having a truly fantastic time - listening to grisly stories at Corfe Castle, spending time on the beach and enjoying the many activities laid on for them. The staff report that they have been exemplary students in every way and a real credit to the school and to their families! There will be more news about their visit in next week's newsletter.

Dunfield House Residential Visit for Year 4

Next week year 4 children and their teachers will be travelling to Dunfield House on the Herefordshire border with Wales. This is a wonderful residential visit in stunning countryside. The focus is on art and the children will experience digital photography, sketching, weaving, painting and found sculpture - as well as having a wonderful time with their friends. We hope the weather will be as kind to them as it has been to year 6 this week!

Lower Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Lower Key Stage 2 have been busy practising for and then holding their sports day this week. Their enthusiasm and energy is boundless and for once we didn't have to worry about dodging showers. We do hope that those of you who attended had an enjoyable time.

Healthy Eating Week

This week the children have been taking part in National Healthy Eating Week and classes have been discussing a healthy diet and in some cases making healthy snacks!

School Council Anti-Litter Video

The school council have been very pro-active in spear heading an anti-litter campaign. They have produced a video which is now on the school website. They wrote the script, interviewed children, and filmed and edited the video. It is now on the school website! See the 'littering' link. Well done to the school council for using their skills and initiative for the sake of the environment.



Arts Week

Next week is Arts Week, to coincide with Year 4's residential arts week. All year groups will be spending time learning about famous artists and developing their own skills and creativity. We are, as you know, very keen to promote this area of learning and alongside our thematic curriculum, we hold annual arts weeks to provide extra opportunities for the arts

'Real' Maths Week - 17th - 21st June

During this week we will be focusing on the practical application of maths in real life. We would love parents to volunteer to come into school to talk either small groups or whole classes of children about the maths they use in their work. We'd like the children to see how important maths is in all areas of employment. If any of you are willing to volunteer a little time in school we'd love to hear from you! Miss Miller will be sending out a letter soon.

Forthcoming Events

GALA DAY - Saturday 22 June!

A very busy forthcoming half term!

Sports Days

Weds 12 June: 1.45pm, Years 1 and 2

Tues 18 June: 1.45pm, Nursery & Reception

Residentials

11 - 14 June: Year 4 to Dunfield

2 - 5 July: Year 5 Music Dunfield

New to the School Parents' Evenings

Tues 11 June 6.00pm, Sept's Reception Parents

Tues 25 June 6.00pm, Sept's Nursery Parents

Transition Parents' Evenings

Mon 8 July 5.30pm: Sept's Year 1 Parents

Tues 9 July 5.30pm: Sept's Year 3 Parents

Year 6 End of Year Production

Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July, 6.00pm

Saint Martin's School Solihull Open Evening

Fri 28 June 4.30 - 6.30 pm

Enjoy the lovely weather this weekend.

Mrs C.A Baker, Assistant Headteacher

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

Ted & Toby spent the holiday having fun in Nursery!

Robin's Stars of the Week

Caitlin G, RM

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Dylan H, RD

Maths Wizard

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Bowen L-A & Hannah C, 1S

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Tommy R, 2A

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Writers of the Week

Grace D & Jamie B, RM

Dylan H, RD

Caitlin K & Max M, RH

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Xander M, 1S

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Lilla W, 2A

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Good Choice Stars of the Week

James M, 1S

George W, 2A

Shaun B, 3P

Jaime P, 4D

Amy S, 5B

Reiss S, 1S

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Lara P, 3A

Georgia AB, 4B

Hannah O, 5K

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Ben D-D, 3A

Ollie M, 4F

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Tilly Boo S, 3C

Caitlin B, 4F

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

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	13:30-16:30 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
Tuesday 3 July	Year 5 (part) to Music Dunfield until Friday
Friday 5 July	14:45 3P Class Assembly 18:00-19:15 Yrs 1 & 2 Disco 19:30-21:00 Yrs 3 - 6 Disco
Monday 08 July	17:30 Information meeting for new Year 1 parents
Tuesday 09 July	17:30 Information meeting for new Year 3 parents in atrium
Wednesday 10 July	18:00 Year 6 Production
Thursday 11 July	18:00 Year 6 Production
Friday 12 July	INSET
Monday 15 July	Reports home to parents
Monday 15 July	Musical Concert
Wednesday 17 July	Year 6 Games and BBQ
Friday 19 July	09:10 Year 2 Final Assembly Break up for Summer Holiday - Please note that this is earlier than other Solihull Schools



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