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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Week ending 21st June

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FKS	RD	Top Class	1B
KS1	2K		100%
LKS2	3P	Week	96.4%
UKS2	5B		

4F's Class Assembly



We were entertained by 4F on Friday afternoon with a fabulous assembly about Henry VIII and his six wives. Their singing, acting, speaking and humour were brilliant. Everyone should be able to remember the rhyme - divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived. Can you name the wives?

Solihull Borough Athletics

Last week, a group of athletes represented the school at the Borough Sports Athletics competition at The Norman Green Stadium in Solihull. On both Monday and Thursday children competed in a variety of events including long jump, javelin, 80m sprint, 600m and relay. With competitors from across the borough, the competition was fierce! As always, all the children gave 100% in every event. On Thursday evening's finals night there were notable performances from Nieve D, who was 1st in the long jump, Nicolas B, who was just pipped into 2nd place in the javelin, Rachel M who gained a very impressive 3rd in the year 6 girls sprint, a brave 5th place for Olivia L in the 600m and last but not least the year 6 girls relay team of Lauren B, Jesse L, Nieve D and Rachel M who came 8th in the final. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to the parents who helped with the transport.

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Gala Day



Gala Day was opened by our handsome Gala King, Reeve and our beautiful Gala Queen Lilla. It was a huge success despite the weather and we have raised over £9000. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a fantastic day with special thanks to Tracey Giddings who co-ordinated the event and her band of PTA helpers who worked tirelessly before and after the event. The money raised will eventually be channelled back in to school and be put to good use.

REAL MATHS WEEK

Last week we had a real focus on maths and how it is used and applied in everyday life. Teachers planned some inspirational lessons and the school buzzed with activities such as planning a party, designing a zoo, taking a trip to Lyme Regis, buying and fitting a carpet and even setting up their own business. Many thanks to all the parents who came in to explain how they use maths in their work as this was fascinating for the children and very much appreciated. Hopefully you can continue the Real Maths experience over the summer holidays too - paying with money in a shop, playing board games, cooking, budgeting their pocket money, working out how long a car journey has really taken and finding out "if they are nearly there yet!"



KS1 Sports Day Results

As promised these are the results from the KS1 Sports Day: - 4th - Green with 177 points; 3rd - Blue with 192; 2nd - Yellow with 199 and in 1st place Red with 199 points.

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RNLI



As part of this week's assembly theme, People Who Help Us, we welcomed Mike and his daughter Susanne in to school to talk about the work of the RNLI. Mike gave an informative talk to both assemblies regarding safety at the seaside. I was one member of staff who learned what to do if caught in a rip tide. The D Class lifeboat was parked on the playground all day and was visited by the classes with great interest. Mike only expected to stay for the morning but remained all day because the boat was so popular. The RNLI is a charity that relies on public donation and Mike gave his time free of charge. When you are on holiday and you see a RNLI shop or collecting box please support them. Our thanks to Mike and Susanne for a super informative day.

Staff Changes

It's that time of year when we usually have some changes to our staff and this year is no exception. In addition to those mentioned a few weeks ago the following teachers are also moving on: Miss S Miller, Mrs E Pare, Miss N Poulton, and Mr J Ashton. We wish them well in their new schools. The following teaching assistants are also moving on; Mrs M Lee, Mrs M Gill and Mrs L Shaw. I'd like to thank all these members of staff for all their commitment and hard work during their time here. Also Mrs Revell will begin her maternity leave at the end of term and Mrs Blanchflower will be back from hers next week! New teaching staff from September are; Mrs L Walkerdine, Miss E Hughes, Miss M Bains, Mr J Wood, Mr T White, Mr S Pecksen, Miss E Whittall & Mrs K Davies. News about which classes they will be teaching will follow shortly.

With that exciting news I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Mrs S J Davies Deputy Headteacher

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

Morning - Nathan

Afternoon - Ruby & Daisy-May

Robin's Stars of the Week

Joe D, RD

Clarissa Y, RH

Caitlin G & Hannah M, RM

Writers of the Week

Hannah W, Tia B & Sophie B, RH

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Sam N, RD

Catherine E, 1S

Scarlett M, 1M

Ralph P, 1B

Sarah M, Shakila P & Maeve D, 2M

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George W & James B, 2A

Maths Wizard

Annika S, 1B

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Sophia S & Matthew C, 1M

Darcy J & Joe W, 2K

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Jacob B, 2A

Arts Awards - Level 1

Scarlett A, 1M	Mathilda S-B, 1B	Alfie J, 1B	Leah-May M, 2K	Reeve C, 2K	Oliver B, 2K	Leila E, 2K
Ben W, 2K	Ettienne W-S, 2K	Keira P, 2K	Tigerlilly B, 3C	Charlotte W, 3P	Rosie, 4D	Michaela, 4D
Hattie M, 4F	Katherine E, 5K	Hannah R, 5K	George M, 5K	Jessica D, 5K	Joshua M, 5K	Chloe P, 5K
Erin C, 5P	Isabel H, 5P	Mia Ellis- R, 5P	Megan D, 5B	Ellie D, 5B		

Arts Awards - Level 2

Tilly Boo, 4D	Livvy B, 5B	Sophie C, 5B	Maisie M, 5B	Amy S, 5B	Gagandeep S, 5B	Evelyn M, 5B
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Good Choice Stars of the Week

Erin C, 1M	Zara H, 2A	Lucie D 3C	Pavan C, 4D	Mia E-R, 5P	Myles H, 6I
Reuben S, 1M	Isabel M, 2K	Ben W, 3P	Lester D, 4F	Louis G, 5B	
Nikita J 1B	Cameron H, 2M	Deeksha A, 3A	Will M, 4B		
-	Oskar Y, 2M				

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

Tuesday 2 July	Year 5 (part) to Music Dunfield until Friday
Friday 5 July	14:45 3P Class Assembly 18:00-19:15 Reception and 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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