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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Week ending 27 September

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RH+	1P	99.0
	RW	2A	99.0
KS1	2A	2K	99.4
		3W	99.6
LKS2	4B	4B	99.3
		5P	99.0
UKS2	5P	Week	98.0%

Wow! This has been a superb week for attendance with 6 classes making no less than 99% and the winning class making 99.6%. This is absolutely fantastic and we are all delighted. Well done to all of the children and many, many thanks to all of you for instilling within your children an excellent work ethic at this early age. Children's attitudes towards learning are still extremely high in school and there is a positive buzz around it. Thank you.

Gardening Club

Members of the Gardening Club are extremely enthusiastic! Last week they were busy digging up the carrots and potatoes, picking beans and courgettes. The club has had a bumper crop this year - you should see the size of their pumpkins!!! After a busy gardening session, members of the club enjoyed a raspberry feast! Many thanks to Mrs Edwards for her continued hard work, and digging, in this area!

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 5 to Kenilworth Town Centre

As part of Year 5's Geography field trip to Kenilworth, pupils conducted a survey of the main street, stopping and questioning members of the public and mapping Abbey Fields. There's absolutely nothing like making learning real! Many comments were received from the public about how polite and friendly the pupils were. Well done children and staff!

5P's Class Assembly

5P launched our timetable of class assemblies last week with a very sensitive review of Macmillan. It is always difficult to be the first class of the year and the pupils did very well indeed. Well done to everyone in 5P and to Mr Prescott.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mrs Clinton stepped up to support Mrs Baker last Friday morning to welcome you in for coffee and cakes (it was a Friday, after all) in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. Pupils from Year 6 were fantastic and highly commended by our guests. Many thanks to Kirsty Hughes for her usual stall of goodies and to you for baking the cakes! In total, a fantastic £770 was raised from this event. Very well done indeed everyone.

Year 1 to the Transport Museum

Year 1's trip to the Transport museum last week was a huge success. Each class had a talk from Chrissy, one of the guides, about the early designs of the bicycle. These included Victorian bikes like the 'Boneshaker' and the Penny Farthing. They each then sat on the Tricycle to have their picture taken and drew pictures of the bikes including the 'Safety - Bike', which is very similar to what we know as the bicycle today. They also saw old motorbikes and some from around the time that the school opened in 1913! The Thrust

cars, that hold the land speed record, were also on display, along with classic Jaguars and Peugeots, and the DeLorean DMC-12 from Back To The Future! A great day out for all, and the pictures and work that the children have done back in school around this visit are superb. Many thanks to those of you who accompanied the children on this trip and well done staff.

Ancient Egypt

Year 4 have had a fantastic experience during the Egyptian Day. They reproduced 'Egyptian artefacts' such as canopic jars, wax perfume blocks and carved stone tablets! The children also got to write using hieroglyphics, to play ancient Egyptian games and to try some Egyptian food and 'wine'. This was a terrific day and many thanks must go to all of the mums in Egyptian garb who came in to help on the day!

Names in Clothes - especially Reception and Nursery!

Our younger children definitely get into a bit of a muddle when they are dressing and undressing for PE and swimming, and many of the socks and pants that they wear are getting mixed up! So, your child may be coming home wearing someone else's undies...unless you **NAME** them, in which case they will have a better chance of coming home wearing the same clothes that they came in. Please get labelling **ALL** items!

Netball V Solihull School

Despite facing a challenging team, our girls played really well and grew in confidence as the match progressed. The girls worked well as a team and we were really proud of how well they represented the school.

Sponsor a Brick

Bricks are now up on the swimming pool wall. Please stop and take a look. If you are interested in joining the wall, a brick will cost you an amazingly low £25! Why not have your child's name on one? Or your business details? Its looks fantastic and will be there for years to come! Contact Howard Rose at s2hrose@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk for more info!

12 shopping Saturdays remaining before

Christmas!

Have a great weekend!

GT Burgess

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

Morning and Mon - Wed Bear - Isla & Lewis B

Afternoon and Wed - Fri Bear - Tawny & Jovan

Robin's Stars of the Week

Kieran T, RH

Alex W, RW

Sam W, RM

Maths Wizard

Hannah Mc K, 1M
Miles G, 2A

Christie S, 1S
Alex S, 2K

Lydia C, 1P
Chloe O, 2D

Writers of the Week

Dylan S, RM
Lucy Mc G, 1M
Anwyn M-O, 2K

Ryan B, RW
Yasmine C, 1S
Olivia C, 2D

Mason S & Oliver J, RH
Esteban C, 1P
Alex R & Scarlett A, 2A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Max M, 1S
Jack C, 1S
Rajan D, 1M
Oliver W, 1P

Rohan C, 2D
Alex M, 2K
Shelby B, 2A

Jayden H, 3D
Emma S, 3W
Cameron S, 3C
Ryan B, 4D
Georgia W, 4B
Katie O'R, 4W

James W, 5P
Hazel S, 5M
Ollie M, 5B

Joshua M, 6W
Krishan D, 6M
Max D, 6H

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Drew T, RH
Tara H, 1M

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2013

Tuesday 8 October	18:00	Year 2 Information Evening for Parents	
Friday 11 October	14:45	5B	Class Assembly
Monday 14 October	Year 5	Kenilworth Castle	
Tuesday 15 October	Individual School Photos		
Thursday 17 October	Year 5	Medieval Day	
Friday 18 October	14:45	5M	Class Assembly
Mon 21 - Fri 25 October	BOOK WEEK		
Mon 21 & Tues 22 October	Parental Consultations		
Wednesday 23 October	Author Julia Jarman visiting children. Bookshop in Atrium		
Friday 25 October	14:45	3C	Class Assembly School finishes for Half Term
Monday 4 November	School starts		
Friday 8 November	PTA Chair's Quiz Night		
Friday 15 November	Children in Need Day		
	14:45	3D	Class Assembly
Mon 18 & Tues 19 November	Educational Conference in school hall all day. Cold lunches provided. tbc		
Saturday 23 November	13:00-16:00	CHRISTMAS FAYRE	NEW DATE!!!
Monday 25 November	19:00	Academy Governing Body AGM	
Friday 29 November	14:45	3W	Class Assembly



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