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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning Week ending 4 October

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RW	1M	100
KS1	2D	3C	99.3
LKS2	4B	3W	100
		3D	99.6
		4B	99.7
		5M	99.0
6H	99.0	Week	97.1%
UKS2	6W		

Another great week for attendance, with seven classes achieving 99% or above! Special congratulations to 1M and 3W for securing 100% attendance last week. Our continued thanks to parents for ensuring that children are in school and are arriving on time.

DANGER

One of our Year 5 pupils was knocked down by a car earlier this week on Balsall Street East. Thankfully she has relatively minor cuts, grazes and bruises - though she had to be taken to hospital and has received stitches for her injuries. The driver of the car was travelling **VERY SLOWLY**, even more slowly than required. This low speed **SAVED** this little girl's life! We have been reminding the children this week about the need to look both ways before crossing the road in order to be safe. I am pretty sure that all parents re-emphasize this regularly, but it won't hurt to do it again. And...we **ALL MUST** drive with real caution. Be careful out there, please!

Helping Hands

Many thanks to you all for sending in items last week to be given out to the needy in Solihull by the Helping Hands team. All children had the benefit of two excellent assemblies led by Andrew Charlesworth around the Harvest theme last week...always aiming to communicate in a fun and enjoyable way. Thank you Andrew.

Adults in School and Safeguarding

Adults **MUST** not make their own way into school without signing in at reception and certainly **MUST NOT** be found wandering around the school on their mobile phones having **NOT** signed in, saying that they are here to pick someone up. I have authorised all staff to **STOP** and **CHALLENGE** anyone found on the premises to check why they are here and whether they have signed in or not. I do apologise if my tone here offends anyone but we do go to great lengths to try and keep the children safe in school and we absolutely **MUST** have the co-operation of **ALL** parents. Thank you in anticipation.

Football

Our year 6 side took part in Primary Schools' FA cup this week with our opponents being Ulverley School. The match started well with Balsall Common having the better of the first 10 minutes and our excellent team play was rewarded with a goal from Joe W. More chances followed with William S forcing the visiting goalkeeper to push the ball against the bar when a goal looked a certainty. With time running out in the first half Joe G had to leave the field and Ulverley broke away and equalised. The second half followed the pattern of the first and the dying seconds of the game saw a fantastic equalising attempt turn instead to Ulverley scoring a third leaving us 3-0 down. A hard and well fought match. Well done boys.

In addition, Mr Ireland started an Inter-House

Football tournament this week at lunchtimes. Saxons beat Romans 2-0, and the Vikings also defeated the Normans 2-0. More exciting times ahead.

Swimming Gala

Meanwhile, our Year 5 Swimming Team won their Swimming Gala at Eversfield School last week. Well done to all the swimmers and adults involved in this event. Fantastic result!

Creaturama

Our annual visit from the 'Dinosaur Man' supported our Year 3 Design and Technology topic on pneumatics. The children use the dinosaur inspiration to create a dinosaur that has pneumatic parts. Always a great topic! Thank you staff for the organisation of the event.

Scalextric Night

Another great night with a fantastic turnout of 25 dads eager to race. Our championship winner on this occasion was Andy King, with runners up Jason Edwards and Wayne Jones. Thank you all for attending. Another £250 raised for the PTA. Watch out for the next Scalextric event in the Spring Term.

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You will notice that this newsletter now comes to you in 'Glorious Technicolor' courtesy of Midshires (see footer on page 2). Thank you Midshires.

PTA Meeting

Our next meeting is next Tuesday, 15th October, 7.30pm, in school. All welcome!

11 shopping Saturdays before Christmas!

Have a great weekend!

GT Burgess

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

Morning - Daisy

Mon - Wed - William V-R

Afternoon - Poppy

Wed - Fri - Seth

Robin's Stars of the Week

Megan H, RW

Olivia C, RM

Emilia W, RH

Maths Wizard

Gabriella H, 1P

Jack B, 1M

Millie M & Isabelle T, 1S

Krishan K, 2D

Bethany H, 2A

Nikita J, 2K

Writers of the Week

Nancy P-G, RW

Rafael P, RM

Joel P, RH

Millie H, 1P

Zach J, 1M

Mimzy-Belle S, 1S

James M, 2K

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Molly-Rose L, 2D

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Chloe D, 1M

Giorgia C, 2A

Erin B, 3D

Bethan W, 4B

Emma F, 5M

Gagandeep S, 6B

India L, 1P

Tom M, 2K

Joseph W, 3C

Ruth W, 4B

Max H, 5B

Grace H, 6H

Jack C, 1S

Hannah B, 2D

Reeve C, 3W

Franco V, 4D

Rhania D, 5P

Katherine E, 6W

Callum G, 4W

School Council Friendship Cup

Ella S, 4W

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2013

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	
Thursday 14 November	Year 6	The Skills Show, NEC
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
Friday 6 December	18:00	Reception & KS1 Disco
	19:30	KS2 Disco
Tuesday 10 December	Year 5	National Space Centre, Leicester
	14:30	Reception & Nursery Additional Christmas Performance



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