



Friday 15 November 2013

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Dear Parents

**Attendance and Attitude towards Learning**

**Week ending 8 November**

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RM	2K	98.6
KS1	1P	3W	98.5
LKS2	3W	3D	98.4
		5M	98.0
UKS2	5M	6H	98.1
		Week	97.4%

Well done to the winning classes and to everyone for their attendance. As the weather turns colder, please ensure that children are wrapped up warm in order to keep away those colds and keep attendance high!

**Build a Guy**

Our usual 'Build a Guy' for Bonfire Night went with a 'bang' with 13 Guys setting up camp in the hall last week. Well done to the children, parents and grandparents for spending time together to create these masterpieces...and the Dr Who Guy, created by Catherine (2D) and her brother Nicholas (RH), won at the Lions bonfire last Saturday!

**Reception Fashion Show**

Reception children had a fantastic time learning more about their topic of 'People Who Help Us' by dressing up as doctors, nurses, firemen and police officers and parading their costumes on stage. It was a pleasure to see that so many mums, dads and grandparents were able to pop into school earlier this week to see the children on the

catwalk! Thank you for taking so much time preparing costumes for them and thank you staff for your continued the efforts to bring learning in school to life.

**Operation Christmas Child**

Many thanks to you all for doing so much, again, to help others. A fantastic 332 Christmas Boxes are now on their way to improving a small child's life.

**Warwick University Science Lab**

Nick Barker joined us again this week to dazzle the children in Year 6 with scientific explosions and explanations. Thank you Nick for another exciting experience!

**Holiday Questionnaire**

If you recall, I sent out a questionnaire at the start of the Autumn Term aimed at consulting with you regarding possible minor alterations to the school term dates. With the government's increased emphasis on restricting parents' opportunities to request time off from school whilst it is in session, it seemed timely. The closing date for response was the final week of last half term. I am now in a position to share these responses with you.

The options were:

1. Make no changes - keep things as they are
2. Reduce the Easter holiday to 1 week and lengthen either the May or the October half-terms
3. Work an extra week into the summer holiday, thus reducing it to 5 weeks, and add that week onto either the May or the October half terms
4. Work an extra week into the summer holiday, keeping the summer holidays at 6 weeks but allowing for a later return to

school.

18% of parents, 28% of staff and 27% of governors replied to the consultation. With such low proportions responding, it would be unreasonable of us to make any changes. As a result, term dates will stay as they are for the foreseeable future. If you would like to view the full responses to the consultation you can find them on the school's website under parents/absence request form.

**Dinners Monday and Tuesday**

A reminder that cold lunches will be served to the children on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

**Fund Raising by the Children**

BCPS children continue weekly to generate ideas for fund raising in school to support charities. Last week over £100 was raised for Cancer Research and the Little Princess Trust. Well done children!

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1.00-4.30**

Only one week to go to one of our main fund raising events, the PTA Christmas Fayre. I do hope that you have got the date in your diary. Use this weekend to clear out your cupboards and lofts of unwanted gifts, toys, toiletries, books and bottles and send them in to school. Bookings are already being received for Santa's Grotto so make sure that you don't miss out.

**6 shopping Saturdays before Christmas!**

**Have a great weekend.**

**GT Burgess**

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

**Morning** - Cherise and Charlie

**Afternoon** - Vienna and Bailey

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Jonathon K, RW

Amira E, RH

Alfie H, RM

**Writers of the Week**

Isabelle W, RW

Anais H, RH

Charlie M & Sam W, RM

George K, 1M

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Sophie, C 1S

Mollie S & Mia H, 2A

Saiesha K, 2D

Levi O-S, 2K

**Maths Wizard**

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Caitlin K & Hannah W, 1S

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Scarlett M, 2A

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Lucas W, 2K

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

William M, 1S

James H, 2K

Millie H, 3D

Evelyn K, 4D

Charlie P, 5B

Sophie B, 6W

Scarlett N, 1M

Mollie S, 2A

Luke S, 3W

Katherine M, 4B

Karan A, 5M

Avarni V, 6H

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Mia H, 2A

Jasmine B, 3C

Freya G, 4W

Louis S, 5P

Dylan M 6M

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**School Council Friendship Cup**

Lester D, 5B

**DIARY DATES**

**AUTUMN TERM 2013**

Mon 18 & Tues 19 November	Educational Conference in school hall all day. Cold lunches provided.		
<b>***Saturday 23 November***</b>	<b>13:00-16:00</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE</b>	
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	
Wednesday 11 December	09:30 & 14:30	Reception and Morning Nursery Christmas Performance	
	18:00	Yrs1 & 2	Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 December	14:30 & 18:00	Yrs1 & 2	Christmas Performance
Friday 13 December	12:00	School Christmas Lunch	
Sunday 15 December	15:00	Choir at Methodist Church	
Monday 16 December	14:30 & 18:00	Yrs 3 & 4	Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 17 December	Nursery & Reception	Warwick Arts Centre (Room on the Broom)	
	14:30 & 18:00	Yrs 5 & 6	Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 December	09:00	KS1/KS2	Leamington Theatre
	Nursery and Reception	Party Day	
Thursday 19 December	Years 1 - 6	Party Day	
Friday 20 December	School Ends for Christmas Holiday!		
<b>SPRING TERM 2014</b>			
Monday 6 January	School starts		
Thursday 16 January	Choir at Young Voices - LG Arena		



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