



Friday 29 November 2013

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Dear Parents

Christmas arrived a week earlier than usual in school and it all began with the choir's attendance at the switching on of the Christmas lights in the village. Saturday's Christmas Fayre was a huge success as usual and this year it was opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of Solihull who were welcomed by Mr Burgess and friends! It always amazes me how everything comes together on the day and the community spirit of all the helpers is wonderful. The final total is not out yet but it will be in excess of £8500 which is a brilliant figure. Thanks to all of you who came and spent your money and to our sponsors: Atkinson Stilgoe, AUM Consultancy, John Shepherd Select, Rakhi and Pally's samosas, Standley and Co Solicitors, Seetar Tandoori, Utility Warehouse. A special thanks must go to Paula Connell and Tracey Giddings who seemed to live in school for the two weeks leading up to the day sorting out donations and forever walking around school pushing a supermarket trolley. Well done Ladies it was worth it.

SKY DIVE

Mr Pecksen is doing another skydive and he doesn't even like heights! It's for JDRF, a juvenile diabetes charity, on the 9th August. Plenty of time to collect for donations. Sponsors can text the code BCPS99 followed by their donation amount to 70070. Alternatively they can visit his online fundraising page at:

<http://www.iustavino.com/MrPecksen>

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Head Lice

These lovely little insects are always part of our school community and they can be a real nuisance. They were even a subject on Simon Mayo's Radio 2 Drive Time Show the other evening. They transfer to a new head by head to head or hair to hair contact, they do not jump! If everyone in the school checked their family's heads on the same day and then treated any infestation we would clear school of this problem. Unfortunately that will never happen. However can I please ask you to check scalps this weekend? Checking for head lice should be made by combing of wet hair with a head lice detection comb over a pale surface which is inspected afterwards for evidence of lice, as well as a check for any areas of irritation on the head, particularly around the nape of the neck and behind the ears as these are warm, sheltered areas. If you have to treat your child's hair please note that as eggs can take up to 7 days to hatch you need to keep checking on a regular basis with the detection comb.

Message from Our School Nurse

Our school nurse Heather Jones is available to offer support and advice to you in relation to your child's health and well-being, along with the routine surveillance offered as set out in the Healthy Child Programme. She can be contacted on 0121 746 4427 or 0121 746 4451.

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning Week ending 22 November

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RW	3C	100%
KS1	2K	6W	98.7%
LKS2	4B	5M	98.6%
UKS2	6B	Week	97.1%

Nature Club Visitor

On Monday, Vicky Dunn from The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust came in to talk to Nature Club members about hedgehogs and their declining numbers. Nature Club are going to put on a short assembly on this subject to raise awareness with the rest of the school.

Thanks to Mrs Clark for organising this.

Keith Green Football Report

A great evening of football at home to Dorridge brought the autumn's sports fixtures to a close. Each school had two teams, and as expected both matches were very keenly contested. Goals from Sepehr, Harry C and a screamer from Tom M sealed a 3-2 win, whilst strikes from Ethan W and Finley could not prevent a 5-2 reverse. A real positive to come out of the evening was the work rate and energy showed by our boys and with these attitudes we will win many more matches and enjoy deserved successes before the season is over.

ISON COMET

Mr Whittaker joined Key Stage 2 assembly to tell us about this new comet that should appear in the night sky next week. Very exciting. Happy Stargazing!

Christmas Events

Rehearsals are well under way for our Christmas Nativities and the children are doing very well. Due to the popularity of these events we have increased the number of performances. Letters have been sent home this week to request tickets and you should receive your ticket allocation very soon.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

S J Davies

Deputy Headteacher

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is once more sponsoring our school generously over the next 4 year period. Please ring Anita McKeogh on 01676 535234 to see current listings of homes for sale.

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School Sponsors**

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

Morning - Ben

Afternoon - Gabriel O

Wed - Fri - Priya

Matilda C, RH

Robin's Stars of the Week

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River B, RW

Writers of the Week

Holly B, RW

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Stanley D, RM

Hugh H, 1M

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Sam N, 1P

Matthew C & Milli R, 2A

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Kierath C, 2D

Maths Wizard

Zara D, 1M

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Alexandra B, 1P

-

Xander M, 2D

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Good Choice Stars of the Week

Ellen C, 1P

Erin C, 2A

Lois E 3C

Sophie M, 4D

Anaya H, 5B

Joe W, 6W

Tia B, 1S

Krishan K, 2D

Emma B, 3W

James M, 4B

Chloe D, 5M

Sophie-Lou C, 6B

Chloe S.J, 1M

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Ethan A, 3D

Alison K, 4W

Caitlin B, 5P

Caleb M, 6H

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2013

Friday 6 December	18:00 19:30	Reception & KS1 Disco KS2 Disco
Tuesday 10 December	Year 5 9:30 2:30	National Space Centre, Leicester Reception & Nursery Christmas Performance Yrs1 & 2 Christmas Performance (Additional)
Wednesday 11 December	09:30 & 14:30 18:00	Reception & Nursery Christmas Performance Yrs1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 December	14:30 18:00	Reception & Nursery Christmas Performance (Additional) Yrs1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 13 December	09:30 12:00	Yrs1 & 2 Christmas Performance (change of day/time) 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 14:30 & 18:00	Warwick Arts Centre (Room on the Broom) Yrs 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 December	09:00 Nursery and Reception	KS1/KS2 Leamington Theatre Party Day
Thursday 19 December	Years 1 - 6	Party Day
Friday 20 December	School Ends for Christmas Holiday!	
SPRING TERM 2014		
Monday 6 January	School starts	
Thursday 16 January	Choir at Young Voices - LG Arena	
Friday 17 January	14:45	4B Class Assembly
Friday 24 January	14:45 19:30	4D Class Assembly Headteacher's Quiz



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