



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013

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Dear Parents

### Attendance and Attitude towards Learning Week ending 8 November

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RW	2K	98.1
KS1	2D	3W	98.4
LKS2	4B	3D	98.4
UKS2	5B	5M	98.1
		Week	97.4%

Despite a number of blocked noses and ears, a few irritating coughs and the odd sickness pupils and staff continue to attend school. Very well done for persevering (Building Learning Power) and well done to all of the children for continuing to demonstrate excellent attitudes towards learning.

#### 3W's Class Assembly

Not only was this 3W's first performance as a KS2 class, it was Mr White's first ever class assembly as a teacher! And...the outcome was fantastic. All about Fair Trade, the content of the assembly captured the attention of the audience and understanding followed. The script was concise and easy to understand and the way in which it was presented by the children meant that the message was communicated highly effectively. A very big well done to everyone concerned.

#### Playleaders

It has taken a long time for us to grow an effective Playleader workforce. The driving factor has been the children's responses to our annual questionnaire where they have told us that lunch times

had not been meeting their needs. *'Dull and boring and not enough done to sort out difficulties'* have been the general comments in the past. Now, however, under



the excellent leadership of **Lorraine Gibbs**, we have a workforce of seven ladies who come in at 11.30am each day to set up activities and games which they then play WITH THE CHILDREN. They are on hand to 'coach' them through difficult times and ensure that they have a much more satisfying lunch time experience. In addition, we have invested in board games and other resources and thought through a timetable which ensures that even wet lunch times are constructive. When you add this to the fact that we introduced wrist bands in September 2012 to allow children to order the meal that they wanted in advance (in response to their meal choice being 'sold out' by the time they arrived at the hatch) lunch times go more with a swing now, than the previous bang. An excellent by-product of these changes is that there is less friction and children are usually now ready for learning at the very beginning of each afternoon...little time is now wasted resolving lunch time issues at the start of afternoon lessons. I am delighted.

#### Chess Tournament

It was our school's turn to act host in this second chess tournament against Knowle Primary school last Friday. Andrew W, Matthew F, James M and Cameron S all played exceptionally well and used good tactics to take the overall score in our favour to five wins, one draw, one loss. Further games are scheduled for January. Very well done indeed to all players and many thanks to Mrs Varga for all of her efforts with this club.



#### Donation for Special Needs

Many thanks indeed to Erin B for presenting this cheque to BCPS. £500 has been donated to the school as a result of the excellent work which goes on here with regard to Special Needs. Mrs Davies gratefully accepted the cheque last week on the school's behalf. Many thanks indeed to Erin's mum for recognising the excellent work we do here.



#### Children in Need

The school council have reported that £463.23 was raised for this charity a week ago Friday. Well done everyone.

#### After School Sports Clubs

These clubs have now finished until the New Year due to numerous Christmas Performances. We have had an exciting time and the clubs have been very well supported.

#### Final Week's Assemblies

There will be a normal KS1 Celebration Assembly on the final Friday of this term. **There will not, however, be a KS2 afternoon assembly on that day.**

**3 shopping Saturdays left before Christmas!**

**Have a great weekend.  
GT Burgess**

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

**Morning** - Anya and Henry

**Afternoon** - Scarlett

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Charlie P, RW

Charlie M, RM

Oliver J, RH

**Writers of the Week**

Lilly F, RW

Alex T, RM

Ben A, Isabella W & Nicolas E, RH

Joshua S, 1S

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Oliver M, 1M

Jeevan, S & Rohan C, 2D

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Orson B, 2K

**Maths Wizard**

Rajan D, 1S

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Alistair, B & Saiesha K, 2D

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Freya P & Lucas Wh, 2K

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Caitlin G, 1M

Grace W, 2K

Libby J 3C

Maddie D, 4D

Max H, 5B

Millie D, 6B

Ria P, 1S

Catherine, E, 2D

Samantha C, 3D

Olivia D, 4B

Neha D, 5M

Ella N, 6H

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Callum F, 2A

Katy H, 3W

Zachary D, 4W

Niamh W, 5P

Will S, 6W

**DIARY DATES**

**AUTUMN TERM 2013**

Tuesday 10 December	Year 5 9:30	National Space Centre, Leicester Reception & Nursery Christmas Performance
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 Yrs1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 13 December	09:30 12:00	Yrs1 & 2 School Christmas Lunch Christmas Performance
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 Spa Theatre 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	
Friday 17 January	14:45	4B Class Assembly
Friday 24 January	14:45 19:30	4D Class Assembly Headteacher's Quiz
Tuesday 28 January	17:30	Dunfield meeting for Y4 parents tbc
Friday 31 January	14:45	4W Class Assembly