



Dear Parents

A big welcome back to you all in the year 2014! Honestly, I can still clearly remember the phrase 'Welcome to the year 2000!' It seems like only yesterday. Do you remember the hype over the concerns regarding computers not being able to cope with moving from 1999 to 2000? And here we are a number of years later with the world still intact. I hope that the holiday festivities have been enjoyed by everyone, that the Christmas Special of Dr Who was watched as fastidiously in your household as it was in mine and that New Year Resolutions are still intact. Happy New Year to you all.

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Autumn Term 2013

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RW	Term	97.3%
KS1	2D		
LKS2	4B		
UKS2	6B		

We celebrated high attendance last term with 97.3% overall which was extremely impressive. Our aim is to increase this percentage over the course of this term. With regard to Head's Classes, very well done to the classes named above for winning the Head's Class of the Week more times last term than any other class. Some of the phases were very close indeed. This is a highly sought after prize and each of the winners is looking forward to a class celebration. Very well done.

John Shepherd Select Estate Agents

Local Independent Estate Agent making a substantial commitment to BCPS over the long term. Call Matt Carroll on 01676 534411 to discuss your needs.

Dads Cooking Club

Originally the government made available a Lottery Grant with the specific aim of getting fathers more involved in school. Mr Tuckey led on this project and this Dads, Lads and Lasses cooking club has continued successfully well beyond the original lottery funding. Taking place early evening, the club has been oversubscribed and a new set of sessions have been planned for this year. Children from across the year groups have attended and they and their parents have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the food that they have made! My thanks to Mr Tuckey and Mrs Davies, and watch out for dates and times of the new series of sessions.

Collections from the Christmas Performances



Once more I would also like to thank all of you for your very generous donations during the performances. Donations for Myton Hospice and the RNLI have totalled £1562.14. This is absolutely incredible at such an expensive time of the year and given the currently economic climate. Thank you all so much on behalf of these charities.

Blue Peter Badges

These badges are difficult to earn and application for one often ends in disappointment. They are highly prized. Three of our lads in Year 6, Jonathan, Dominic and Sam, submitted some of their poetry work done in school earlier last term and they have ALL been awarded this badge. We are delighted that they took the time to submit their work and, of course, delighted with the outcome. Thank you Mrs Brown for the support you gave them.

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Next Week

Key Stage 2 are off to the LG Arena to sing with the Young Voices; a group of footballers are attending the Coventry City Tournament; 4B have their class assembly; all clubs re-start!

INSET DATE CHANGE

My apologies for this change. INSET Day has been moved from Monday 24th February (the day after half term) to the following Monday, 3rd March. The reason for this is that our Year 6 teachers have been working with an English Consultant to support the further development of high quality writing. Such has been the impact that we wish to extend this training to all staff in order that all year groups will benefit, and we want to do this as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, he is unavailable on 24th. I realise this may cause complications with child care but hope that the seven week notice and possible impact on outcomes for all will lessen the blow. Thank you for your understanding.

Head's Curry and Quiz night

This annual event is TWO weeks today. Arrival for a 7.30pm start! We are trialling Curry through our sponsor Seetar's in Kenilworth....should be tasty and more money will come to the PTA. Traditionally, this has always been very well supported so do ensure that you get your forms back quickly....and gen up on the school newsletter since the start of the year!!!

Once more, Happy New Year and have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

Atkinson Stilgoe, Village Estate Agents,

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.

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

Morning - Matthew

Mon - Weds pm - Lauren

Afternoon - Thomas G

Robin's Stars of the Week

All the Robins have stayed in their classes this week.

Writers of the Week

Alfie H, RH

Jacob M, RM

River B, RW

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Magnus W, 1M

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James L, 2A

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Maths Wizard

Ziyuan Y, 1M

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Georgia K, 1M

Scarlett A. 2A

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Olivia C, 2D

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Jason K, 1M

Romilly M, 2A

Ben W, 3D

Matty B, 4D

Aman T, 5M

Maisie M, 6B

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Emily D 3C

Billy B, 4B

Aman H, 5P

Leo J, 6W

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Imogen D, 3W

Oliver D, 4W

Connie B, 5B

Joe G, 6H

Council Friendship Cup

Charlie H, 5M

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Stanley D, RM

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2014

Thursday 16 January	Choir at Young Voices - LG Arena		
Friday 17 January	14:45	4B	Class Assembly
Friday 24 January	14:45	4D	Class Assembly
	19:30		Headteacher's Quiz
Tuesday 28 January	17:30		Dunfield meeting for Y4 parents
Friday 31 January	14:45	4W	Class Assembly
Tuesday 4 February	Year 6 to Houses of Parliament		
Friday 7 February	09:10	2A	Class Assembly
	14:45	6M	Class Assembly
Mon 10 & Tues 11 February	16:00-19:00 Parent Consultations		
Friday 14 February	09:10	2K	Class Assembly
	14:45	6W	Class Assembly
	Break up for Half-term		
Monday 24 February	BACK TO SCHOOL - NOT INSET		
Tuesday 25 February	CENTENARY WEEK 1939-1970 Children return to school		
Monday 3 March	INSET		
Friday 7 March	09:10	2D	Class Assembly
	14:45	6H	Class Assembly
Friday 14 March	09:10	1S	Class Assembly
	14:45	5B	Class Assembly
Friday 21 March	09:10	1P	Class Assembly
	14:45	5P	Class Assembly