



Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning Week Ending 24 January Spring Term 2014

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RH	3D	100%
KS1	2K	2D	99%
LKS2	3W	4W	99%
UKS2	6H	Overall	97.5%

4D's Class Assembly

4D presented an absolutely fantastic performance around the topic of the Amazon Rainforest last Friday. Superb information sharing, amazing images and an absolutely cracking imitation of rainfall as the grand finale ensured that the whole experience was...simply amazing. Well done to everyone!

Year 3's Inspiration Day

On Tuesday, Year 3 had an unforgettable visit from the Timezone team. This inspiration day formed part of their Invaders and Settlers topic and helped the children experience first-hand what life would have been like in Celtic Britannia. Throughout the day the children took part in a range of activities, immersing themselves in the lives of the Celts, whilst at the same time learning about the Celts greatest enemy; the Romans. A Celtic roundhouse was constructed in the studio and the children practised battle formations on the playground with Celtic shields and spears. In the afternoon, the children spent time learning to read and write in Latin, using both quills and wax tablets. A very enjoyable day was had by all and the children really valued the unique,

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creative and memorable approach to learning that the visit offered. Many thanks to all of the Year 3 teachers for organising this superb inspiration event!

Year 6 Inspiration Day

Meanwhile, Year 6 children were aboard the SS Corinthia, sailing on a voyage of discovery, at the very the start of their government topic. Their ship has crashed.....Everyone has survived....but what do they do now? Flee? Set up an SOS? Or maybe start a new society with all of its rules and statutory regulations? And so.....government begins! They are travelling to London next week to visit the Houses of Parliament. What will they learn from the experienced voice of the political world? Well done Year 6 teachers for their imaginative approach to this topic.

Holocaust

Further extension to learning took place last Monday as Holly A, Amy S and Alex D, all Year 6 students, were invited to attend the Holocaust Memorial Service at Solihull Central Library. Amongst the various guests was Mr Simon Winston, a holocaust survivor. He told a fascinating account of his life during this time, the journey his family took and the dangers they faced during the war years. All the children came away with a real awareness of the terrible times, and of the persecution and battle for survival endured by so many.



Head's Quiz

Many thanks indeed to the members of the 18 teams who took part in this quiz night last Friday. The questions caused much discussion and all teams felt appropriately



challenged by them. Having curry instead of chips was a small change for the evening and, following consultation with those in the room, the decision was made to return to good old fashioned fish and chips next year! The atmosphere in the room was superb with each member of the team completely relaxed and thoroughly enjoying the evening. Thank you again for attending and thank you to everyone involved in ensuring that the event was successful.



Kirkland Rowell

We have had a very good response to this questionnaire to date. If you haven't yet returned it, please do so immediately! Your views are very important to us.

Parents' Evenings

These are only a week away now, Monday and Tuesday 10th and 11th. Your feedback on the booking process from last term was such that we will be using the same electronic system this time. We will message you as soon as booking becomes available.

In the meantime, have a great weekend
GT Burgess

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

Morning - Andrew

Mon - Weds am - Hema

Weds pm - Fri - Reuben

Afternoon - Denny

Robin's Stars of the Week

Sophia M & Ashton T, RM

Isabelle M, RH

Holly B, RW

Writers of the Week

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Lucy M, Caitlin G & Hannah M, 1M
Daniel W & Aaron Q, 2K

Joel B & James O, RW
Isabelle T, 1S
Hannah B & Mia S, 2D

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Clark S, 1P
Callum F, 2A

Maths Wizard

Grace D, 1M
Hannah C, 2D

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Anwyn M-O & Mathilda S-B, 2K

Ciara H, 1P
Alex R, 2A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Reuben P, 1S	Alex S, 2K	Louis G, 3W	Freya M, 4B	Becky H, 5M	Callum H, 6H
Alfie N, 1M	James C, 2K	Ben T, 3C	Reah A, 4D	Michaela B, 5B	Megan D, 6M
Dylan H, 1P	Millie S, 2A	Oscar N, 3D	Owen P, 4W	Ryan H, 5B	Harry K, 6W
				Niamh W, 5P	

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2014

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
Tuesday 18 March	Yr 5	Brandon Marsh	
Friday 21 March	09:10	1P	Class Assembly
	14:45	5P	Class Assembly
Tuesday 25 March	Yr 3	Chedworth Roman Villa	
Friday 28 March	09:10	Reception	Mothering Sunday Assembly
Tuesday 1 April	Morning - M&M Productions 'Treasure Island' in hall		
Friday 4 April	09:10	1M	Class Assembly
	14:45	5M	Class Assembly
	18:00-19:15	Reception & Yrs1 - 2 Disco	
	19:30-21:00	Yrs 3-6 Disco	
Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9 April	18:00	Year 4 production	