



Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning Week Ending 31 January Spring Term 2014

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RM	4D	99.7%
KS1	1M	4W	99.3%
LKS2	3C	6B	99.0%
UKS2	5M	Overall	96.0%

4W's Class Assembly

Dragons were the theme for this week and we all learned some amazing facts. The pictures of some amazing creatures showed a genuine likeness to the mythical beast! The dragon song was accompanied by the 4W orchestra - very impressive. Well done to the children and to Mrs Hobbins for her musical contribution and to Mrs Clark for helping Mr Wood with the preparation.



Solihull Music School

Solihull Musical School arranged for a free drum demonstration for years 2-6 last week. It was fabulous entertainment for the children and I know that some have taken up the offer of a free taster session at the music school.

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.



Year 6 visit to the Palace of Westminster

It was a real pleasure to accompany Year 6 on their trip that supports their Government topic. As well as having guided tours inside the Houses of Parliament they also had the opportunity to see where our prime minister and the Queen live. The weather was amazingly good which enabled us to picnic in St James' Park. Highlights for some were seeing Pierce Brosnan and also appearing on the BBC One O'Clock News! A long tiring day but well worth it.



Leave of Absence in Term Time

This is just a reminder that the government introduced new guidelines about children having leave of absence in term time last year. We understand fully that it is often cheaper to take breaks away from school holidays but unfortunately we are unable to authorise this unless there is an exceptional circumstance. Thank you to all those of you who have co-operated and supplied additional evidence.

Hedgehog Badges

These have been so popular that we keep running out. 300 sold! Thank you everyone!

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Cookery Club Outing

Thank you to Mr Rose for arranging a visit to John Lewis to meet the chefs and tour the two kitchens. It was really interesting to see behind the scenes and our host chef Mike Holmes was so informative. We did get some funny looks from customers as we had to wear special coats and hats. Next week we are cooking the cookies we tasted, we just need to scale down the recipe as it contains 10 eggs!



Parents' Evenings 10, 11 February

Have you booked your appointment for Monday or Tuesday next week? The closing time for the electronic booking system is noon on Monday.

Charity Pancake Day

Tuesday 18 February 10 - 1pm at Balsall Common Village Hall. Bring your family and friends & help raise funds for The Brain Tumour Charity. Pancakes, cupcakes, cakes, drinks will be on sale, as well as books, toys and gifts.

For further information on the event call Sandy Ameer-Beg - 07818 420621. For further information on the Brain Tumour Charity visit: thebraintumourcharity.org. Registered Charity No: 1150054

Charity Dinner

The Fifth Annual Lily Mae Foundation Evening Dinner Dance is taking place at the Belfry Hotel and Resort on Friday 25 April. To book tickets please visit <http://www.lilymaefoundation.org/golf/day/book/>

Have a lovely weekend, whatever the weather!

S J Davies Deputy Headteacher

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 - Pheobe C

Mon - Weds am - Gabriel O'D

Weds pm - Fri - Joshua

Afternoon - Maddie

Robin's Stars of the Week

Stanley D, RM

Alfie H, RH

Joel B & James O, RW

Writers of the Week

Soren W & Olivia C, RM

Casey H, RH

Joe N, RW

Lucas H, 1P

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Hugh H & Rajan D, 1M

Dexter T & Alfie J, 2K

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Jack M & Georgia C, 2A

Maths Wizard

William M, 1S

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Sam W & Sophie B, 2K

Georgia C, 2A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Tom G, 1S

Millie S, 2A

Benjamin G, 3W

Ellie Mai J, 4D

Holly M, 5P

Amy S, 6B

Lola B, 1P

Bethany H, 2A

George W, 3D

Ethan W, 4B

Rosie S, 5M

Georgia L, 6H

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Alfie E, 2D

Nicole W, 3C

Sean B, 4W

Hattie M, 5B

Andrew W, 6W

Freya P, 2K

Lucas Wr, 2K

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2014

Mon 10 & Tues 11 February	16:00-19:00 Parent Consultations. NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON THESE DAYS
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
Mon 24 - Fri 28 February	CENTENARY WEEK 1939-1970
Tuesday 25 February	Dressing Up Day
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
Monday 12 May	Bikeability Week for Year 5
Mon 12- Fri 16 May	KS2 Tests
Tuesday 20 May	14:00 Yrs 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 22 May	Children break up for Half Term
Friday 23 May	INSET
Mon 27- Fri 31 May	HALF TERM