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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning Week Ending 28 February

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RH	2D	98.2%
KS1	2K	3D	99.2%
LKS2	3C	5B	99.3%
UKS2	6H	Overall	95.9%

1S and 5B Class Assemblies

Yet another two super-duper assemblies from these classes last week! 1S led us through the history of the teddy bear and 5B linked their learning in writing to poetry. Voices were crystal clear and the level of confidence from these children was awesome. Very well done indeed to all of the children and the staff!

Sports

Girls' Football: Our girls' fantastic cup run came to an end last week when they visited Monkspath. To reach the quarter final stage is a great achievement and this was reflected in the confidence and team work they displayed a week ago Wednesday evening. Special mention must go to Katherine E, who was superb in goal, and to Hazel S who led by example and made some great tackles. Well played to all of the girls.

Cross Country: Final results from last week. Out of 24 teams, our boys finished 4th overall; out of an additional 24 teams, our girls, comprising mainly Year 5's, came 5th overall. A fantastic result. Very well done children.

Football: Two Year 4 teams travelled to Lode Heath last week to take part in the semi-finals of the Solihull Football Tournament. To have two teams make it to this stage is very unusual. Our 'A' team match finished level at extra time so this

is being replayed. Our 'B' team lost narrowly in their game. Making it through to the semi-finals is an incredible achievement. Very well done to everyone.

Children's E-Safety Council

Our E-Safety Council members have been auditing pupils. Have a look at these statistics!

- 158 pupils in year 1-6 have their own mobile phones that can access the internet
- 299 people in year 1-6 have their own tablets
- 135 people use chat rooms!!
- 137 people have been upset from the internet!
- 161 people have been contacted by someone they don't know!

Do you know what your children are doing on the internet?

Year 5 Rivers Project

Jack made this with his Granddad as part of his topic on Rivers. It is amazing! Well done Jack!



Chess

On Friday 14 March, Ella S, Owen P, Alex D and Caleb M were acting as superb hosts by providing challenging chess games against Knowle Primary School. We saw another marathon game lasting 40 minutes with Caleb showing great sportsmanship against his opponent. The others played up to 4 games each and were able to rotate who they played against and use different strategies well. Excellent playing players!

Caroline Spelman Visit

Balsall Common Primary School went all political this week when they had a visit from the Rt Honourable Caroline Spelman MP. This was part

of their School Government topic. Last month they were lucky enough to visit The Houses of Parliament; now they are looking at local Government, and this is the first step. At the end of term they will have visits from The Mayor of Solihull and a local Magistrate. Caroline spent over an hour and a half answering questions, explaining how she got into politics and giving a history of her long political career. Caroline spoke about her perseverance to get elected as she was rejected 27 times before she got her seat, her travels to Iraq and Afghanistan and her struggle as a mum to juggle home and career. It gave a real insight into the life of an MP and we would like to thank her for giving up her time to visit us.

Camera One Sponsorship



We would like to thank Camera One for sponsoring new jackets for the Lunchtime supervisors. Mrs Burton said these will make a real difference during the winter time and on the colder days when they are out for prolonged periods supervising activities with the children,

Mothers' Day Presents

On Saturday, between 10.30 and 3.30, at the Catholic Church in Meeting House Lane, there will be 'affordable' Mothers' Day gifts to buy! Dads, get your children down there!

Forthcoming Events

PTA Chairman's Quiz, Friday 9th May.

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.

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.

Balsall Common Primary School Sponsors

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

Morning - Harrison N

Mon - Weds am - Faith

Afternoon - Maddie-Grace

Weds pm - Fri - Benjamin

Robin's Stars of the Week

Chloe W, RW

Joshua Q & Mason S, RH

Isabella M, RM

Writers of the Week

Ryan B & Lewis F, RW

Erin M, Joshua Q & Isabelle M-J, RH

Nathan E & Jacob M, RM

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Oliver W, 1P

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Millie S-P, 2A

Harriet G & Maia F, 2K

Morgan K, 2D

Maths Wizard

Jayden R & Olivia J, 1P

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Harrison McC, 1M

Ollie B, 2A

James H, 2K

Jeevan S, 2D

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Libby R, 1P

Mathilda S-B, 2K

Amber, C 3W

Alice M, 4D

Esther W, 5M

Anna L, 6H

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Alex R, 2A

Lilla W, 3D

Sarah C, 4B

Aaron G, 5M

Elliot S, 6W

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Marcus B, 2D

Zara H, 3C

Onu R, 4W

Charlie H, 5M

Ross T, 6B

Jack R, 5B

Alysia R, 5B

Amelia M, 5P

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Catherine I, 1P

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2014

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 - Friday 11 April	Music Dunfield	
Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9 April	18:00	Year 4 production
Monday 14 - Friday 25 April	EASTER HOLIDAY	
Monday 28 April	Back to School for Summer Term	
Tuesday 29 April	Choral & Orchestral Day - King Henry VIII School	
Friday 2 May	17:00-19:00	Dads & Children Scalextric Track Event
	19:30-10:30	Dads Scalextric Track Event
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	
Monday 2 June	School returns for Summer Term	