



Friday 11 April 2014

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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning Week Ending 4 April

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RW	4W	99.0%
KS1	1M	5P	99.3%
LKS2	4B	5M	99.0%
UKS2	6H	Overall	97.2%

1M and 5M Class Assemblies

Two more stunning assemblies last Friday from these two classes, one all about Spring and the other about the Water Cycle. As usual, speakers were clear, confident and audible and the messages conveyed were relevant and interesting. Very well done indeed to all of the children and staff involved in these performances.

Year 3 Music Concert



We introduced the whole year group music tuition FOUR years ago now, would you believe! The current Year 6 children were the first ones to take part in it. Over this time, the number of pupils continuing to play an instrument has grown and our School Orchestra made its debut last Summer. It was fantastic to see the children and staff learning and playing so well and Mrs Avis was simply FULL of pride. Well done to everyone!

Sporting Events

Year 3 Tag Rugby: It was Year 3's chance to shine last Friday, and shine they did. We were invited to take part in the Worcester Warriors Tag Rugby Competition, which was hosted by Balsall and Berkswell rugby club. We won all of our games to get into the semi-final; 7-0 victory over St Margaret's; 9-2 over George Fentham; 6-1 over Fordbridge. Once in the semi-final, we beat Berkswell, 6-1 to play Fordbridge one more time to win 2-0. We will now represent Worcester Warriors at the Six Ways Stadium after Easter. If successful there, our children will play at Twickenham. The whole squad represented our school with great commitment, and special mention must go to Oscar N, Guy C and Lilla W.



Hockey: In preparation for the Hockey tournament in May, our team hosted Eversfield Prep School last week. Goals from year 6 students Ross T (4) Ben S (3) Finlay P-O (3) Amy S (3) and Chen L (2) gave our team a 15-1 victory. This is a great result. Very well done to all the members of the squad.

Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics: For the first time in our school's history we took gymnasts from our Year 1 and 2 classes to a competition earlier this week. They represented the school brilliantly and we are now planning to introduce specialist coaching after school for those children who would like to do more. Watch this space!

Year 4's Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies

An absolutely fantastic show! Singing, acting, dancing...all of such high calibre for children so young. Thank you parents for supporting with costumes; Mrs Hobbins for the scenery; Miss Davis for the singing; Miss Brewer for the dancing; and Mr Wood for the organisation. This was one of the very best Year 4 Performances ever! Well done!

Solihull Mayor

We have such a good relationship with the Mayor that he is a frequent visitor to the school supporting us with the curriculum regularly. Thank you.

Chocolate Spread

Please remember that many chocolate spreads contain nuts and should not be used for lunch boxes. Thank you.

Scalextric Night

Friday 2nd April, including children this time!

And we all break up for the school holidays today. School re-opens Monday 28th April. Have a great Easter...if you can.

GT Burgess

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

Morning - Chloe-May Mon - Weds am - Meelia Afternoon - Tawny Weds pm - Fri - Jovan

Robin's Stars of the Week

Harry B, RH

Writers of the Week

Kirath M, RH

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Dulcie G, 3W
Harrison B, 3C
Jayden H, 3D

Emily W, 4D
Bethan W, 4B

Mia J, 5B
Rhanía D, 5P
Archie C, 5M
Taran S, 5M

Dominic B, 6B

Council Friendship Cup

Nicole W, 3C
Lily W, 5M

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2014

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
Tuesday 3 June	18:00 Reception New Parents Evening Year 4 to Dunfield House Residential. Return Friday 6 June
Thursday 5 June	13:45 Years 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon
Monday 9 June	CENTENARY HISTORY WEEK 1970 -2014 Year 6 to Swanage Residential until Friday 13 June
Thursday 12 June	13:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon
Friday 13 June	9:10 RM Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 June	13:45 Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon
Friday 20 June	09:10 RW Class Assembly 14:45 3C Class Assembly
Saturday 21 June	13:00-17:00 GALA DAY