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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Term

Termly Head's Winners		Termly Attendance	
FS	RW	5P	98.0%
KS1	1M		
LKS2	3D		
UKS2	6W		
		Overall	96.3%

would encourage any of the children to look at politics as a career as it's a chance to make a real difference to people's lives!

Forthcoming Sporting Events

Below is an example of the diverse and number of competitive sporting fixtures that we are taking part in this term.

Year 3 Tag Rugby at Worcester Warriors with the winners playing at Twickenham; Year 6 Hockey Tournament at Old Sils; Years 3,4,5,6, girls and boys athletics meeting hosted by Eversfield against three other private schools; Years 3,4,5,6 Tennis Tournament at Tudor Grange School; Years 5, 6 Girls Athletics tournament against Saint Martins; Years 4, 5, 6 20/20 Cricket matches versus Eversfield; Years 6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Exlies RU; Years 3,4 Quad Athletics tournament at Arden School; Years 5, 6 Rounder's Tournament at Langley School; Years 4,5, 6 Rounder's versus Eversfield; Years 5, 6 Borough Sports at Norman Green track. We will keep you posted as the events take place. Many, many thanks to Mr Green for co-ordinating all of these events.

Carstins

A big thank you to Elliott from Carstins who brought two cars up to explain aerodynamics to the 'F1 In Schools' teams. The cars caused such a stir that the talk was extended to the whole of year 4. The two cars featured were a Jeep Wrangler and a Subaru BRZ. The children were very excited to get the chance to sit in the vehicles and were surprised to discover that they cost £24,000+ per vehicle! Thank you Carstins.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Another fantastic event; extremely well supported by parents making...I mean helping to make, children's hats! Thank you all; the children absolutely loved the day!

Well done to the classes that won the Head's Classes of the Week Award more times than the other classes in their phases. Treats will be arranged by the class teachers. Well done also to 5P for achieving the highest average attendance last term! Please keep up the good work regarding getting children into school and on time.

The Mayor Visits Year 6

Year 6 had a special meeting with the Mayor the week we broke up and one lucky pupil got to be the Mayor of Solihull, for about 5 minutes, and she was given a chance to wear the Mayoral Chain. He gave a brief history of his life starting with his 30 years police service before being invited into politics by William Hague. One of his goals was to visit all 88 schools in the borough and so far he has reach 75. He endorsed the work done at BCPS and told the children how lucky they were be in taught in one of the top 4% of all of the schools in the country. The children got to ask lots of questions and discovered that the Mayor has very little power as he is a non-elected Mayor. His main roles are ceremonial and he will attend between 20 and 40 functions a week, totalling about 1,000 a year. He also has to raise money for charity and this year will raise about £20,000. He finished by saying it was a great honour to be Mayor, a once in a lifetime experience, and that he

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.

Mini Bus

Many thanks to you all for raising the funds for the PTA to buy us a brand new mini bus. This has been ordered as a result of the 'coin voting' system we had in place during the Christmas Fayre. The vast majority of coins went this way! We have ensured that the logos of our sponsors adorn the sides, together with our name and our OFSTED judgement! It has been put to immediate use and travelled to Coventry, Worcester and Birmingham already this week!

Swimming Coaches

We have wished Kim Strong well in her retirement, and thanked her for so many super years of service, and welcomed Lea Barton into the fold as the new PTA and school swim coach.

Taking the Initiative

Sophie, Imogen and Ava ran a stall outside one of their grandparents' house during the school holidays selling Bric-a-Brac, lemonade and cakes. The girls planned the stall carefully, sending invites, baking and gathering bits to sell, pricing everything carefully and using some great selling skills to entice people to buy. They organised the money and raised £25 for school PTA. Girls and Grandmother...very well done indeed!

Mrs Holmes' Class' Garden Centre

Please come along to support this event every day next week between 3.00pm and 3.40pm in Mrs Holmes classroom. The children will be selling bedding plants for between 50p and £1 and all monies will be re-invested into new seeds for the Foundation Stage Gardens!

Remember that it's Bank Holiday Monday, so see you back in school on Tuesday.

Have a great one!

GT Burgess

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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

Mon - Weds am - Lauren and William V-R

Afternoon - Reece

Weds pm - Fri - Ellie-Mae

Robin's Stars of the Week

Olivia G, RW

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Matthew C, RH

Writers of the Week

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Christie S, 1S

Alex W, RW

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India L, 1P

Erin C, 2A

Maths Wizards

Millie M & Kasper V G, 1S
Kierath C, 2D

Lola B, 1P

Rajan D, 1M
Florence C, 2A

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Edward L, 1P	Hannah C, 2D	Lucy W, 3D	Kate O'R, 4W	Ella P, 5P	Isabel H, 6H
Sian J, 1S	Thomas O'R, 2A	Summer R, 3W	Lara P, 4D	Taran S, 5M	Joe W, 6W
Delilah O'D, 1M	-	-	Isabella M, 4B	Simran S, 5B	Sam B, 6B
				Elina B, 5B	

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Henry J-B, Nursery

DIARY DATES

SUMMER TERM 2014

Friday 2 May	17:00-19:00 Dads & Children Scalextric Track Event 19:30-10:30 Dads Scalextric Track Event
Friday 9 May	9:10 RH Class Assembly
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