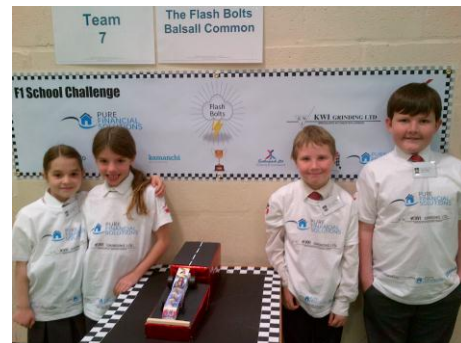




Friday 9th May 2014
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Parents were invited to attend on the Friday morning to watch them perform. What a fabulous show they managed to produce! Phoebe, from our school, played the main character. Quite how she managed to learn all those words in such a short amount of time will forever remain a mystery. She was amazing! Thank you Mrs Avis and Miss Baker!

Music at Henry VIII
Some of our musicians attended a music event at King Henry's, also last week, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing as part of an orchestra.

Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Last Week's Head's Winners		Termly Attendance	
FS	RM	1M	99%
KS1	1M	3D	99.3%
LKS2	3D+3W	6B	99%
UKS2	5M	6W	99%

We got off to a cracking start with attendance last week, with three classes reaching 99% and one hitting 99.3%. 100% individual attendance reached an all-time high last term with over 200 children achieving it. We need to buy more badges! Very well done indeed! Meanwhile, the behaviour and appearance of the children continues to be exemplary throughout the school. Many, many thanks for your continued support at home with both behaviour and attendance.

Music Dunfield

Mrs Avis and Miss Baker accompanied musicians to Dunfield house in the last week of last half term. 25 Year 5 children spent 4 days there, alongside children from Dickens Heath and Dorridge schools for a musical week organised by Solihull Music Service.

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.

Herbert Art Gallery

Last week, Miss Ross and Miss Davies took a small group of gifted and talented artists to The Herbert Art Gallery to take part in a landscape workshop, where they learned more about perspective through a range of landscape paintings. Both the children and the staff absolutely loved the day!

Worcester Warriors



Our Year 3 Tag Rugby Team travelled to Worcester Warriors last week and qualified for the finals at the home of Rugby, Twickenham. They now play at Twickenham, in front of an expected crowd of 85,000, at the Aviva Premiership Final Day on Saturday 31st May! Very well done to Oskar Y, Oscar N, Ben G, Sean C, Guy G, Eddie T, JoJo G, Lilla W and Kiran C.

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F1 Challenge
And to cap off an extremely busy week, Year 4 children went to the F1 Challenge at Princethorpe last week. From design to implementation, the children's vehicles were stunning and our sponsors were very generous in providing banners and team shirts for each of the three teams. The mini bus simply did not know whether it was coming or going last week!

Gaming

A number of our children are clearly gaming at home, accessing programs such as Grand Theft Auto, which has an 18 certificate and some extreme language and behaviours. Arguments which start on-line are spilling over into school. Please do not allow your children to access unsuitable material!

SAT's and Testing

Year 6 sit these annual statutory tests next week. Please make sure they get plenty of sleep and have a good breakfast. They start on Monday.

INSET DAY Friday 23rd

A reminder that the school will be closed to pupils two weeks today because of staff INSET.

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.

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

Mornings - Daisy & Charlie

Weds pm - Fri - Aaron

Robin's Stars of the Week

Rafael P, RM

Harris M, RH

Megan H & Nancy P-G, RW

Writers of the Week

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Riley R, 1M
Freya P, 2K

Erin McL, RH
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Ciara H, 1P
Catherine E, 2D

Maths Wizards

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Aaron Q, 2K

Rohan H, 1P
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Morgan K, 2D

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Joe D, 1P	Vishal D, 2D	Kaitlyn S, 3D	Felix W, 4B	Maisey C, 5M	Holly, W, 6B
Jack B, 1M	Ralph P, 2K	Leo M, 3C	William N, 4W	Kian K, 5P	Erin C, 6H
-	Scarlett M, 2A	Johannes V-G, 3W	Reah A, 4D	Will Wr, 5B	Elliot R, 6W

DIARY DATES

SUMMER TERM 2014

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
Tuesday 24 June	18:00 Nursery New Parents Evening
Mon 23/Tues 24 June	Year 6 Induction at Heart of England School
Friday 27 June	14:45 3W Class Assembly
Friday 4 July	14:45 Final KS2 Assembly for awards 18:00-19:15 Reception & KS1 Disco 19:30-21:00 KS2 Disco
Monday 07 July	17:30 Information meetings for new Y1 parents & *new Y3 parents
Tuesday 08 July	18:00 *Year 6 Production *changes of dates
Wednesday 09 July	Year 2 to Stratford Butterfly Farm 18:00 Year 6 Production
Friday 11 July	INSET