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**Dear Parents**

**Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week**

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RW	1P	98.4%
KS1	2K	3D 5P 6W	98.1%
LKS2	3W	5M	98.6%
UKS2	5M	Week	97.4%

Children continue to attend well and aim high with regard to winning ATL (Attitude Towards Learning) Points. Many congratulations to everyone, and thank you, mums and dads.

**Sport**

**Tennis:** Four tennis teams from Years 3-6 represented our school at the South Solihull Tennis Tournament in the week before the half term holiday. Years 3 and 4 players played against other players of the same age, and the Years 5-6 players did the same. All four teams qualified through difficult groups and were drawn against each other in their respective semi-finals. The Year 4 team narrowly beat the Year 3s and met a very strong St Alphege side in the final and are through to County Level. Meanwhile, the same thing happened with the Year 5 and 6 teams, drawn against each other in their semi-final. Year 5 just edged out Year 6 and took on Ulverley in the final. Outstanding performances from Joe H, William M, Amelia Mc and Phoebe T secured a 3-1 victory which means that this team will also represent South Solihull in the County Finals. An absolutely massive well done to all 16 boys and girls who took

part. Four semi-finalists and two finalists! What an amazing achievement!

**Rugby: Balsall Common Primary School wins at Twickenham**

Unbeaten all year, Balsall Common Primary School Year 3 Rugby Team finished their season in style with a 7-1 win on the hallowed turf of Twickenham. Having sailed through two qualifying tournaments, beating local and regional opponents, the team arrived at Twickenham excited about their big day. They were thrilled to be part of such a big occasion as the Aviva Premiership Final. The team took to the pitch at half time and were soon back to their try scoring best. Seven tries from five players made it a fantastic team performance, having already shown what they were made of in the regional finals at Worcester Warriors ground, winning all three of their group matches by two or more tries to reach this final. In the final on that particular day, they came back from 3-1 at half time, scoring five tries in quick succession, to triumph 6-4. They thoroughly deserved their big day out at Twickenham and did the school, rugby club and area proud. The team members were delighted after their experience and after watching such a dramatic match at the home of rugby. They said the things they enjoyed most were scoring tries, going onto the actual pitch, seeing Northampton win, and the excitement of the game. The parents of the players thanked the Worcester Warriors for their training sessions and organisation of the group stages, and Berkswell and Balsall Common Rugby Club for putting on a couple of special training sessions in the build-up to Twickenham. Special thanks must also go to Mr Green who leads on the competitive side of sport in school. Thank you Mr Green.

**UKS2 Sports Day:** This was a brilliant afternoon with lots of support from parents and grandparents. The children showed great sportsmanship and were incredibly supportive of each other. It was wonderful to see them working so well together as a team and cheering each other on. It was a very close competition throughout the afternoon and came down to the final sprints as the decider

but the final results were as follows (with a very pleased Mr Prescott!):

- 1st place: Normans (366 points)
- 2nd place: Romans (354 points)
- 3rd place: Vikings (352 points)
- 4th place: Saxons (348 points)

The Year 6 House Captains were excellent leaders and proudly led the whole phase with their flags around the field along to Chariots of Fire! Thanks to Mr Green and Mr Ireland for all their support in organising the event - Miss Hughes could not have done it without them!

**Chess:** Our chess players, Cameron S, Sean C, Ella S, Zach, D Owen P, James M, Taran S, Matthew F, William M, Jack R, Caleb M, Alexander D and Matthew J, were up for some proper challenges when Mrs Varga went to Eversfield Prep-School before half term. Very well played to everyone!

**Hedgehogs**

Sally, from Happyhogs Rescue Centre, and **Quack**, a rescued hedgehog, visited the school's Nature Club. The children were able to see **Quack** very close up and get some helpful tips on how to help the declining number of hedgehogs. Many thanks Mrs Clark!

**Sainsbury's Car Wash**

Lorraine, Sue, Sarah, Hannah, Emily, Lucy, Sophie and Ben washed cars last weekend at Sainsburys and raise £226 for Dyslexia. Very well done indeed everyone!

**Easy Fundraiser**

This has raised £110 for the school in 6 months. **It's easy to use and NO-ONE can see what you have bought!** Please use it! It's money for nothing for the school!

**Summer Gala**

Two weeks tomorrow! We could do with extra crockery to smash, cuddly toys in great condition, and unwanted 'boxed' gifts. Any help you can give us at the end of the gala to get the tables back to classes and the canopies down would be gratefully appreciated. Simply stay behind at the end and find me! I'll be with the burgers!

**Have a great weekend.**

**GT Burgess**

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

Toby and Ted are staying in Nursery this weekend as they have had a busy week meeting their new teachers

#### Writers of the Week

George M, RH  
Navneet S, 2D

#### Maths Wizards

Molly W, 2D

#### Good Choice Stars of the Week

Bowen L-A, 2D

Kiran C, 3D  
Bless L-A, 3W

Esther W, 5M  
Hattie M, 5B  
Harry H, 5P

Alex L, 6B  
Thomas R, 6H  
Hannah S, 6W

## DIARY DATES

### SUMMER TERM 2014

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 14:45	RW 3C	Class Assembly Class Assembly
Saturday 21 June	13:00-17:00	GALA DAY	
Tuesday 24 June	Year 6 to Drayton Manor Park		
	18:00	Nursery New Parents Evening	
Friday 27 June	14:45	3W	Class Assembly
<b>Mon 30 June/Tues 1 July</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>*Induction at Heart of England School</b>	
Friday 4 July	14:45 18:00-19:15 19:30-21:00	Final KS2 Assembly for awards Reception & KS1 Disco KS2 Disco	
<b>Monday 07 July</b>	<b>16:30</b> <b>17:30</b>	<b>*Information meetings for new Y1 parents</b> <b>*Information meetings for new Y3 parents</b>	
<b>Tuesday 08 July</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>*Year 6 Production</b>	<b>*changes of dates</b>
Wednesday 09 July	Year 2 to Stratford Butterfly Farm		
	18:00	Year 6 Production	
Friday 11 July	INSET		
Monday 14 July	Reports home to parents		
Monday 14 July	Musical Concert		
Wednesday 16 July	Year 6 Games and BBQ		
Thursday 17 July	9:10	KS1 Final Assembly with remaining July & August Birthdays	
Friday 18 July	09:10 14:30	Final Year 2 Assembly Final KS2 assembly	
	Break up for Summer Holiday - Please note that this is earlier than other Solihull Schools		