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Dear Parents

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

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RH	1P	98.3%
KS1	1S	6H	100%
LKS2	3W	6W	100%
UKS2	5B	Week	97.0%

**Miss Ross' Class Assembly**



RM provided us with a fascinating insight into their year in Reception, sharing information about the topics they had studied with confidence and humour. This was a fabulous assembly to watch. Very well done to every member of the class and to Mrs Ellis and Miss Ross for their work throughout the year.

**Swanage**



The Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their residential last week! Twitter kept us all abreast of their daily excursions, including their very difficult journey home through the traffic on Friday. Staff reported that the behaviour of the children was absolutely superb, being a real credit to everyone associated with them. Very well done Year 6 and many,

many thanks to all of the staff who gave up their week to accompany them.

Year 6's next major event this year is to run a business event, much like in Dragons Den, to raise money for their Leavers' Day Out. To this end, Matt and Rich, from Pure Properties, came into school earlier this week to give them an inspiring business talk aimed at getting their minds into business gear!

**Athletics**



Last week Year 4 visited Arden School to take part in the South Solihull Quad Athletics. Eight pupils formed the team and competed in a 50m sprint, 400m run, Javelin throw and standing long jump. 14 teams took part in the competition. Once all the scores from all of the events were added together, our team of 4 boys and 4 girls finished in second place, just 6 points behind the winners. This was a fantastic team performance. Very well done to our girls Bethan, Emily, Maddy and Lois, and our boys Ethan, Harry, Callum and Billy. Earlier this week our Year 5 and 6 teams joined a number of high calibre athletes from our local schools to take part in both track and field events. Hazel S, Year 5, qualified for the final of the 600m, competing against Year 6 girls, whilst William, after a great run, qualified for the final of the boys 600m. Another success of the evening was the Year 5 quartet of Caitlyn E, Caitlin B, Jamie P and Ella P, who reached the final of the Year 5 4 x 75m relay, and looked very strong in the heats. Well done to all of the competitors and to Mr Green for his undying enthusiasm for sport and attendance at all of these events!

**Cricket**

Another first for our school last week was our 15 Over cricket match against Eversfield. Our year 4 boys put on their cricket whites and had a great experience against very good

opposition. The match was played in great spirit and, for some of our boys, it was the first time they had played on a full size pitch. Outstanding performances from Zak and Ethan contributed to a total of 247 runs. Very well done to all of the team, and, again, to Mr Green!

**Year 2 to the Village**



Year 2 enjoyed learning more about their local environment during a walk out of school last Monday, being detectives trying to spot local landmarks. The children were encouraged to find areas of Balsall Common that they felt were less pleasant than most of our local environment. Since returning to school, the children have been able to use a map of the local area to plot the route they walked. It was amazing for some children to realise that there is a pond on Kemps Green Road!

**Change of Date - Orchestra**

Unfortunately, due to the availability of our music tutors, we have had to change the date of this event from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30-6.30**. We do hope that this does not cause too much inconvenience and hope that this early warning will give you sufficient time to reorganise.

**Summer Gala**

Well it's arrived! The weather forecast looks good!! If you can help set up, please pop in any time from 9.30 in the morning. Please, please, help us clear up! Simply stay behind at the end and lend a hand!

**See you all tomorrow!**

**GT Burgess**

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

**Mon - Weds am:** Thomas G

**Afternoons:** Lily

**Weds pm - Fri:** Jake

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Alfie Mc, RM

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James O, RW

**Writers of the Week**

Ryan B, RW  
Caitlyn K & Kasper V G, 1S  
Samuel W, 2K

Matthew C & Tilly C, RH  
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Emily C & Luke P, 2D

Alfie Mc, RM  
Chloe D, 1M  
Olivia O & Bethany H, 2A

**Maths Wizards**

Taylen K & Henry D, 1S  
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Chloe St J, 1M  
James M, 2K

George P, 1P  
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**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Mason D, 1S	Ashton W, 2D	Joseph S, 3D	Deeksha A, 4D	William M, 5P	Leo J, 6W
Magnus W, 1M	James L, 2A	Josie C, 3C	Laila E, 4W	Karan A, 5M	Avarni V, 6H
-	Lucas Wr, 2K	Eddie T, 3W	Jack P, 4B	-	Ellie D, 6B

**DIARY DATES**

**SUMMER TERM 2014**

Saturday 21 June	13:00-17:00	GALA DAY
Tuesday 24 June	Year 6 18:00	Drayton Manor Park 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>
Thursday 3 July	Year 4	Tamworth Castle
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> <span style="float: right;"><b>*changes of dates</b></span>
Wednesday 09 July	Year 2 18:00	Stratford Butterfly Farm Year 6 Production
Friday 11 July	INSET	
Monday 14 July	Reports home to parents	
<b>Tuesday 15 July</b>	<b>*Musical Concert</b>	
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

**AUTUMN TERM 2014**

Monday 1 September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 September	New School Year Starts