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Dear Parents

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

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RW	3C	99.3%
KS1	1P	5P	99%
LKS2	3D	6H	99.7%
UKS2	5B	Week	97.1%

**RW and 3C's Class Assemblies**



Magical and exciting are words which spring to mind regarding these two assemblies last week. All of the children, in both year groups, presented with precision and clarity and the content of each of them was interesting, educational and humorous. Very well done indeed to all of the children and to the staff involved in making them so successful.

**Summer Gala**

Wow! A glorious day, and so well supported by you and your families. Initial figures show the best EVER financial return of around £12500! Once costs have been deducted, we are looking at about £10,000 raised by you for the benefit of the children in school. Thank you so very much and many, many thanks to all of the members of the PTA. There is a final year meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, in school and the first meeting of the coming year is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm in the hall. You are welcome to attend either or both. Many thanks again for all of your support.

**Sports Days**

Our final sports day of the year took

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place last week. Nursery and Reception children thrilled the crowd with their enthusiasm. This is the first year in the five years that I have been here as headteacher that all FOUR of our sports days ran on the days planned! How lucky were we with the weather! Thank you all for your support and to all of the staff for their organisation!

**The Animal Man!**

Wildside Encounters came in to allow our Nature Club members to get some hands on experience of various exotic animals. Snakes, hissing cockroaches, geckos and tarantulas were all firm favourites with the children. It was wonderful to see some children overcoming



their fears and handling such animals. Many thanks indeed to Mrs Clarke for running the club during her lunchtimes and for organising this visit.

**Sport**

**Rounders:** A fabulous match between our girls and Eversfield girls resulting in a 19 all draw. Well played girls and thank you Mr Green.

**Athletics:** Schools across South Solihull converged on Norman Green Athletics track to compete against each other, resulting in an outstanding competition. There were 10 track finals to be contested for. We successfully qualified for four finals, and many congratulations go to Hazel S (5th in the 600m), William S (6th in the 600m), Matthew F (4th in the 75m sprint) and Jamie P, Caitlyn E, Caitlin B and Ella P (6th in the 4 x 75m relay), with Annie H, Ethan W and Caitlin B all reaching the semi-finals of their events. A great evening and a very well done to all of our athletes who worked so hard and, again, to Mr Green!



**Swimming:** Swimmers from this school have made it to the National Swimming Championship Gala Final for three years out of the last four, being the only non-private school there. Josh B represented the school in the pre-competition presentation, flying the Balsall Common banner. In the main event we performed well, shaving almost 4 seconds off our personal best time. Each individual performance was excellent, competing against some of the most elite primary schools in the country. Kim Strong, though retired, was in support too! With fractions of a second between all swimmers, the team exited 18<sup>th</sup> out of the 24 schools present. What an incredible achievement. Well done swimmers and thank you Mrs Strong and Mr Barton.

**Lost Property**

An incredibly supportive volunteer has been struggling with lost property. She has sorted around 10 large bags of jumpers, cardigans and even shoes. None of the items are named so cannot be returned to their owners. Please, please, **save your money and NAME your children's clothes!**

**Change of Date - Orchestra**

Remember this event has changed from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30-6.30.**

**First Ever Balsall Common Fun Run!**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 12.00pm, for adults and children to raise money for charity. Full details of this event have been sent via ParentPay email. Sign up quickly at [www.lilymaefoundation.org/funrun/](http://www.lilymaefoundation.org/funrun/)

**Only three weeks left of this term!**

**Have a great weekend.**

**GT Burgess**

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

**Mornings:** Harrison N

**Mon - Weds am:** Eva

**Afternoons:** Phoebe Mc

**Weds pm - Fri:** Holly

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Joe N, RW

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Kirath M, RH

**Writers of the Week**

Isaac S & Nancy P-G, RW  
Gabriela J-L, Harrison Mc & Caitlin G, 1M  
Maia F, 2K

Louisa G, RM

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Summer, P & Mitchell G, 2D

Chloe H, Amira E & Joel P, RH  
Jayden R, Libby R & Macy P, 1P  
Shelby B, 2A

**Maths Wizards**

Rachel W & Jason K, 1M  
Mia H, Callum F & Millie R, 2A

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Mia, S & Navneet, S, 2D

Oliver W, 1P  
Grace W, 2K

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Isabella W, 1S	Simran N, 2D	William M, 3D	Carys H, 4D	Isaac J, 5P	Amy S, 6B
Lucy Mc G, 1M	Chloe O, 2D	Jacob B, 3C	Niamh C, 4W	Layla J, 5P	Hannah O'L, 6W
Millie H, 1P	Daniel W, 2K	Imogen D, 3W	Sarah C, 4B	Hazel S, 5M	George S-T, 6H
	Florence C, 2A			Matthew F, 5M	
	Ollie B, 2A			Max H, 5B	

**DIARY DATES**

**SUMMER TERM 2014**

<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	Final KS2 Assembly for awards
	18:00-19:15	Reception & KS1 Disco
	19:30-21:00	KS2 Disco
<b>Monday 07 July</b>	<b>16:30</b>	<b>*Information meetings for new Y1 parents</b>
	<b>17:30</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	Stratford Butterfly Farm
	18:00	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	Final Year 2 Assembly
	14:30	Final KS2 assembly
	Break up for Summer Holiday - Please note that this is earlier than other Solihull Schools	

**AUTUMN TERM 2014**

Monday 1 September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 2 September</b>	<b>New School Year Starts</b>