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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Personal Award for the Most Amount of ATL Points	
LKS2	Miles P, 4J-8 Lois E, 4J- 17
UKS2	Carys H, 5B-15 Ruth W, 5B-15 Darshan P, 6B-22

Though attitudes and behaviour towards learning was identified by OFSTED in our last inspection as Outstanding, we would like to improve further. To this end, we have made changes to our Zone Board, re-branded Golden Time to FLARE Time (Fun, Learning and Reward Education Time) and introduced a new award, being trialled currently only in KS2, for the pupil with the most individual ATL points during the week. The children named above were these winners for the first and second weeks of the new year and I will publish this weekly from now on. Very well done indeed to these children!

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RM	2B	100
KS1	2K	5B	99.4
LKS2	3P	5W	99.4
UKS2	6B	Whole School	97.2

In addition, pupils are continuing to aspire to winning the Head's Class of the Week certificate and weekly attendance is particularly high - let's hope coughs and colds stay well away from us this year!

Dinner Times

Thank you for bearing with us during the first two weeks of the new year with lunch-times. With the new free school meals for KS1 children there has been a huge take-up and Reception pupils in particular have taken a huge amount of time to get through the dinner queues, which had, in turn, impacted on the rest

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of the school, particularly Year 6 who last week were still eating at 1.27pm! However, due to the determination and the organisation of the lunch-time staff, dinners have now stabilised and all pupils have eaten and left the hall by 1.00pm. I am most grateful that, at this tricky time, you had the confidence in us to let us just get on and sort the initial issues. We are delighted with the progress made.

School Trips

Year 5: Pupils visited Kenilworth Castle as part of their history topic on Monday and found the experience fascinating. **Year 1:** Visited the Coventry Transport Museum as part of their topic on moving parts and reported that there are cars in there that I would have driven on the past...makes me feel ancient!

Slip into Slippers - Age UK

We are running this event for the first time on Wednesday 1st October. The purpose is to raise awareness of the extraordinary contribution that grandparents now make to society and to raise funds to support Age UK. The idea is that pupils bring a small donation (maybe a £1, for example) and their slippers in their bags to wear in school throughout the whole day. I'm sure there will be some VERY interesting slippers worn!

Celebration

We love to celebrate children's successes outside of school as well as in. So, congratulations must go to **George G** in 5P for coming 4th in the National Motor Cross Trials at the weekend and to **William W** from 6W for securing a part in the Christmas production at the RSC in Stratford. Well done boys.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

You are welcome to join us for coffee and cakes between 9.00 and 11.00am next



Friday, 26th September, here in school, to raise money for this charity. Donations of cakes will be most welcome.

Playworkers Required

We are looking again to increase the number of Lunchtime Playworkers here in school. If you are, or know anyone, who is looking for part-time work helping us to deliver fun and engaging activities with the children during lunchtimes, please contact the school.

Morrison's Let's Grow

Mrs Edwards is on the lookout once more for these vouchers. If you have any, please send them into school and she will buy gardening equipment for the Gardening Club.

Cooking Club

Mr Rose would like to thank Oakes and the Forest of Arden for their continued support of the cooking club by providing ingredients.

Year 6 and Reception Evenings

Thank you for joining us earlier this week for these events, which you have told us were very helpful.

Head's Update 6.00-7.00pm

My annual update is next Tuesday at 6.00pm. I will be sharing information about standards, assessment, the curriculum, special needs and internet safety. Much is changing in education. Come along and find out more!

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 29th November! Is it in your diary?!

14 Shopping Saturdays Until Christmas!

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

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Robin's Stars of the Week

Daisy T, RW

Eva G, RC

William V, RM

Writers of the Week

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Ellen C, 2B

Charlie P, 1K
William M & Ava F, 2K

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Scarlett N & Zara D, 2D

Maths Wizards

Alfie H, 1M
Rohan H, 2B

Matthew C, 1H
Max M & Sian J, 2K

Oscar S, 1K
Isabelle C, 2D

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Anais H, 1H	Reuben P, 2K	Reuben S, 3D	JoJo G, 4T	Kate O'R, 5P	Rhania D, 6B
Isobel C, 1K	Joshua S, 2K	Mia S, 3P	Emily D, 4J	Ellie Mai J, 5B	Rosie S, 6K
Soren W, 1M	Chloe S, 2D	Alexander Me, 3C	Anushka O, 4W	Rahaf G, 5W	Freya M, 6W
	Indejit C, 2B				

DIARY DATES 2014- 2015

AUTUMN TERM

Tuesday 23 September	18:00	Head's Parental Update
Thursday 25 September	CONFERENCE DAY -	no hot dinners
Friday 26 September	09:00	Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Atrium
	2:45	Class Assembly 6B
Monday 29 September	'Share a Poem' Poetry Reading Week	
Tuesday 30 September	Nick Toczek	Visiting Poet
Wednesday 1 October	Chris White	Visiting Poet
Thursday 2 October	Valerie Bloom	Visiting Poet
Friday 3 October	Harvest Assemblies to be led by Andrew Charlesworth	
Mon 6 & Tues 7 October	Year 3	Anthony James Dinosaurs
Friday 10 October	CONFERENCE DAY	no hot dinners
Tuesday 14 October	18:00	Year 2 Information Evening for Parents
Friday 17 October	2:45	Class Assembly 6W
15-21 October	Travelling Book Fair in Atrium	
Mon 20 & Tues 21 October	Parental Consultations	
Friday 24 October	2:45	Class Assembly 6K
	School finishes for Half Term	
Monday 3 November	School starts	