



Friday 3rd October 2014

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M, Vice- Alex M, Class: 3D, Councillor: Kierath C, Vice: Luke F, Class: 3P, Councillor: Scarlett A, Vice: Olivia C Class: 4J, Councillor: Tommy R, Vice: Joe W, Class: 4T, Councillor: Ben G, Vice: Finley C, Class: 4W, Councillor: Jayden H, Vice: Lucy W, Class: 5B, Councillor: Ruth W, Vice: Keira, Class: 5P, Councillor: Sam R, Vice: Hannah L, Class: 5W, Councillor: Emily K, Vice: Emily W, Class: 6B, Councillor: Harry C, Vice: Rebecca D, Class: 6K, Councillor: Rosie S, Vice: Archie C, Class: 6W, Councillor: Josh G-T, Vice: Phoebe T. Many congratulations to you all. I hope that you enjoy representing the pupils as we move throughout this year.

into school, who worked with Year 6 on poetry inspired by the Caribbean. It was an inspiring week where children and adults enjoyed sharing their favourite poems and it really celebrated and inspired a love of poetry throughout the school. Thank you to everyone involved who made it such a success.

Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Personal Award for the Most Amount of ATL Points	
LKS2	Jo-Jo G, 4T-25
UKS2	Jamie P, 6B-35

Last Week's Head's Winners	
FS	RC
KS1	1K
LKS2	3P
UKS2	6B

Weekly Attendance	
3D	99.3%
5B	99.4%
6K	99.3%
Whole School	97.4

My congratulations to all of the children and classes mentioned above for their successes last week.

6B's Class Assembly

This was a fantastic start to the class assemblies which will continue now throughout the school year. 6B brought laughter and sincerity to a delightful script around the theme of new beginnings and long term ambition. Very well done to everyone in the class and well done to Mrs Brown.

School Councillors

Miss Baker, supported by a number of staff, led the selection and election process for this year's school councillors. The children were, however, voted in by the other children. The adults simply facilitated this happening. We are delighted to announce the councillors for 2014-2015 are as follows: Class: 2K, Councillor- Henry D, Vice- Ava F, Class: 2B, Councillor- Catherine I, Vice- Ellen C, Class: 2D, Councillor- Ruby P-G, Vice- Delilah O'D, Class: 3C, Councillor- Romilly

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mrs Clinton led on this event this year and would like to extend her thanks to Kirsty Hughes, Mrs Chesshire, Mrs Clark, Mrs Edwards and everyone who made cakes and came along in support. An amazing total of £700 was made for Macmillan! Mrs Clinton would like to offer a special thanks to the year 6 helpers who she thought were absolutely brilliant, namely Max, Georgia, Will W, Will C, Hazel, Emma F, Caitlyn E and Josh B. Raffle prizes were won by Josh's mum and Mrs Brown. I would like to offer my thanks to Mrs Clinton for organising this very successful event. Thank you all.

Poetry Week and Poets in School

This week, we welcomed three well-established poets into school to help celebrate our 'Share a Poem' Week, which coincided with National Poetry Day on Thursday 2nd October. Firstly, Nick Toczek entertained the whole school with his wonderful mix of performance poetry and magic and carried out workshops with KS1 on Tuesday. Chris White joined us on Wednesday and spent his day creating poetry and illustrations with lower KS2. Finally, on Thursday, we welcomed Valerie Bloom MBE

Open Days

The school's open days for prospective parents are Tuesday 22nd October, 10.00am and 1.30pm, and Wednesday 23rd October at 10.00am. Please ring the school office to book in.

Swimming Pool Gate to KS1 Playground

We are fixing a timer to this gate as quickly as possible in order to avoid propping it open. It will be open between 8.15 and 9.00am and after 3.10pm.

Slip Into Slippers

We have seen some delightful slippers in school this week. Thank you all so much for helping to raise awareness of the contribution made these days by our oldest generation. Donations will be sent to Solihull Age UK.

Forthcoming Events

Non-school Uniform Day BRINGING CHOCOLATE for the Fare is coming up on Friday 24th October

Dads' Scalextric: Next Friday, 10th Oct!

Parents' Evenings: Mon and Tues 21st and 22nd October.

Non-School Uniform Day:- bring chocolate for the Fayre

Half Term: Build a Guy!

Xmas Fayre: Sat 29th November.

School Disco: Friday 5th December.

12 Shopping Saturdays until Christmas!

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

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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

Mrs Smith's class: Daisy P & Antonia

Miss Sargent's class: James La & Megan W

Robin's Stars of the Week

Hema T, RW

Priya T, RM

Evie J, RC

Writers of the Week

Toby W & William K, 1M

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Meelia I, RC

Jessica L, 1K

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Isabella W, 1H

George P & Alexandra B, 2B

Jaden C, 2K

Harrison, M 2D

Maths Wizards

Reuben, P 2K

Nicholas E, 1H

Milo S, 1K

Tom G, 2K

Catherine I, 2B

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Joel P, 1H	Taylen K, 2K	Eleanor D-D, 3C	Ben T, 4J	Anu R, 5W	Emily M, 6B
James O, 1K	Ruby P-G, 2D	Hannah C, 3D	Leah M, 4T	Katherine M, 5B	Lester, 6W
George O, 1M	Eleanor M, 2B	Grace W, 3P	Lucy V, 4W	Isabelle M, 5P	Archie C, 6K

DIARY DATES 2014- 2015

AUTUMN TERM

Mon 6 & Tues 7 October	Year 3	Anthony James Dinosaurs
Friday 10 October	Scalextric Night	
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	Non-Uniform Day - Bring in Chocolate for Christmas Fayre.	
	2:45	Class Assembly 6K
	School finishes for Half Term	
Monday 3 November	School starts	
Thursday 13 November	Year 6	Skills Show
Friday 14 November	Children in Need Day	
Friday 21 November	CONFERENCE DAY no hot dinners	
Saturday 29 November	13:00-17:00	CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Wednesday 3 December	09:30	Nursery Nativity
	14:15	Nursery Nativity
Friday 5 December	18:00	KS1 Disco
	19:30	KS2 Disco
Tuesday 9 December	14:15	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 10 December	09:30	Reception Nativity
	14:15	KS1 Christmas Performance
	18:00	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 11 December	14:15	KS1 Christmas Performance
	18:00	KS1 Christmas Performance
Friday 12 December	Christmas Lunch	
Sunday 14 December	15:00	Choir at Methodist Church (TBC)
Monday 15 December	14:30 & 18:00	LKS2 Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 16 December	14:30 & 18:00	UKS2 Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 17 December	09:00	KS1/KS2 to Leamington Theatre
	Party Day for Nursery and Reception	
Friday 19 December	School Ends	