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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Personal Award for the Most Amount of ATL Points

LKS2	Luke S, 4T-35
UKS2	William M, 6B-42

Last Week's Head's Winners	
FS	RW
KS1	2B
LKS2	4T
UKS2	5P

Weekly Attendance	
2K	99.7%
3D	99.3%
6B	99.9%
Whole School	97.1

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

Professor Jelly

Professor Jelly, AKA Mr Ireland, made a guest appearance late last week to support pupils in Reception with creating instructions! The children were very, very impressed that the school had its very own professor of Jelly! Many thanks professor!

Nature Club

Last Thursday Mrs Kirsty Hughes brought Tommo, a German Shepherd dog who is in training to be a police dog, into the school as part of Nature Club. The children learned how to approach dogs they are unfamiliar with. Nature Club would like to thank Mrs Hughes and Tommo for coming and providing such an interesting session, and I would like to thank Mrs Clark for continuing to provide exciting extra-curricular learning opportunities.

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.



Year 5/6 Biathlon

The Biathlon results from the event last week have now been published, amid great anticipation.....and what fantastic results they were. The girls finished **first** with a massive points' total of 6075 points, beating last year's winners, the very strong Saint Martin's School, into second place. To show our strength in this event, out of over 100 competitors we had the top three performers! Congratulations to Esther W. 2033pts, Hattie M, 2030 pts, and Abigail C, 2012 pts, with Caitlyn E 200pts, finishing 5th overall. In fact, five of our girls finished in the top six! Not to be outdone, the boys **retained their title** with an excellent team score of 6441 points. Matthew F, 2171 pts and Joe H, 2168, finishing 3rd and 4th overall. Other great performances were from Josh G-T and Owen P who both finished in the top 10. Both teams will now represent South Solihull Schools at the County games in March 2015! This is a fantastic result. Very well done indeed to all competitors and to Mr Green, once again, for his drive and enthusiasm!

ParentPay Emails

Please go onto your ParentPay account and ensure that you have the correct email. Without it you may miss vital communications from the school.

Breakfast Club

I was asked recently whether we run a breakfast club. We do. Pathways run it between 7.30 and 8.55am every morning from our Studio. Contact Pathways for more information.

Individual Photographs

There were some very smart children in school on Monday for their photographs!

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Scalextric

Unfortunately, due to illness, we were unable to run Scalextric last week, despite having 24 racers! Due to my availability and that of Nick, the earliest Friday we can now do is 9th January. Sorry dads, but we are already looking forward to it! It's the only one out of the last six that we have had to cancel.

Open Days

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

Parents' Evenings

These are next Monday and Tuesday and we are all very much looking forward to welcoming you into school. Please use www.bcps.parentseveningsystems.co.uk to book.

Tesco - Tablets

Tesco are currently running an offer with Flora and Stork margarines to get vouchers for schools which can be exchanged for Samsung Galaxy Tablet Computers. The offer is exclusive to Tesco stores and is only available on 500g promotional tubs. There will be a collection box for tokens outside 5P. To help schools get more from the promotion they have halved the number of tokens needed - so this year 50 tokens = 1 tablet! So, if you shop at Tesco, buy the 500g promotional Flora and Stork margarine tubs to help to purchase new hardware for our pupils!

Forthcoming Events

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

Half Term: Build a Guy!

Xmas Fayre: Sat 29th November.

School Disco: Friday 5th December.

Only 10 Shopping Saturdays until Christmas!

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

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: Jack S and Grace B

Miss Sargent's class: Alex D and Amrin

Robin's Stars of the Week

Artie K-P, RW

Reece A, RM

Charlie B, RC

Writers of the Week

Charlie B, RC
Soren W & Stanley D, 1M
Ruby P-G, 2D

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Sam N, 2B

Gabriel O'D, RM
Jonathon K, 1K
Mimzy-Belle S, 2K

Maths Wizards

Toby W, 1M
Henry D, 2K

Lucie M, 2B

Holly B, 1K

Rajan D, 2K

Erin M, 1H
Lizzie C, 2B

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Gianluca F, 1K	Olivia J, 2B	Tigerlily C, 3D	Joe W, 4J	Callum G, 5B	Charlie P, 6W
Olivia B, 1H	Jack B, 2D	Vishal D, 3C	Summer R, 4T	Charlotte E, 5B	Ethan B, 6K
Stanley D, 1M	Jack C, 2K	Grace W, 3P	Jayden H, 4W	Charlie B, 5P	Josh B, 6B
				Rhys J, 5W	

DIARY DATES 2014- 2015

AUTUMN TERM

Friday 17 & Monday 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
Tuesday 18 November	Year 5 National Space Centre
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 for Christmas Holiday!