



Friday 7th November 2014

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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week of Half Term

Personal Award for the Most Amount of ATL Points

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| LKS2 | Max H, 4T-17 |
| UKS2 | Aman T, 6K-24 |

| Before Half Term Week's Head's Winners | |
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| FS | RW |
| KS1 | 1M |
| LKS2 | 4T+4W |
| UKS2 | 6W |

| Half Termly Attendance | |
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| 1K | 98.2% |
| 2B | 98.2% |
| 4W | 99.1% |
| Half Term School | 97% |

My congratulations to all of the children and classes mentioned above for their successes the week before half term and for attendance over the half term being 97%. I would really like us to hit 98% at some point for the whole school for a week!

Last Half Term

We had a fantastic start to the new school year last half term and are already looking forwards to our Christmas Plans!

Nativities: Rehearsals will start for the Nativity and Christmas Performances in only TWO weeks' time would you believe!

Christmas Fayre: Planning has been taking place over the last half term and everything is being finalised for **Saturday 29th November** for our big day! Any help on the day will be warmly received, especially for tidying up at the end!

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.

Chocolates

Many thanks for sending in chocolate on the last day of half term for our Fayre Tombola. The next non-school uniform day for **Bring a Bottle** is Friday 28th November for the Bottle Tombola.

Football

Year 6 started their league campaign with a 1-0 win at Home versus Sharmans Cross. The decisive goal was scored by Archie C, midway through the first half. However the true story of the victory lay behind our team spirit and work ethic with great performances from Charlie B, Matthew F and Captain Joe H. Very well played to all of the squad.

Victorian Day

Year 6's Inspiration Day this week saw children and staff dressed as Victorians to introduce the topic on the Victorian era, incorporating Microbes and the book, Streetchild. The children were put through their paces by the Master of the Workhouse, having to say a prayer before they were given their bread (that was made that morning). One of the students was made to stand in the corner with her hands on her head for talking! Thank goodness approaches to education have moved on!

Operation Christmas Child

This is well underway now. Thank you so much for sending in the shoe boxes. We are still happy to receive them, until Monday 10th November, so please continue to send them in.

Cooking Club

Mr Rose took his cooking club to Oakes Farm before the half term holiday to explore where the eggs come from that they use in their club. An excellent idea and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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Build a Guy

Once again this has proved extremely popular with a large number of guys being delivered by parents and grandparents last Monday morning - some of them are incredibly life-like. Grandparents I met on Monday morning told me what a fabulous time they had making the guy with their grandchildren. I am delighted.

Poppy Appeal

Our Year 6 children have been on the KS1 playground during lunchtime from 12.15pm to around 12.30pm and the KS2 playground for the first 10 minutes of every playtime and then from 12.15 - 12.30pm this week selling poppies for Remembrance. We will be observing a two minute silence next week to recognise Armistice Day.

Art Week

Mrs Tranter and Miss Ross will be working with children from Reception to Year 6 next week on a whole school Mosaic Project. We are hoping to develop further children's interest in art and create a 'masterpiece' for display! I will share pictures and more information next week.

Forthcoming Events

Art Week: Next Week

Xmas Fayre: Sat 29th November.

School Disco: Friday 5th December.

Only 7 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: Archie and Sofia. M

Miss Sargent's class: Carey and Amelia

Robin's Stars of the Week

Thomas F, RM

Jovan G, RC

Oliver C, RW

Writers of the Week

Reece A & Isla B, RM
Isabelle W & Nancy P-G, 1K
Jasper B, 2K

Bryn T, RC
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Lara B, RW
Isabella M-J, 1H
Zac J, 2D

Maths Wizards

Alfie Mc, 1M
Luna K-P and Jonathon K, 1K

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Rachel W, 2D

Alfie H, 1H
Lola B, 2B

Good Choice Stars of the Week

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| Casey H, 1H | Louis J, 2B | Rhys E, 3C | Roxy B, 4J | Carys H, 5B | Amelia M, 6B |
| Chloe W, 1K | Tara H, 2D | Levi O-S, 3P | Emma B, 4T | Ryan B, 5B | Keira B, 6W |
| Emily S, 1M | Isabella W, 2K | Daniel W, 3D | Ben W, 4W | Olivia D, 5W | Lily W, 6K |
| | Ben M, 2K | | | Jamie R, 5P | |
| | | | | James M, 5P | |

DIARY DATES 2014- 2015

AUTUMN TERM

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| Thursday 13 November | Year 6 Skills Show |
| Friday 14 November | 14:45 3P Class Assembly Children in Need Day |
| Tuesday 18 November | Year 5 National Space Centre |
| Friday 21 November | CONFERENCE DAY no hot dinners |
| Friday 28 November | Non school Uniform Day - bring a bottle 14:45 3C Class Assembly |
| 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 | Nursery & Reception to Warwick Arts Centre - 'The Gruffalo'. 14:15 KS1 Christmas Performance 18:00 KS1 Christmas Performance |
| Friday 12 December | Christmas Lunch |
| Sunday 14 December | 13:00 Choir at Methodist Church |
| 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 | Years 1 - 6 to Leamington Spa Theatre - 'Cinderella'. Party Day for Nursery and Reception |
| Friday 19 December | School Ends for Christmas Holiday! |
| Monday 5 January | School starts |
| Friday 9 January | Dad's Scalextric Night (rearranged from October) |
| Tuesday 13 January | Choir to Young Voices |