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Dear Parents

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

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RM	Last week 3 classes achieved 100% attendance! Well done 1H, 4W and 6B	
KS1	1K		
LKS2	4J		
UKS2	6W	Whole School	97.3 %

ATL Points Winners

Congratulations to Ashton W (3D) and Billy B (5B) for earning the most ATL points last week - you both looked very pleased to pick up the trophies in assembly on Monday!

Year 2 Victorian Day

The Year 2 classrooms looked amazing on Monday - a real trip back in time! The children experienced what school life was like as a child in Victorian times. The first activity of the day was drill on the playground in the freezing cold weather, just as it would have been 150 years ago! They also experienced teaching with a blackboard and writing on slates. They even found out what happened to children who did not sit up straight and those who did not remain 'seen and not heard'!. Thanks must go to parents for sending children to school looking fabulously authentic and well done to all staff in Year 2 for playing your parts so well.



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Class Assemblies

We were entertained and educated in equal measure in last Friday's class assemblies by 1M and 5B.

1M gave a timely reminder about Winter and what it brings - perhaps they knew what a cold time we'd have this week! The children spoke clearly and were a credit to Miss Maycock.



5B went on a Space Odyssey as they took a trip to the moon and shared what they had learned about the solar system in class this year. A particular highlight was the musical accompaniments. Well done Miss Bains for the organisation of an imaginative assembly.



Chess

We again acted as host last Friday when 10 enthusiastic chess players from Bentley Heath and Lady K visited. Even though we were in the lead from start, with a few drawn games it took until the final game before end results again put BCPS in first place. Very well done to all players, especially to Matthew F who won all of his games and to Jack R, Thomas O'R, Vishal, Tims and Matthew C.

Thank you Mrs Varga for organising these events and for really promoting competitive chess amongst our Rural Collaborative schools.

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One Way Street

Whilst we cannot strictly enforce the voluntary one-way system around Wilton/Asbury roads (clockwise down Wilton and up Asbury), we can only do our best to encourage parents to help us in our quest to keep things civilised and manageable. If you are seen driving against the flow of traffic at peak times, someone may challenge you as you are likely to cause traffic issues. Please try and remain calm and courteous during these times and understand that conflict won't solve anything!

Attendance

We would like to thank the majority of parents who regularly ensure that their children arrive on time for the start of the school day. The beginning of the day can be a crucial revision and intervention session so learning time is missed if children arrive late. We understand that, on the odd occasion, crises happen and lateness cannot always be avoided. However, during our regular monitoring of attendance, it has come to our attention that there are a growing number of pupils who are repeatedly arriving late for school. In order to try and improve punctuality of these children, we will be contacting their parents and will continue to monitor the punctuality of all children. If children do arrive late to school, they must sign in at the office for their safety, where we will record the reason for being late and the number of minutes lost from learning. We thank you for your continued support in ensuring the excellent punctuality and attendance of the children at BCPS.

Have a great weekend - see you later tonight at the Head's Quiz if you are coming!

**NS Ireland
Assistant Head**

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

Mrs Smith's Class: Evie & Daisy B

Miss Sargent's class: Ava K & Arun

Robin's Stars of the Week

Lewis S, RW

Sadie G, RC

Sam V, RM

Writers of the Week

Sadie G, RC

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Leighton B & Artie K, RW

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Joel P, 1H

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Ellen C, 2b

Tara H & Delilah O, 2D

Tia B, 2K

Maths Wizards

Ben A, 1H

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George K & Chloe S, 2D

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Charlie C & Joshua S, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Emily S, 1M
 All of Class 1H!

Caitlin G, 2D
 Kasper VG, 2K
 Yasmine C, 2K
 Macy P, 2B

Luke F, 3D
 Nikita J, 3P
 Sophie B, 3C

Darcy J, 4T
 Ellie M, 4J
 William M, 4W

Katie C, 5W
 Nicole K, 5B
 Ellie Mai J, 5B
 Ben DD, 5P

Becky H, 6K
 Georgia A-B, 6W
 Louis S, 6B

DIARY DATES 2015

Wednesday 28 January	Art Group	Visit Herbert Art Gallery and Museum		
Friday 30 January	09:10	1K	Class Assembly	
	2:45	5W	Class Assembly	
Thursday 5 February	17:30	Dunfield meeting for Year 4 parents		
Friday 6 February	09:10	2K	Class Assembly	
	2:45	3P	Class Assembly	
Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 February	16:00 - 19:00	Parent Consultations		
Friday 13 February	09:10	2D	Class Assembly	
	Break up for Half-term			
Monday 23 February	INSET DAY			
Tuesday 24 February	Children return to school			
Monday 9 - Friday 15 March	Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium			
Friday 6 March	09:10	2B	Class Assembly	
	2:45	3D	Class Assembly	
Tuesday 10 March	M and M Productions of Oliver with Workshops			
Friday 13 March	Red Nose Day - no school uniform!			
	2:45	3C	Class Assembly	
	School Disco			
Tuesday 17 March	Year 3	Chedworth Roman Villa		
Tuesday 24 March	Year 6	Houses of Parliament		
Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 March	18:00	Year 4 production		
Friday 27 March	FS/KS1	Easter Bonnet Parade	School Breaks up for Easter	
Monday 13 April	School Returns			
Monday 27 April	Year 5	Bikeability all week		
Monday 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY			
Mon 11- Fri 15 May	KS2 Tests			
Tuesday 19 May	13:45	UKS2 Sports Afternoon		
Thursday 21 May	Children break up for Half Term			
Friday 22 May	INSET			
25-29 May	HALF TERM			
Monday 1 June	School returns			
	Year 6	Isle of Wight until Friday		

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