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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RW	2B	96.6%
KS1	2B	5W	97.4
LKS2	3P	6B	98.7
UKS2	6B+6K	Everyone	94.6%

Personal Award for the Most Amount of ATL Points

LKS2	Matthew C, 15, 3P
UKS2	Eve 6B + Matthew 6K, 16 each

Many congratulations to the classes and pupils above for their achievements last week.

Year 6 Government Topic



Year 6 started their Government Topic with an Inspiration Day on Wednesday morning. They stepped on board the SS Corinthia only to find themselves shipwrecked in a land far, far away! Decisions had to be made: do they find a way of sending a distress signal; do they become adventurers and explore their surroundings, or do they set up a colony and settle? Debates ensued, group leaders won elections and the scene was set to create a fair society for everyone. The following day debates took place in their newly formed House of Commons and a full election was held in order to vote a leader of the island. The children fully engaged with the drama and had a very rich learning experience as a result. Very well set up Year 6 teachers!

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Local Independent Estate Agent making a substantial commitment to BCPS over the long term. Call Matt Carroll on 01676 534411 to discuss your needs.

Class Assemblies

Super class assemblies last week by 1K and 5W.

1K's assembly around the theme of Toys, old and new, triggered some great personal memories, and was very well written and presented superbly by the children. Well done 1K.



Later that same day, 5W took the very difficult theme of the Holocaust and explored the rich differences that exist within their own class, looking at places of birth and hobbies and interests. This was thought provoking, brilliantly written by Mr White, and performed to perfection by the children. Very well done indeed!



Children's Fundraising

Rhys, Millie, Romilly and Molly from 3C, together with James from 3D, raised £70.90 last week for Cancer Relief through the sale of cakes and guessing the number of sweets in the jar. Yet another superb example of the way in which children in this school look for ways to help others.

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Chess



Seventeen of our chess players visited Bentley Heath Primary School last Friday in what was a great end to the week for them. Even though it was a friendly chess get together, competition from both sides was high. William M even put their coach through his paces with a hard fought game. Well done to you all of the players and to Mrs Varga for continuing to lead and manage this team.

Lunchtime Change

We are making a minor change to our lunchtimes after half term. With Universal Free School Meals has come an increase to the number of pupils taking a school dinner. We have monitored the situation closely and feel that some teaching time is being lost for the older children. In order to compensate, and ensure that their education remains a top priority, we have shortened lunch hour by 10 minutes for children in Years 3-6 and staggered the start and finished times more effectively. We will continue to monitor closely in order to evaluate the impact of the change.

Parents' Evenings

We are all very much looking forwards to welcoming you into school next Monday and Tuesday to meet your son/daughter's class teacher. Booking is through www.parentseveningsystem.co.uk.

Half way through the school year already!

**Have a great weekend
GT Burgess**

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

Mrs Smith's Class: Eleanor & James L

Miss Sargent's Class: Sophia G

Robin's Stars of the Week

Lilly K & Lilian C, RM

Ben B, RC

Ella G, RW

Writers of the Week

Chase C, RM
 Kirath M & George M, 1H
 Esteban C, 2B

Jovan G, RC
 Katy V, 1M
 Jack C & Jasper B, 2K

Ruby W, RW
 Alex W, 1K
 Jamie B, 2D

Maths Wizards

Amira E, 1H
 Ria H, 2B

Josie R, 1M
 Scarlett N & Delilah O'D, 2D

Isaac S, Milo S & Olivia G, 1K
 Max M, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Alex T, 1M
 Harry B, 1H
 Ryan B, 1K
 Jonathon K, 1K

Max M, 2K
 Rajan D, 2K
 Chloe D, 2D
 Mikey R, 2B

Jeevan S, 3C
 Tom M, 3D
 Matthew C, 3P

Charlie M, 4J
 Lucy W, 4W
 Luke S, 4T

Ella S, 5B
 Luke P, 5B
 Harry H, 5P
 Deeksha A, 5W

Aman T, 6K
 Caitlin B, 6B
 Hattie M, 6W

DIARY DATES 2015

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 2 March	2:00pm Parents' Inclusion Network Meeting in Atrium
Tuesday 3 March	Year 4 West Midlands Safari Park
Thursday 5 March	"Stars in their Eyes" - talent event
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 5 June
Thursday 4 June	13:45 KS1 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 9 June	18:00 Reception New Parents Evening
Thursday 11 June	13:45 LKS2 Sports Afternoon

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