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Dear Parents

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

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RC	2B	97.6%
KS1	1K	3D	97.4%
LKS2	3P	6B	97.3%
UKS2	6W	Whole School	96.4%

ATL Points Winners

Winners from the last week before half-term: Josh (6W) and Reiss (3P).

Parents' Inclusion Network

The second meeting of this term took place this week and was again extremely well supported and constructive. I would like to thank you all for attending and thank Miss Hughes, our Assistant Head and teacher responsible for special needs, for her dedication in ensuring that more opportunities for parental engagement in this area are provided to you all.

Dress as Book Character Day

Children arrived in school yesterday proudly dressed as their favourite book characters. As always, the children, and the staff, got fully involved in the event, aimed at further encouraging a love of reading, wearing Batman and Fairy outfits, amongst many others. Many, many thanks for your untiring support of the events that we hold in school.

Sports Teams

The last week of term was exceptionally busy for our sports teams. Year 2 **gymnasts** performed extremely well in the Solihull schools KS1 Gymnastic competition at Lode Heath School. The level of the routines was outstanding. A big well done to Christie S, Isabelle C, Laura B, Lucie M, Jack C, Evie B, Ciara H and Ava F. The following evening our Year

5 and 6 **footballers** visited Eversfield and, although the results didn't go our way, Callum G and Ethan W showed great skill and perseverance. The, on Thursday evening, **Year 6 entertained Windy Arbor in the Schools Cup**. Although trailing to an early goal, we fought back to win 2-1 with strikes from Archie C and a 'wonder' goal from Joe H. As a result, we are now through to the quarter finals. To finish the week off, a team of 24 athletes took part in the **Indoor Athletics** tournament at Arden Academy, which was a really fun event and a true test of the depth of talent we have in BCPS. Everybody in the squad has to contribute if you are to be successful. From the very outset, with our girls winning the first race, through to the concluding event, we kept the lead and won the event with Dorridge finishing runners up.

Last week our **netballers** finished in 5th place in the netball **Skills Tournament** and earlier this week our **athletes** attended the final of the Borough Indoor Athletics Tournament and finished 5th overall. In addition, the girls **swimming team** (Years 4-6) competed in a last minute gala at KHVIII School. From the start things were going to be tough for Balsall Common, with illnesses and injuries threatening the hard work put in before school every week. Nonetheless, we still managed to compete in all age groups and remain competitive in all races despite only being able to field two swimmers in Year 4, Overall the girls finished 5th, which doesn't reflect how close most of the races were. Some stand out performances were Roxy and Abby who both swam in the older age groups to help out the team and managed to more than hold their own in the freestyle relays. As expected, the behaviour of all of our swimmers was exemplary and help from parents invaluable. Mr Barton would like to say well done to all of the girls who competed and gave 100%, despite the odds being stacked against them. Meanwhile, Year 4 **rugby players** stood up well against

a Warwick 'A' side in a **full-contact** game last week, with exceptional performance from our captain Oskar Y who really led from the front. We will be playing this game again next week, following a little more practice.

My personal thanks to everyone involved in sport in school and to all of the competitors!

PTA Buy Nursery Equipment



Many thanks to you all for raising funds for school. Our latest piece of kit is this fantastic two story addition to the nursery unit...Rapunzel's tower, a Fire Station....anything can exist in the imagination!

**Red Nose Day and Non-School
Uniform next Friday**

The children have been selling Comic Relief Red Noses all week on the school playground at lunchtimes for £1 and will continue to do so until Friday 13th March, which is Comic Relief day itself, when children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and donate £1 for doing so.

**Reception's Mothering Sunday
Assembly next Friday**

All three Reception classes will be taking part in this celebration next week at 9:05am.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2 pupils will be parading on the final day of this term. Better start making those hats.

**Have a great weekend
GT Burgess**



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

Mrs Smith's Class: Jack M & George W

Miss Sargent's Class: Shivani & Lauren

Robin's Stars of the Week

Daniel T, RW

Oskar S, RC

Jasmin S, RM

Writers of the Week

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 Kieran T, 1H
 Chloe S, 2D

Luke W, RC
 Sophia M & Charlie M, 1M
 Lizzie C, 2B

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 Isabelle D & River B, 1K
 Joshua S & Yasmine C, 2K

Maths Wizards

Nancy P-G, 1K
 Jayden C, 2K

Stanley D, 1M
 Ciara H, 2B

Joel P, 1H
 India L & Gabriella H, 2B

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Jacob M, 1M
 James W, 1K
 Erin M, 1H

Sam N, 2B
 Jasper B, 2K
 Tom G, 2K
 Isabelle C, 2D

Anwyn M.O, 3D
 Hannah B, 3P
 Marcus B, 3P
 Orson B, 3C
 Libby J, 4J
 Finley C, 4T
 Imogen R, 4W

Owen M, 5B
 Edward S, 5B
 Bethan W, 5P
 William M, 5W

Simran S, 6W
 Will C, 6K
 Ella P, 6B

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Dylan H, 2B

DIARY DATES 2015

Monday 9 - Friday 15 March	Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium
Tuesday 10 March	M and M Productions of Oliver with Workshops
Friday 13 March	Red Nose Day - no school uniform! 9:05 Reception Mother's Day Assembly 2:45 3C Class Assembly School Disco 6:00 - 7:15pm Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 7:30 - 9:00pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
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
Tuesday 28 April	Choral and Orchestral Day at King Henry VIII School
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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