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Dear Parents

Welcome back everyone to the final term of this academic year. It is longer than the normal summer term, at 13 weeks in total, and we have some fantastic events throughout. I look forward to sharing them all with you.

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Term

Last Term's Head's Winners		Termly Attendance
FS	RW	
KS1	2K	
LKS2	3P	
UKS2	6W	
Whole School 96.4%		

Many congratulations to the classes who worked so hard last term to earn the Head's Termly Prize! Attendance is above the national average but I am confident that it will be higher than this over the course of this term.

Year 4 Shakespeare Rocks!



This was an absolutely incredible show! The singing, in particular, hit the mark in every way; the acting was mature beyond the children's ages; the set looked amazing, and thanks for this must go to Mrs Browning and Mrs Hobbins. The hard work put in by the Year 4 team of teachers and teaching assistants was clearly evident in the quality of the show. Children, you were sensational and I feel privileged to have been able to watch you sing, dance and act your way through a very well written script. I am already looking forward to seeing you perform when you are in Year 6!

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Easter Bonnets



Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade was delightful. Thank you all so much for taking the time to make bonnets with your children, and for such splendid attendance on the day!

House of Parliament



Our Year 6 pupils visited the Houses of Parliament just before the Easter break, as part of their topic on democracy. Everyone I have spoken with said that it was an exceptionally educational and rewarding day. Many thanks indeed to all of the parent helpers who went along in support.

Swimming

The BCPS Swim team sprinted to success qualifying for both the boys and girls medley relay on the last Friday of the term. Our swimmers showed their class across the four disciplines. The butterfly leg for both boys and girls was undertaken by Year 5 swimmers, who more than held their own against larger Year 6 swimmers, securing both medley relay slots, the first time in Balsall Common history. This means that both the girls and the boys will be travelling to Sheffield in June to compete against some of the country's best age group swimmers in the National Swimming Championship Gala Final. Very well done indeed to Abigail C, Laila, Phoebe, Caitlin E, Sophie O'L, Josh G-T, Jamie, Owen and Will.

Animated Dance

Molly, Catherine, Georgia, Liberty, Lucy, Maddy and Hollie all performed at the Royal Albert

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Hall in front of a 1000+ audience over the holiday with Miss Chloe, who runs Animated Dance classes here at school. Well done girls! A fantastic achievement! If you would like to know more about this group, contact Miss Chloe on 07737209142.

Biathlon and Boccia

Four teams qualified to represent South Solihull Schools at the County games finals held in Rugby, the sixth time this year! Two teams took part in the Boccia competition and, although this is a new sport to us, the boys and girls performed excellently against much older opposition and finished a creditable 7th and a richly deserved 5th. Meanwhile, over on the track and in the pool, the biathletes were proving very hard to beat. The boys went one better than last year and finished 2nd. Congratulations to Matthew F, Josh G.T, Joe H, Owen P, Ben B and Tom B. The girls, who led from start to finish, were crowned champions with stunning performances from Caitlyn E, Hannah L, Ester W, Abigail C, Jamie P and Hattie M. To finish the term we took a team of Years 3 & 4 footballers to Monkspath School for our first joint tournament. The girls and boys had a great evening and made many new friends.

St George's Day, Next Thursday, 23rd

We are encouraging all Beavers, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts to come dressed in their uniforms for St George's Day!

Scalextric is tonight. See you here racers!

Welcome back once more and have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

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Nursery - Ted & Toby Bear's Star of the Week Awards
Mrs Smith's Class: Ellie **Miss Sargent's Class:** Jessica H

Denny H, RW	Robin's Stars of the Week Andrew B, RC	Cherise M, RM
Ben B, RM - -	Writer of the Week Sadie G, RC Alfie H, 1H	Emily H & Oliver C, RW - -
- -	Maths Wizard Isabelle W, 1K Olivia J & Alfie N, 2D	- -

Peter P, 1H Isabelle D, 1K Milo S, 1K Nathan E, 1M	Ziyuan Y, 2D Clark S, 2B Millie M, 2K	Good Choice Stars of the Week Ben A, 3D Maia F, 3C Scarlett A, 3P	Eddie T, 4T Sam R, 4J Aiden E, 4W	Ben B, 5B Rhys J, 5W Shaun B, 5P Hannah L, 5P	Tim S, 6K Harry H, 6B Luke H, 6W
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DIARY DATES 2015

Monday 27 April	Year 5	Bikeability all week
Tuesday 28 April	Choral and Orchestral Day at King Henry VIII School	
Friday 1 May	2:45	4W Class Assembly
Monday 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 5 May	Reception	Umberslade Farm Park
Friday 8 May	2:45	4T Class Assembly
Mon 11- Fri 15 May	KS2 Tests	
Tuesday 19 May	13:45	UKS2 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 20 May	Year 4	Tamworth Castle
Thursday 21 May	Children break up for Inset Day and 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
Friday 12 June	9:05	RC Class Assembly
	2:45	4J Class Assembly
Tuesday 16 June	13:45	Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon
Friday 19 June	9:05	RW Class Assembly
	2:45	5W Class Assembly
Saturday 20 June	13:00-17:00	GALA DAY
Tuesday 23 June	Year 4	Dunfield House until Friday
	18:00	Nursery New Parents Evening
Wednesday 24 June	Nursery	Umberslade Farm Park
Thursday 25 June	Year 3	Gurdwara, Leamington Spa
Friday 26 June	9:05	RM Class Assembly
	2:45	5P Class Assembly
Friday 3 July	2:45	5B Class Assembly
Monday 6 July	16:30	Information meeting for new Y1 parents in hall
	17:30	Information meeting for new Y3 parents in hall
Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 July	18:00	Y6 Production
Friday 10 July	INSET DAY	

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