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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RM	1H	98.9%
KS1	1K	1K	99.3%
LKS2	4T	4W	98.4%
UKS2	6W	Whole School	96.9%

ATL Points Cup Winners

Very well done to Elianne in 3P with 30 ATLs and Sophie O in 6B with 42.

Year 3 String Concert



This concert last week was fantastic and was enjoyed very much by the 180 parents present in the audience. Incredibly, we introduced instrument tuition to every child in Year 3, as part of the Wider Participation Scheme offered by Solihull's Music Service, FIVE years ago, and this time has simply flown by. Our vision was to provide all children with the opportunity to learn to play an instrument, FREE of charge. The intended outcome was that we would enrich the lives of the pupils, increase the uptake of instrumental lessons later in Key Stage 2 and develop our own school orchestra. In terms of the impact of this work, we have exceeded expectations. We have the largest number of pupils playing instruments in school than we have ever had, and, yes, we do have a school orchestra. The orchestra has grown from strings only

in its first year, to a complement of string, wind and brass. At a cost of £24000 to us as a school, the rewards for the children are incredible. Thank you parents for continuing to encourage you children to practise and I look forward to a fresh contingent of Year 4's taking up an instrument next year.

Arts Week Exhibition



Thank you for joining us in school last Friday afternoon to have a look at the work that we had been doing in school during our Arts Week before Easter. The turn-out to see this work was incredible. Many thanks again to Mrs Tranter and Miss Ross for all their hard work, from the initial planning stages to the final exhibition, and to the staff for their determination to make it all work in the classrooms!

Fun Learning and Fund Raising



The Big Cookathon took place on 5th March and was the biggest cooking challenge ever undertaken by Balsall Common Primary School. The idea was for the children to have fun, promote healthy eating and to show how quickly a healthy meal can be prepared from scratch. Healthy eating is essential to help children grow and to encourage them to lead healthy lifestyles.

It was a hugely ambitious task to undertake and it posed many issues that needed to be overcome along the way. Sponsors and parents answered the call and got behind the event and the day ran amazingly smoothly. There was a real buzz all day and the children loved it! Mr Rose, the event organiser, has already been asked to run it again next year! *'Let's Get Cooking'* came along to witness some of the 845 people who took part, which made us one of the biggest groups in the country. Thank you very much indeed to everyone involved, with particular thanks to Mr Rose who organised, resourced and led the event before and during the day, together with making the application for prize money that could be won if we turned out to be the largest group of 'cookers' on that day! Which, in fact, we were!! As a result, we have won a £2,000 prize for the school to spend in whichever way we choose.

Scalextric



Another fantastic race night! Well done to our champion, Paul Morgan, and our two 2nd and 3rd place racers, Leonardo Ferrari and Robert Dalton. Next Race Night is Friday 26th June!

Year 4 Performance Charity

£294.60 was raised for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice charity from these performances. Many thanks indeed.

Have a great weekend.
GT Burgess



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

Mrs Smith's Class: Freddie J & Alfie

Miss Sargent's Class: Zac & Esme

Robin's Stars of the Week

Ben L, RW

Meelia I, RC

Jake C, RM

Writer of the Week

Joshua B & Hema T, RW
 Alfie H, 1M
 Micky T & Reuben P, 2K

Isabelle D, Gianluca F, Lewis, Daisy-May A, 1K
 Caitlin G, 2D

Holly T, RC
 Libby B, 1H
 Ellen C & Dylan H, 2B

Maths Wizard

Lucas C & Joel B, 1K
 Isabella W & Matilda D, 2K

Isabelle MJ, 1H
 Mimzy-Belle S, 2K

Emily S, 1M
 Tia B & Lucy M, 2D

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Oliver J, 1H
 Charlie P, 1K
 Sophie McC, 1K
 Jonty D, 1M
 Delilah O'D, 2D
 Mimzy-Belle S, 2K
 Hannah W, 2K
 George P, 2B
 Oliver W, 2B
 Lola B, 2B

Freya P, 3D
 Reiss S, 3P
 Luke P, 3C
 Ella W, 4T
 Vladimir P, 4J
 Molly W, 4W

Ben W, 5P
 Zac D, 5W
 Tom B, 5B
 Ben B, 5B
 Isaac J, 6B
 Karan A, 6K
 Keira B, 6W

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	17:15	Nursery New Parents Evening
	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
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
	19.00	Dad's Scalextric Night
Friday 3 July	2:45	5B Class Assembly

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