



Dear Parents

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

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RW	3P	99.3%
KS1	1K	3D	99.3%
LKS2	4T	6W	99%
UKS2	5B	Whole School	96.6%

ATL Points Cup Winners

Congratulations to Hannah C (3D) and Alex W (6K) for earning the most ATL points last week.

Year 1 Food Week

This week in Year 1 it was their food-based inspiration day for their new topic. Children had the chance to try food from China, India, Greece, Italy and France. They learnt about the different countries- looking at the world map, the traditions and culture for each country. Children had a 'world passport' they took to each country and once they tried the food they then filled this in. Each country had its own page - children filled in what they ate, if they liked it and why, and gave a star rating out of 5. Children were very enthusiastic and eager to try the different foods (even if they didn't like it!) Great stuff Year 1, thank you staff for providing pupils such a great way to learn!

Junior Guitar Heroes

Ava M and Rebecca N, both in 4W, attend a guitar group outside of the school lessons at the Solihull Music Service. Last Friday they performed at Solihull School to a large audience and from what I hear both were fantastic. It's great to hear of pupils' achievements outside of school - well done girls.

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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.

Flourishing Fivers

Year 5 have been invited to take part in an exciting initiative to help raise money for Age UK. Next Friday May 8th Year 5 will be putting on a range of activities for the children of Years 1-6 to take part in. The activities on offer will include a disco, a cinema, an obstacle course and a sponge-the-teacher, as well as a series of raffles and stalls. Activities will be taking place during Friday lunchtime and will run through FLARE time as well. Children are invited to bring in a small amount of pocket money to take part in these activities and help Year 5 to raise as much money as possible for a very worthy cause.

Football

Year 6 boys continued their excellent home form with a 1-0 win against Greswold. Matthew F scored the only goal of the game in the first half. This was backed up by some fantastic individual performances, none more so than Charlie B who denied the opposition with a flying save to prevent a certain goal. Well played to all of our boys.

Bikeability

It's that time of year again when our Year 5 pupils have the chance to learn vital road safety skills in order to cycle safely on the roads. They have been going out on their bikes every day this week and it looks like they have learnt lots and had a great experience.



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Before and After School Club

A reminder of the exciting news this week! We are delighted to announce that we are going to be running the before and after school care here in our Studio (previously used by Pathways). We are really looking forward to this venture and are keen to recruit staff to help us provide this outstanding childcare provision. If anyone is interested in joining us as a Playworker (hours of 7.30-9.00, 15.30-18.00 during term time and variable during holidays) please contact the school office for an application form.

We are particularly keen to recruit a Deputy Manager. For further information please e-mail Lea Barton at s2lbarton@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk or contact the school office.

Chris Baker

As some of you may already be aware, former teacher and Assistant Head of the school, Chris Baker, passed away recently. Before retiring in April 2014, Chris worked at the school for many years and was highly respected by pupils, parents and colleagues. During the last 10 years the school has achieved two Outstanding Ofsted grades and some of the credit, particularly in relation to the development of an excellent curriculum, was down to Chris' hard work and expertise. Her dedication to delivering the best possible education for the children of our school will not be forgotten. If you wish to make a donation to the Solihull Marie Curie Hospice you are welcome to do so via the school office.

**Have a great weekend.
NS Ireland
Assistant Headteacher**

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

Gabriel O'D & Finlay J, RM

Robin's Stars of the Week
 Lara B, RW

Aimee B, RC

Henry J-B & Lewis B, RM
 Joe N, 1K
 Georgia K, 2D

Writer of the Week
 Aryan K, RW
 Sam W & Louisa G, 1M
 Ben M & Henry D, 2K

Ben B, RC
 Harry B, 1H
 Catherine I, 2B

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Maths Wizard
 Charlie P, 1K
 Kasper V G & Millie M, 2K

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Good Choice Stars of the Week

Alois O, 1K
 Sam W, 1M
 Drew T, 1H

Ria P, 2K
 Lucas H, 2B
 Rajan D, 2D

Ralph P 3C
 Esther H, 3P
 Esther H, 3P
 Alex R. 3D

Johannes, V G, 4T
 Miles P, 4J
 Ava M, 4W

Archie S, 5W
 Eden H, 5B
 Callum G, 5B
 Cerys M, 5P
 Georgia E, 5P

Kian K, 6B
 Mia J, 6W
 George S, 6K

DIARY DATES 2015

Monday 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 5 May	Reception Umberslade Farm Park
Friday 8 May	14:45 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 14:45 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 14:45 5P Class Assembly 19:00 Dad's Scalextric Night
Friday 3 July	14:45 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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