



Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RC	1K	99.0%
KS1	1M	2K+4W	98.1%
LKS2	3D	5W	100%
UKS2	6B	Whole School	97.2%

ATL Points Cup Winners

Congratulations to Jayden with 25 ATL's (4W) and Tilly-Boo and Sophie (both from 6B) with 22 ATL's each, the most ATL points earned individually last week.

4J's Class Assembly



This was a cracking assembly, all about May Day Celebrations. In some breathtaking moments, class members danced around the Maypole and the May Queen was carried across the stage on a chair! Very well done to all of the children for excellent stage presence and to Mr Wood for a highly original assembly!

Reception to the Umberslade Farm

Mrs Clamp and her team took our Reception children to this farm earlier this week as part of their topic. They all had a super time feeding some of the animals, learning more about different types of animals found on a farm and how farmers care for them. They learned more about life cycles and how to stay safe, including washing their hands an enormous number of



times! They even enjoyed a tractor ride across the farm land! Many thanks indeed to the many parent volunteers who accompanied the staff on this outing and to the staff for organising it. The behaviour of the children was brilliant!

Year 4 F1 Championship



Three teams from Year 4 went forward to the regional finals of Formula One in Schools, held at Princethorpe College, last week. The children had all worked very hard to produce their cars and portfolios, and were able to discuss them with the judges in a very mature and well-informed way the processes they had gone through from their original design to their car's production. One of them, Team Turbo, delivered an outstanding presentation about their car and scored a very well-deserved win in this category. The highlight of the day was the

racing, which was enjoyed by everyone (the adults as much as the children!). A big thank you should also go to all of our sponsors, kitting them out with shirts with their team names on and banners which created fantastic displays. Well done everyone.

Balsall's New Before and After School and Holiday Club

We have been busy making appointments for our new club and organising activities which should really appeal to the children who attend. These activities include cooking, art and craft and regular use of our school swimming pool during the school holidays. We have listened to your views regarding payment and adjusted the invoices for monthly, rather than half termly, payments and set up 'ParentPay' accounts where you can chose to pay everything in one go if you wish. We are still interested in making additional appointments, including recruiting a Deputy Manager. If you are interested in booking a place, or for more information, please e-mail Lea Barton at s2lbarton@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk or contact the school office for an application form if you are interested in applying for a position with us.

SATs

Monday 11th May: Year 6 Statutory Assessments- please do the best you can to ensure that the children are rested and ready to perform at their best!

Summer Gala Day

Saturday 20th June: Summer Gala Day, 1.00-4.00. This is always a top quality event and is approaching at real speed. As always, if anyone can lend a hand, specifically at the end for tidying everything away, this would be very gratefully received!

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess



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

Mrs Smith's Class: Lacey P

Miss Sargent's Class: Macey C

Robin's Stars of the Week

Oliver M, RW

Lily H, RC

Writer of the Week

Olivia G, 1K

Thomas G & Archie F, RC

Casey H, 1H

Joe D, 2B

Sophie C, 2K Mason D, 2K

Maths Wizard

Erin M, 1H
Magnus W, 2D

Rafael P, 1M

Lilly F, 1K
Laura B & Clark S, 2B

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Josie R, 1M
Nicholas E, 1H
Isobel C, 1K

Christie S, 2K
Zach J, 2D
Ria H, 2B

Raghad G, 3D
Thomas O'R, 3C
Miles G, 3P

Clare S, 4J
Nicole, B. 4T
Joseph S, 4W

Oliver W, 5P
Anna R, 5P
Billy B, 5B
Luke P, 5B
Matty B, 5W

Chloe D, 6K
James W, 6B
Lester D, 6W

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Charlotte J-B, 2D

DIARY DATES 2015

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 Year 2 Golf Festival
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
Monday 13 July	Reports home to parents
Tuesday 14 July	pm Graduation for Nursery pm and M-W children
Thursday 16 July	am Graduation for Nursery am and W-F children
Friday 17 July	09:10 Y2 Final Assembly 14:30 Y6 Final KS2 assembly - no birthdays and no awards End of Term

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