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**Dear Parents**

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

Well done indeed to 1D, 2K and 5B for achieving 100% attendance last week, and to the whole school for an amazing 97.6%. We would really like to achieve 98%. We chased it all of last year and were very close. Fingers crossed for this year!

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	N/A	1D	100%
KS1	2B	2K	100%
LKS2	4C	5B	100%
UKS2	5B	Whole School	97.6%

**ATL Points Cup Winners**

Congratulations to Isabella with 15 ATL's (3D) and Deeksha (6W) with 26 ATL's, the most ATL points earned individually last week.

**Nursery and Reception Curriculum Evening**

We were all delighted with the number of parents in attendance at this event earlier this week. The EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Team shared information about how we teach in school currently and ideas for supporting your children's learning at home. Mrs Clamp's PowerPoint is available for download from our school website. It can be found under the 'Parents' tab and then under 'Supporting Learning'. Many thanks to our EYFS Team.

**Year 6 Information Evening**

You are welcome to join us on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6.00pm for this Year 6 evening where Mrs Brown and her team will walk you through the school year. Parents of children in Year 5 are welcome to join us for a 'heads up' on what to expect next year. The session will finish at 7.00pm. I look forward to welcoming you if you can join us.

**Headteacher's Annual Update to Parents**

This is next Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6.00pm and everyone is welcome. The main focus will

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be the changes to assessment, which we outlined in the end of year reports. This is relevant to all parents because it affects all children. The session will finish at 7.00pm and you are all welcome. I understand that this event clashes with an Open Evening at the Heart of England, but the slides from my presentation will be available for download on the school website under 'Our School' and 'Head's Updates'.

**Rugbytots**

Rugbytots starts for Nursery on 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and for Reception on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Rugbytots can be joined by visiting [www.rugbytots.co.uk](http://www.rugbytots.co.uk) and is fee paying. We trialled these sessions last year and the classes were full. Morning Nursery children can attend the late afternoon session, which has been set to finish in time for pick-up. Afternoon Nursery children can attend the after school session. The timings of both of these have been set to allow all Nursery children to take part if they wish and to coincide with pick-up times to avoid unnecessary travelling. The Thursday afterschool session is new this year for Reception children. I am delighted that we can offer this excellent provision for our very youngest children.

**Dad's Only Scalextric Night**

This term's date has been set! **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November!** Nick and I will be running this as usual. 7.00pm arrival for a 7.30pm start! It usually finishes between 10.30-11.00pm. The cost is £10 per person; a good spread is laid on; you bring your own drinks. This event is popular and racers usually number around the 20-24 mark. It's a great way to meet other dads and get involved in fund raising for the school in a fun way. There are prizes too!!!! To book simply go to the 'ParentPay' website and make the £10 payment through the link to *Scalextric!*

**Changes to Lost Property Collection**

We have placed a Lost Property basket in the school's Main Reception, and will be emptying the lost property baskets located around the school into this basket once each week, having first relocated NAMED items with their owners. This is the place now to check for an item which has been left behind by your son or

daughter. Please check that names are in clothes and shoes! For the youngest children include pants and socks too. This week one little lad insisted that he was wearing the right pants after swimming....but he wasn't! It's amazing what the children lose! Please name it!

**Dragons**

All bookings can be made through the Libacura site via this link <https://libacura.co.uk/register/bcps>. This will also generate invoicing and you can make payments as and when you choose to and see your depreciating balance. If you experience any difficulties please direct them to Mr Ireland through the school's email address. Sessions can be booked up to 9.30am of the day that you need them, so you could book on as soon as you wake up if you need us.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

The school will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September, from 9 - 11am. Everyone is welcome and donations of cakes will be most gratefully received! Children can buy cakes and gifts at lunchtime, so please send them in with some money to support this worthy cause.

**Balsall Common Fun Run-THIS Sunday**

You can still enter the Balsall Common Fun Run at: [lilymaefoundation.org/funrun](http://lilymaefoundation.org/funrun) Mini Runs for children in Years 1 - 6 start at 11.00am with a commemorative medal and bar of chocolate for all those taking part. All the run details can be found on the above website.

**PTA Events**

**Valentine Ball, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** SAVE THIS DATE! Three course meal; live band; dancing; Nailcote Hall; £40 pp. Black Tie. Tables of 10 for you to book! Watch this space!

**Your Views**

The PTA is keen to hear from you about ideas regarding a 'Big Project'. Please post your ideas in the Black Box outside Mrs Clinton's office.....but NOT SWIMMING booking forms. Email those to Lea Barton!

**14 Shopping Saturdays 'till Christmas!**

**Have a great weekend.**

**GT Burgess**

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**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Brody M, RM

Sam W, RK

Isla M, RW

Amelia H, RC

**Writers of the Week**

Jake B, 1R  
 Rafael P, 2B

Charlie B, 1H  
 Luna K-P, 2K

Henry J-B, 1D  
 Casey H, 2M

**Maths Wizards**

Phoebe M, 1R  
 Soren W, 2B

Andrew B, 1H  
 Milo S, 2K

Lilian C, 1D  
 Stanley D, 2M

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Lauren O, 1H	Lucas C, 2K	Catherine I, 3D	Sam W, 4C	Ettienne W-S, 5P	Farrah P, 6K
Aimee L, 1D	Josie R, 2B	Zara D 3C	Alfie K, 4J	Eddie T, 5T	George G, 6B
Ben L, 1R	-	Magnus W, 3P	Maia F, 4W	Nicole B, 5B	Mia E, 6W

**DIARY DATES**

Monday 21 September	18.00 Year 6 Information Evening
Tuesday 22 September	18.00 Head's Update
Wednesday 23 September	Year 5 to Kenilworth Castle
Friday 25 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 2:45 Class Assembly 3C
Friday 2 October	2:45 Class Assembly 3P
Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 October	Year 3 Dinosaur Man Visit
Wednesday 7 October	No Pens Day Wednesday PTA Meeting
Thursday 8 October	18.00 - KS2 Poetry Recital
Monday 12 October	School Nurse drop-in for parents 17.30 Year 2 Information Evening
Wednesday 14 October	Travelling Book Fair in school (Until Monday 19 October)
Friday 16 October	2:45 Class Assembly 3D Year 6 Warwick University Science Day
Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 23 October	<b>INSET DAY AND BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</b>
Monday 2 November	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
Friday 6 November	2:45 Class Assembly 6B PTA Chair's Quiz Night
Tuesday 10 November	Year 3 to Tesco (one class)
Friday 13 November	2:45 Class Assembly 6K Children in Need Day
Tuesday 17 November	Year 3 to Tesco (one class)
Wednesday 18 November	Year 5 to the National Space Centre
Friday 20 November	2:45 Class Assembly 6W
Tuesday 24 November	Year 3 to Tesco (one class)
Saturday 28 November	Christmas Fayre

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