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Dear Parents

Welcome back from the October half term break. This, typically, is now the busiest time of the year with the PTA Christmas Fayre, the visits to the Christmas Pantomimes and the children's Christmas performances. We are following our established pattern of providing opportunities for grandparents and other relatives to attend these performances. We have listened to the views you shared with us last year regarding the number of performances in KS1 and separated the Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities, thus reducing the performance schedule at a time when the children are particularly tired. As always, I am very much looking forward to this half term; I love this time of the year, the Christmas festivities and welcoming you all into the school to celebrate with us.

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Well done indeed to the classes below for achieving high attendance last week, and to all the children in school for achieving 96.5%.

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RC	3P	99.2%
KS1	2M	4W	100%
LKS2	4C	5P	100%
UKS2	5T	Whole School	96.5%

ATL Points Cup Winners

Congratulations to Samuel W in 4C and to Lucy W in 5T for earning the most ATL points individually last week in their Key Stages.

Year 6 and E.ON

It was an action packed last week for our Year 6 classes just before half term. E.ON came into school to work with our children and provide them with 'hands on investigative science' experiences linked to energy consumption and electricity. In

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addition, the Inspiration Exit Day concluded their research about Victorian Britain, with links being made to the science curriculum regarding micro-organisms, dirty living conditions in Victorian Britain and links to



Less Economically Developed Countries that still experience similar conditions today. You could actually see understanding flourishing through these learning opportunities.

First Full Contact Rugby Home Game



We were delighted to play Eversfield before the break for our very first full contact home fixture. Our Year 6 team were sensational with their 6-4 tries win. The boys are so determined; it's a real pleasure to see their skills developing. Well done lads!

Water Bottles in School

Research over the years has made a clear link between brain function and the amount of water we drink during the school day which affects learning for the better. We have water stations in all areas of the school which the children can access at any time in order to stay hydrated. Please remind your children to bring their drinks bottles into school and fill them **only** with water please! Fizzy drinks are not part of whole school policy and do not work in the same way as water. Many thanks indeed for your support.

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IT Control



Y5 and Y6 are just completing their unit on Controlling Devices. They have been using a program called Flowol and have written flowcharts to control Outputs (e.g. lights, buzzers and motors) and Inputs (e.g. press buttons and a variety of sensors). They have then tested their programs using Knex models attached to the computers via a control box. They have written some complex programs including subroutines which are 'called up' by the main routine. These opportunities are fantastic and Mrs Edwards works hard to plan exciting and vibrant experiences which will capture the attention of the children and really drive forward learning. Thank you Mrs Edwards.

Swimming and PE

Thank you for bearing with us in the early part of this academic year as we trialled a new approach to delivering swimming and PE across the whole school. We have all been delighted with the impact on pupils' learning opportunities. We have settled for a bi-weekly timetable across the whole school. However, we are making a change over a two week period **only** as we move towards Christmas. Teachers have sent home the timetables to allow you to know which week the children will need swimming and/or PE kits. Many thanks again.

7 Shopping Saturdays until Christmas!

Have a great weekend
GT Burgess

Atkinson Stilgoe, Village Estate Agents, is once more sponsoring our school generously over the next 4 year period. Please ring Anita McKeogh on 01676 535234 to see current listings of homes for sale.

Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week

Miss Sargent's class - Archie B & Layla P-R

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Alex H & Luke R

Robin's Stars of the Week

Nathanael L, RM

Jack M, RC

Emily B, RW

J-J L, RK

Writers of the Week

Toby B, RM

Sam W, RK

Victor F, RC

James L, RW

Jensen W, 1D

Jovan G, 1H

Daisy T, 1R

Freya C, 2B

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Isaac S, 2K

Maths Wizards

Chase C, 1D

Archie F, 1H

Lewis S, 1R

Oliver J, 2M

Dylan S, 2B

James O, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Jayden S, 1H

James W, 2K

Ziyuan Y, 3D

Taran M, 4J

Maisy M, 5P

Mia B, 6B

Freya W, 1D

Oscar S, 2K

Rajan D, 3C

James C, 4C

Joseph W, 5B

Evelyn K, 6W

Luke D, 1R

Emilia W, 2M

Tia B, 3P

Evie H, 4W

Libby J, 5B

Noah S-J, 6K

Max S, 2B

Emily D, 5T

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10 November	Year 3 to Tesco (one class)
Friday 13 November	2:45 Class Assembly 6K Non-school Uniform - Children in Need Day and make a donation
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 PTA Chair's Quiz Night
Tuesday 24 November	Year 3 to Tesco (one class)
Friday 27 November	Non-school Uniform - Bring a Bottle to School for Christmas Fayre
Saturday 28 November	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 2 December	10.00am and 2.00pm Nursery Nativity
Friday 4 December	Disco
Monday 7 December	2.00pm Reception Nativity
Tuesday 8 December	2.00pm Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 9 December	Nursery and Reception to Warwick Arts Centre - The Gruffalo's Child 2.00pm Year 2 Nativity 6.00pm Year 1 Nativity
Thursday 10 December	6.00pm Year 2 Nativity
Friday 11 December	2.00pm Reception Nativity
Monday 14 December	Years 3 & 4 Carol Concerts
Tuesday 15 December	Whole School Christmas Dinner Years 5 & 6 Carol Concerts
Wednesday 16 December	Years 1 - 6 to Leamington Spa Centre Pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk Christmas Party Day for Nursery and Reception
Friday 18 December	TERM ENDS