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Dear Parents

Only five weeks before we break up for Christmas, and only two weeks until our first Christmas Nativities!

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

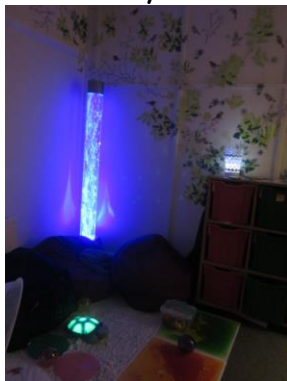
Well done indeed to the classes below for achieving high attendance last week, and to all the children in school for achieving 97.2%.

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RW	3D+5P	99.0%
KS1	2K	4C	99.7%
LKS2	3P	6K	99.3%
UKS2	6W	Whole School	97.2%

ATL Points Cup Winners

Congratulations to Ruby P in 3P and to Kobie B in 6K for earning the most ATL points individually last week in their Key Stages.

Sensory Room



Our SEN Sensory room is taking shape and already being enjoyed by a number of children. Many thanks indeed to the PTA for donating funds for this project!

Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks for sending in shoe boxes for this very worthwhile charity. We had 254 boxes donated and these will definitely brighten up the lives of children for whom Christmas may otherwise be less exciting. Thank you and well done to Mr Prescott for organising it this year.

Foodbank

Thank you also for your generosity during the Harvest period. 17.2kg of food have

been collected by Kenilworth Foodbank for distribution to the elderly and needy over the Christmas Period.

JLR Community Project



27 JLR staff joined us for a two day period last week, and they plan to come back in the spring, to paint our fences and Adventure Playground. We also now have a new Bug Hotel and all the fences look much fresher and brighter. JLR have provided the workforce and the materials at no cost. We would like to extend our thanks to them for all of their hard work.

Irish Fundraising



Jake and Erin's family raise money every year as part of their Irish heritage. This year £1000 of this fund raising has been donated to the school to support SEN. Miss Hughes is pictured receiving this rather large cheque from Erin. Thank you for thinking of us, and very well done!

Football

The school football team was busy last week playing at Knowle and in the Premier League Schools Competition at Villa Park. At the latter, five schools took part and each school played each other twice. In the subsequent 8 matches, our boys performed superbly to win all 8 games - one by a margin of 10-0. The top two teams then faced each other in the final, which meant that it was to be Balsall Common

Vs Monkspath. Unfortunately, having beaten them 1-0 and 2-1 during the group stage, we narrowly lost the final 1-0 to a goal late in extra-time. The boys were initially devastated to have lost in such agonising fashion after dominating the tournament, but quickly picked themselves up when they realised that they had a good morning; winning 8 out of 9 matches whilst scoring 31 goals and only conceding two. Very well done to all of the boys who represented the school last week.

Cheerleading

On the 22nd October the KS2 Cheerleading team took part in the annual competition at Lode Heath School. The girls only had six weeks to perfect their routine and achieved a very high standard of performance in this short time. We were delighted to be placed third overall and Charlotte W, 6K was chosen as the star performer. Miss Brewer would like to thank the Cheerleaders for their continued hard work and enthusiasm and also Miss Ruby from Animated Dance for her help with the routine. Very well done children and thank you Miss Brewer for all of your hard work with our excellent cheerleaders!

Cakes for the Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is TWO WEEKS TOMORROW! Please could you make a cake and donate it to Miss Hughes for sale on the refreshment stand? If you can, please send it in a named container to Miss Hughes prior to the fair. Many thanks indeed for your support.

Parking

Thank you so much for trying to park courteously around the school. However, there have been reports of cars parking on the grass verge on Balsall Street East, which is causing residents there some concerns, together with reports of children opening car doors into the road. Please take as much care as possible to ensure everyone's safety.

6 Shopping Saturdays until Christmas!

Have a great weekend
GT Burgess

Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week

Miss Sargent's class - Abi S & Gurleen K

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Eloise J & Toby W

Robin's Stars of the Week

Annabel H, RK

Amber, R, RC

Tilly B, RW

Olivia Y, RM

Writers of the Week

Esher R, RM

Esme, W, RC

Lauren M, RW

Sam W, RK

Faith B, 1R

Emily M, 1H

Thomas F, 1D

Jessica L, 2K

Milo S, 2K

Alfie H, 2B

Maths Wizards

Gabriel O'D, 1D

Phoebe C, 1H

Shaan R, 1R

Harris M, 2M

Megan C, 2B

Joel P, 2M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Archie B, 1H

Ryan B, 2K

Hannah W, 3D

James M, 4J

Baley W, 5P

Jamie R, 6B

Ellie-Mae B, 1R

Alois O, 2K

Clarissa Y, 3C

Vishal D, 4 W

Charlie S, 5B

Callum G, 6K

Tilly B, 1D

Alfie M, 2B

Jamie B, 3P

Aaron Q, 4C

Maeve D, 5B

Felix W, 6W

Reeve C, 5T

Upper Key Stage 2 Council Friendship Cup

Jamie H, 6B

DIARY DATES

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