



### Newsletter Number 15



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#### Dear Parents and Children

The holidays have arrived! Thank you all so much for all of your support so far this term; thank you all for joining us in our many Christmas shows; thank you for accompanying us on our school trips and helping us avoid congestion on our theatre days by parking away from Balsall Street East and Asbury Road. We will see you now in 2016 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January for the children; **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> is an INSET DAY!** Wishing you a Happy Christmas and New Year!

#### 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 95%!

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RC	2M	99.3%
KS1	1R	4J	97.8%
LKS2	3D	5P	99.0%
UKS2	6W	Whole School	95%
		Whole Term	96.9%

#### ATL Points Cup Winners

Congratulations to Hannah C in 4J and to Anya B in 5T for earning the most ATL points individually last week in their Key Stages.

#### Birds of Prey



David Warren, proprietor of NBC Bird and Pest, joined Year 3 last week to show them his Birds of Prey. The children have been learning about animals this term and have been introduced to the way in which birds feed and they have

also explored owl pellets. This visit has brought their learning to life; the things they have seen in books and on screen have now become real. Many thanks to Mr Rose; his business connections meant that this learning opportunity was totally free for the children!

#### Year 6 Presentations

Year 6 children were set homework to research a member of their family who had travelled. The purpose was to identify the reasons for travelling as part of their topic on migration. The children had to prepare a presentation. As well as learning why people travel, they also found out things about their family that they didn't know before. Very well done indeed Year 6, and thank you to each and every member of the audience.

#### School Crossing Patrol

A number of parents appear to be pulling up just before the 'lollipop' crossing area to let out their children and then waiting whilst the child crosses with the 'lollipop' lady. This is causing additional congestion and could lead to an accident. Perhaps anyone who does this could pull up further away? In addition, an alteration to the Road Traffic Act 2001 changed the wording from 'children' crossing to a 'person' crossing which allows the Patrol to cross anyone that comes to the crossing point. I have had comments that traffic is being stopped unnecessarily for adults. However, the 'lollipop' lady is under instruction to do just this so this practice will continue.

#### Application for School Places

As advised earlier this week, Solihull Admissions have asked schools to remind parents of the closing dates for school applications. The closing date for application for a Nursery place for September 2016 is **TODAY!** Closing date for application for a Reception place next for September 2016 is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### Swimmers

Our swimmers were runners up at the St Martins swim festival last week. Fabulous swimming and some real strength emerging in our Year 3's, in this their first outing for the school. Thank you parents for helping with transport and to Mr Barton for his coaching.

#### KS2 Carol Concerts



The Christmas Carol Concerts from children in Year 3-6 this week have been sensational. Hearing them sing both traditional and more recent Christmas songs is so uplifting. Very well done all of you, and thank you mums, dads, grandparents and everyone else who managed to attend to see the children in action.



#### Choir at Knights Court

The residents at Knights Court were completely bowled over by the performance of the school choir this week. They all sang so beautifully. Well done children and many thanks indeed to Miss Whitall and Mrs Ward for all of your work with the choir this year.

#### Charity Collections

Our School Council nominated Solihull Age UK as the chosen beneficiary of the collections after the concerts this Christmas. Between you all you have donated a staggering **£1321.39!** Thank you so much! We will be arranging for a representative from the charity to collect the cheque in the New Year.

**Clubs will start again in the first week back! Remember that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> is an INSET DAY!**

**Only 1 Shopping Saturday left!  
Have a great Christmas break!**

**GT Burgess**

**Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week**

Zig and Zog are spending Christmas in New York with Mrs Ward!

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Macey C, RW

**Writers of the Week**

Ashton T, 2B

Harry B, 2M

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Alex T, 2B	Mason D, 3D	Olivia O, 4J	Jayden H, 5T	Mia B, 6B
Rafael P, 2B	Charlie C, 3P	Kyle H. 4C		
	Esteban C, 3C	Luke P, 4W		

**DIARY DATES**

Monday 4 January	INSET
Tuesday 5 January	BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 12 January	Young Voices Choir Performance
Friday 22 January	9:05am Class Assembly 1H
	2:45pm Class Assembly 5B
	7:30pm Headteacher's Quiz
Friday 29 January	9:05am Class Assembly 1D
	2:45pm Class Assembly 5P
Friday 5 February	9:05 Class Assembly 1R
	2:45 Class Assembly 5T
Saturday 6 February	PTA Ball
Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 February	Parents' Evenings
Monday 15 - Friday 19 February	HALF-TERM
Monday 22 February	BACK TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 24 February	PTA Meeting
Friday 26 February	2:45 Class Assembly 3D
Tuesday 1 March	Year 2 to St John's Museum, Warwick
Friday 4 March	Mothers' Day Assembly
	2:45 Class Assembly 3P
Tuesday 8 March	M&M Theatre Productions (A Little Princess)
Wednesday 9 March	Year 5 Brandon Marsh
Friday 11 March	Disco
	9:05 Class Assembly 2B
	2:45 Class Assembly 3C
Tuesday 15 March	Year 6 to Houses of Parliament
	Year 3 to Chedworth Roman Villa
Friday 18 March	Easter Bonnet Parades for Foundation & KS1
Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 March	Year 4 Production
Wednesday 23 March	TERM ENDS

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**