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Dear Parents and Children

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Well done indeed to the classes below for achieving high attendance in the first week back, and to all the children in school for achieving 96.6%!

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RW	2B	99.3%
KS1	1H	3P	99.1%
LKS2	3P	4J & 4W	99.7%
UKS2	5B	Whole School	96.6%

ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Clark in 3P and James, in 5B.

Age UK



Lorraine Hart, the manager for the Solihull Age UK office, visited our Monday whole school assembly to be presented with a cheque for £1321.39. Since we had not revealed how much money had been raised by you, she was absolutely stunned! If you recall, this money was raised purely from the donations that you made during the Christmas concerts, and was the charity nominated this year by the School Council. She wanted to say a special thank you to everyone and to make sure that you knew just how well these funds would be used to support the elderly. Thank you again so much for your continued generosity.

Phonics and Reading Information Evening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents

This information event will be held in the

school hall on **Wednesday 3rd Feb at 6pm.** Although previously advertised as specifically for Year 1 parents, this information is relevant to all parents of children in Reception and KS1. We will share information about how to use Phonics to support your son/daughter in reading. Please come. I think you will find it very helpful.

School Trips

Drama: Twelve of our Year 5 children who have a particular strength in drama had the opportunity to attend Solihull School's



Drama Workshop led by specialist Drama teachers. The children were very creative and enthusiastic and were able to perform to their parents after the session.. They learnt many different acting skills, such as using their vocal qualities and body language to develop their roles.

Herbert Art Gallery: As part of an Arts Award project, Mrs Tranter and Miss



Williams took a small group of budding artists from Year 4 to the Herbert Art Gallery last week. They had a highly educational visit, learning about many inspirational artists and all thoroughly enjoyed a hands-on sculpture experience. This is becoming an annual feature of our school calendar and is really promoting a high interest in art.

Sport

Last Tuesday a small group of footballers played Monkspath, Dickens Heath and Our Lady of Compassion with the evening split into two parts, a skills session and a mini tournament. We won 1 and lost 2. Erin B was our outstanding player closely followed by goal scorer Ben D.D. There were also great contributions from Alistair B, James C, Kiran C, George W and Alex T.F.

Then, on Wednesday, our boys and girls rowers competed. The boys team of Ben B, Owen P, Billy B and Jamie M went toe to toe against Chapelfields. In the last leg, Owen P was trailing by 38 metres when he took over! He closed the gap to 3 metres in the most thrilling of finishes! Meanwhile, the girls were in outstanding form winning all their races. There is a very strong chance that the girls will go forward and represent South Solihull at the county games. Well done to Laila E, Emily I, Katherine M, and Mia E.

Congratulations

Ironically, in a week where the Birmingham Mail has used its own, clearly incredibly shallow, criteria to comment on our school, the DfE, using a much more robust assessment approach, has approved us as an academy sponsor. This approval is reserved for the highest performing schools in the country and is only awarded following rigorous checks on the quality of the school's leadership and management, teaching and outcomes for pupils. In short this means that we could, if we chose to, partner with other schools, share expertise and strengths and protect our financial solvency and our academic standards in a climate of significant financial cuts. What a result! Something perhaps that the Birmingham Mail may wish to print?

School Dinner Costs

School meal prices will rise to £2.10 per meal from the start of the summer term, which is only the second rise in over seven years. We hope that you continue to see them as good value.

Head's Quiz Tonight

21 teams booked in! See you in a couple of hours. 7.00 for a 7.30 start!

Have a great weekend.
GT Burgess



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Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week

Miss Sargent's class - Sam R and Mikey

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Louie and Oscar E

Robin's Stars of the Week

Amelia O, RM

Victor, F, RC

Oliver M, RK

Lauren M, RW

Writers of the Week

Jagger P, RW

Matilda, R, RC

Jay F, RM

Jessica H and Grace H, RK

Ella G, 1R

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Nathan W, 1H

Megan H, 2K

Stan D & Alfie M 2B

Olivia B & Johdh J, 2M

Maths Wizards

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Maddie-Grace C, 1R

Charlie B, 1H

Isabella M, Louisa G, & George B, 2B

Chloe H, Tilly C & Amira E, 2M

Gianluca F & Isaac S, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Hema T, 1R

Alex W, 2K

Maddison T-G, 3D

Levi O.S, 4C

Jo Jo G, 5T

Marie K, 6B

Meelia I, 1H

Charlie M, 2B

Grace D, 3P

Chloe O, 4J

Ben G, 5P

Eden H, 6K

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Alfie H, 2M

Tyler O'G, 3C

Alistair B, 4W

Lois E, 5B

Olivia D, 6W

Victoria H, 5B

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Lilly F, 2K

Council Friendship Cup

Isabel M, 5B

DIARY DATES

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
Mon 7, Wed 9, Thu 10 and Fri 11 March	Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium after school.
Tuesday 8 March	M&M Theatre Productions (A Little Princess)
Wednesday 9 March	Year 5 to Brandon Marsh
Friday 11 March	Disco 9:05 Class Assembly 2B 2:45 Class Assembly 3C
Tuesday 15 March	Year 3 to Chedworth Roman Villa Year 6 to Houses of Parliament, London
Friday 18 March	Easter Bonnet Parades for Foundation & KS1
Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 March	Year 4 Production
Wednesday 23 March	TERM ENDS

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