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Dear Parents and Children,

What a super event the PTA Valentine's Ball was on Saturday night; so many people having such great fun. Many, many thanks to David and his team for organising this event. I will let you know the figure raised as soon as I have it.

Attendance and ATLs for Last Week

A huge well done to the classes below for achieving high attendance last week, and to all the children in school for achieving 95.8%!

| Last Week's ATL Winners | | Weekly Attendance | |
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| FS | RK | 1D | 98.1% |
| KS1 | 2K | 2K | 99.3% |
| LKS2 | 3P | 6B | 100% |
| UKS2 | 6K | Whole School | 95.8% |

ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Chloe D in 3P and to Summer in 5T (for the second week running) for earning the most ATL Points in LKS2 and UKS2 respectively last week.

1R and 5T Class Assemblies



Two more amazing assemblies last week. 1R were fantastic; their voices belonged to children far older and bigger than they are! Super fun and beautifully presented. Well done 1R, Mrs Ellis and Mrs MacRae. Meanwhile, 5T's afternoon performance of 'Back to the Future' certainly had me grooving along to the hits from this 1985 movie. They children took us on a time journey to explore the most significant scientific discoveries of



the 19th and 20th centuries, finishing the assembly with the Balsall Common Disco Dance! Again very well done indeed to the children for a brilliant assembly.

Sport



Mr Green travelled to Langley School last week with a small team of rowers, and won the tournament. Well done Billy B, Noah S J, William N, and the most successful rower on the evening, Ben W. In addition, two Year 4 football sides played Eversfield Prep School at home. Both sides played exceptionally well coming away with wins of 6-0 and 5-0. Goals from Alfie K, Luke P, Alex R, Lucas W, Jevan S and Mitchell G shows the strength we had in the team, in a game we were on top of throughout. The 5-0 result

was achieved with five second-half goals from Alfie J, Marcus B (2) Rueben S and man of the match Miles G. Well played to all of the boys on a great evening of football, and many thanks to Mr Green for his tireless effort. Our netballers played St. Martins and Monkspath last week. Unfortunately the St Martins game ended in a 17-7 loss, though this is the most goals our girls have ever scored against them in recent years, which really shows their progress. Indeed, the same side then played Monkspath and won 8-2! The girls were fantastic. Well done, and many thanks to Miss Maycock and Miss Khan for their after school coaching sessions! And to cap off a very busy sporting week, our swimmers attended the King Henry VIII Gala, which was the toughest gala so far for the BCPS Girls Swim Team. A few last minute illnesses meant that many swimmers had to step up and compete in additional races to those they had prepared for. Despite the setbacks, the girls battled hard against excellent opposition and finished in third place overall. What a super performance and thank you Mr Barton for all of your hard work with the swim teams.

Phonics Evening

Thank you for joining us last week. You can find the slide presentation, helpful hints and Mrs Clamp demonstrating phonics on our school website at: <http://www.balsallcommonprimary.co.uk/Phonics> Many thanks to the Year 1 team, Mrs King and Mrs Clamp for their work in this area.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for joining us earlier this week. I do hope that everything went well for you all.

School reopens on Monday 22nd February.

All the best for a great half term.
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
 Zig and Zog are staying in Nursery over the holiday.

Robin's Stars of the Week

Harry B, RW Lacey, P, RC Daisy B, RM Tom S, RK

Writers of the Week

Shiven, S, RC Jacob O, RW Alex H, RK Jenson L, RM

Leighton B, 1R
 Sam W, 2B

Maths Wizards

Reuben J, 1R
 Johdh J, 2M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

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| Poppy K, 1R | George B, 2B | Olivia J, 3C | Eloise A, 4J | George W, 5T | Lara P, 6W |
| - | George M, 2M | Evie B, 3C | Bethany H, 4C | Leo M, 5P | Emily I, 6B |
| - | Johdh J, 2M | Ria H, 3D | Megan S, 4W | Ben T, 5B | Lois P, 6K |
| | - | Caitlin K, 3P | | | |

DIARY DATES

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| 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 |
| Monday 29 February | 9:00 School Nurse Drop In |
| Tuesday 1 March | Year 2 to St John's Museum, Warwick Year 4 to West Midlands Safari Park |
| 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 FOR EASTER BREAK |
| Monday 11 April | BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Wednesday 13 April | PTA Meeting |
| Friday 15 April | 9:05 Class Assembly 2M |
| Friday 22 April | 9:05 Class Assembly 2K 2:45 Class Assembly 4J |
| Friday 29 April | 9:05 Class Assembly RC 2:45 Class Assembly 4W |
| Monday 2 May | BANK HOLIDAY |