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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to what is probably the shortest half term in history!

Final figures for the PTA ball come out at £4200! This is an amazing achievement and thanks must go to David Whittlesey and his team for an event very well organised and to all of you who were in attendance at the event. It was a fantastic night!

#### 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 96.5%!

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RM	1D	99.0%
KS1	1D + 1 R	3C	99.0%
LKS2	4C	6B	98.7%
UKS2	6W	Whole School	96.5%

#### ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Ruby in 4C, for winning the ATL cup for the fourth time, and to Arjun, Zac and Libby who were last week's joint winners of the cup, all from 6W.

#### Science Week



We hope that you all enjoyed looking at the work on display around school linked to Science Week whilst you were here during the parent consultation evenings. The children were given the opportunity to develop their scientific skills. In small groups they formed their own hypotheses, which they then set out to test. The ensuing experiments generated a great

deal of excited discussion and debate. Children from Year 2 are pictured investigating the properties of ice cubes! Well done to 1R for their class assembly, at the end of that week, which was linked to these scientific investigations. The performers consolidated the importance of science and clearly demonstrated that science is a major part of our everyday lives because it is all around us. All staff, led by Mrs King and Miss Brewer, did a sterling job preparing and administrating these opportunities. Thank you, team.

#### Animated Dance and Gym Groups



The Balsall Common Dance and Gym groups took part in a show with the Animated Dance School in the penultimate weekend of last half term. They performed all of their dances at the Solihull Arts Complex and were fantastic! Their behaviour was excellent in the dressing room and they represented everyone connected with them particularly well. Ellen C, Jasmine B, Harriet G and Sophie C each received an award at the end of the show for being star performers. These dance and gym sessions run from 8.00am in the school hall, so these children are very dedicated! Very well done to you all!

#### Safer Internet Day

During our Safer Internet Day the children were able to bring shirts in to write positive messages to and about each other. This was very successful since it was so well received and because the children were completely in tune with its purpose. The safer internet

sessions generated thoughtful discussions and were particularly appropriate. The frequency with which I deal with issues of significant misuse of social media is increasing; I regularly find myself having to make contact with parents as a result of cruel comments that are posted. Our children are the reason why this school is such a pleasure to work in. However, it is quite clear that some of them have absolutely no idea that their internet activity could, without a doubt, be seen as bullying behaviour; it also becomes quite clear, at the time that I make contact with parents, that they have absolutely no idea what their son or daughter has been doing on the internet, despite believing that they have careful systems of monitoring in place! Join us at 5.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March to learn more about how we can all ensure that we become better at keeping our children safe.

#### Year 1 - Food From Around the World



Children from Year 1 had a fantastic day tasting food from France, Greece, Mexico and India and listening to music from these countries as part of their topic for this term. They thoroughly enjoyed it! Well done Year 1 team!

#### World Book Day and Book Fair

Next Thursday is World Book Day! Vouchers issued on that day can be used at the Book Fair the following week, which will run every day after school in the Atrium!

All the best for a great weekend.

GT Burgess

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

Miss Sargent's class - Spencer & Billy M

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Harli & Henry

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Ava K, RW

Jack McT, RC

Megan W, RK

Sophia G, RM

**Writers of the Week**

Joseph H, RW

Willow R, RC

Archie B, RK

Amrin G, RM

Phoebe M, 1D

Poppy K & Danny T, 1R

Megan J, 1H

Joel P, Erin Mc & Tilly C, 2M

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Megan C, 2B

**Maths Wizards**

William S, 1D

Lara B, 1R

Lexi Lou F, 1H

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

George H, 1R

Alfie H, 2M

Sian J, 3D

Alex S, 4W

Amal K, 5B

Laila E, 6W

Becca G, 1D

Jonty D, 2B

Mabel S, 3C

Millie S-P, 4C

Isabel M, 5B

Carys H, 6K

Thomas G, 1H

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James L, 4J

Zara H, 5T

Izzy M, 6B

Guy C, 5P

**Upper Key Stage 2 Friendship Cup**

Olivia D, 6W

**DIARY DATES**

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
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day
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	<b>TERM ENDS FOR EASTER BREAK</b>
Monday 11 April	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
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	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>

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