



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
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Dear Parents and Children,

#### 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 96.8%!

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RC	1R	99.4%
KS1	1D+2M	1D	99.7%
LKS2	3D	2M	99.0%
UKS2	6K	Whole School	96.8%

#### ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Inderjit in 3D, for winning the ATL cup in LKS2, and to William M, from 5B, who received the most ATLs in UKS2.

#### Reception Mother's Day Assembly



What a fantastic, and emotional, assembly from Reception children last week! They were brilliant. We all loved the pictures they had painted of their mums, and the songs that they sang to celebrate the love they have for them. With some beautiful, and sometimes very loud, words about why they love their mums, this was a truly lovely experience. Well done children and thank you staff for your hard work and organisation.

#### Year 6 Football

Last Friday children in Year 4 attended the 'F1 in Schools Challenge'. Teams paid a surprise visit to Solihull College, Smiths Wood's campus, to learn all about Aerodynamics with the help of a wind tunnel. They also got to visit the engine workshop, MOT bay



and even managed to jump into a full-sized plane! Our children went home excitedly chattering about all the great things they had seen and what they were going to tell their classes. Thank you to Shaun Hindle and John Callaghan, from Solihull College, Joan Smith from the Chamber of Commerce and Howard Rose for his organisation.

#### Balsall Common as a Sponsor School

Before Christmas, we shared the news that the Department for Education (DfE) had approved us as a sponsor for other schools. This status recognised the high quality of teaching and leadership at BCPS. Following that approval, the DfE have approached us about sponsoring Damson Wood Infant School in Solihull. Although we are an approved sponsor, there is no obligation on us to agree to any individual arrangement. However, the governors recognised that there are potential benefits to us as a school in becoming a sponsor including opportunities to further improve standards and develop the skills of our staff. It could also give us scope to have greater financial security. Nevertheless, governors agreed that they would assess any proposed sponsorship arrangement on its own merits. The governors are carrying out a detailed assessment of whether it is right for BCPS to sponsor Damson Wood. In particular, we all want to be satisfied that, by acting as a sponsor, we can achieve clear benefits for both schools without adversely impacting upon the high standards we have here. This process is at a very early stage and we are

not committed to concluding a sponsorship arrangement. Should the governors decide that they want to go ahead with sponsoring Damson Wood, then more detailed information will be shared and there will be opportunities for discussions with parents. However, at this stage, no final decisions have been taken and governors will take whatever time they need to make a decision carefully that is in the best interests of both schools.

#### Stars in Their Eyes



Wow! This was a fantastic evening! The children had planned, choreographed and rehearsed their acts independently and they were amazing! Well done children. I would like to thank everyone involved in this event for giving up their time, Carl Stokes for sponsoring the prizes and Mrs Brown for her organisation! It was simply splendid!

#### Pet Ownership

Last week Kaya, a Community and Education Nurse for the PDSA, came into school. Years 3, 4 and 5 benefitted from information about responsible pet ownership as part of work that the children have been doing in science this term. This helped to consolidate children's growing appreciation of looking after living things.

**EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade**  
Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Remember to make those bonnets!

Have a good weekend.

GT Burgess



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

Miss Sargent's class - Isla and Hollie

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Oscar M and Jacob

### Robin's Stars of the Week

Henry H, RW

Ffion Q, RC

Vivienne T, RK

Benjamin A, RM

### Writers of the Week

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Elliott, J, RC

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Billy P, RM

Lauren O, Emily M & Andrew B, 1H

Oliver C, 1R

Isla B & William V-R, 1D

Drew T, Johdh J & Harry B, 2M

Nathan E, 2B

Lucas C & River B, 2K

### Maths Wizards

Daisy T, 1R

Jake C & Thomas F, 1D

Lewys H & Nathan W, 1H

Harris M & Erin M, 2M

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Sam W, 2B

### Good Choice Stars of the Week

Jensen W, 1D

Olivia B, 2M

Millie H, 3D

Mathilda S-B, 4J

Sean C, 5P

Lucie G, 6K

Aryan K, 1R

Isobel C, 2K

Tara H, 3P

Eleanor D-D, 4W

Lola W, 5T

James M, 6B

Evie J, 1H

Joel B, 2K

Alfie N, 3C

Miles G, 4C

Kaitlyn S-P, 5B

Archie S, 6W

Megan C, 2B

### Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Bethan K, RW

Ellie-Mae B, 1R

### DIARY DATES

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
Tuesday 26 April	9:00 Nursery Play & Learn Interactive Session for parents of M-W children
Thursday 28 April	9:00 Nursery Play & Learn Interactive Session for parents of AM children
Friday 29 April	9:05 Class Assembly RC 2:45 Class Assembly 4W
<b>Monday 2 May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 3 May	12:20 Nursery Play & Learn Interactive Session for parents of PM children
Thursday 5 May	9:00 Nursery Play & Learn Interactive Session for parents of W-F children
Friday 6 May	9:05 Class Assembly RK 2:45 Class Assembly 4C
Monday 9 - Friday 12 May	KS2 Tests
Wednesday 18 May	PTA Meeting
Friday 20 May	9:05 Class Assembly RM
Wednesday 25 May	UKS2 Sports Day
Friday 27 May	<b>INSET DAY</b>

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