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Dear Parents and Children,

I hope you are all well. There are only 3 days of this very busy term remaining!

Attendance and ATLs for Last Week

Well done to the classes below for achieving high attendance last week, and to all children in school for achieving 95.6%.

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RM	2M	99.7%
KS1	1H	2B	98.9%
LKS2	3C	6B	98.7%
UKS2	6W	Whole School	95.6%

ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Chloe D in 3P and Arjun in 6W for earning the most ATL Points in LKS2 and UKS2 respectively.

Sports

Would you believe that in this very short half term, our school have attended 12 different sporting events?! We have taken 17 teams covering girls/boys rugby, boccia, archery, bi-athlon, hockey and football as well as swimming and netball events in addition to these! Unfortunately, a couple of events - Year 6 Hockey and Year 3/4 Rugby - had to be postponed last week due to the heavy rainfall but there is some football news reported below. Thank you so much to all the staff and parents who support these events. They take an awful lot of planning and organisation and Mr Green is particularly key in driving our participation across so many sports.

Year 4 South Solihull Football

On Tuesday, two Year 4 teams took part in the South Solihull Football competition where the A Team topped their group with 3 wins out of 3 and qualified for finals night, which was held on Thursday, whilst the B Team won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. All the boys supported each other and displayed great team spirit. There were outstanding performances from Mitchell G, Alfie K, Luke P and Alex R. On Thursday, the A Team returned to Lode Heath School for the finals and finished 3rd overall in South Solihull, having beaten Peterbrook and lost to Ulverley. Well done to all the boys involved from the A and B Teams - what an outstanding performance to be proud of!

Year 5 and 6 Football

Last week our Year 5 and 6 football teams were invited to Warwick Prep. Year 6 played exceptionally well in a very even game with both teams playing some great football whilst Year 5 came up against a very strong home team and, although they never gave up, Warwick came out on top. Well done boys for an outstanding effort and thank you to Mr Green again for all his hard work and commitment to the football teams.

Indoor Rowing

On Monday we took two teams to Rugby to represent South Solihull in the indoor rowing county finals. Our girls, Laila E, Mia E, Emily I and Katherine M, competed really well against some very strong teams and finished a creditable 7th in the county. In addition to this, Ben W and Billy B were joined by two pupils from Dickens Heath and were crowned county champions in their indoor rowing competition after putting in a fantastic performance. Well done to all the rowers who competed on behalf of BCPS!

Class Assemblies - 2B and 3C



Last Friday, we were treated to two wonderful, history-inspired performances from 2B and 3C. 2B shared their learning in a fantastic assembly about the life in Victorian times, having been inspired at the museum recently. Well done and thank you to Miss Brewer, Mrs Russell, Mrs Audhali and, of course, the children in 2B who presented so well! We were then engaged by a high-quality class assembly from 3C who shared lots of incredible learning around the topic of Romans and Celts. Some really outstanding acting and a very catchy song which I struggled to get out of my head on Friday evening! Many thanks goes to Mrs Carter, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Mesnard and the talented children of 3C.



Year 2 Victorian Day

Year 2 went back in time last Friday having dressed as Victorian children for a very different day at school. They experienced what life might have been like without the technology we have today and with a slightly different approach to teaching and learning! Thank you to the Year 2 staff for all their hard work on creating such an inspirational day for the children.

Scholastic Book Fair

Last week, to coincide with World Book Day, we hosted the Scholastic Book Fair. In total, we sold £1418.65 worth of books resulting in £851.19 of commission for the school to spend on new books. Many thanks to all of you who supported this and to Mrs Shimmell and Mrs Shaw for their time and effort in organising such a successful book fair.

Mr Pecksen

At Easter, we are saying goodbye to Mr Pecksen who has made a decision to leave us at the end of this term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Pecksen for his work at Balsall Common. We have enjoyed the time he has spent with us and we are very grateful for his contribution to after school sport. We wish you the best of luck for the future, Mr Pecksen.

SENCo Role

The role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) has been carried out by me over the last two years but is soon to be taken over by Mrs Kate Whittlesey. I have really enjoyed being SENCo at BCPS and wish Mrs Whittlesey every success as she undertakes this position next term.

Race for Life

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our first Race for Life for Schools event on Friday 15th April! On this day, all children in school will have an opportunity to run, walk or jog around the course and parents are invited to come along to support. More details about timings and sponsorship will follow next week so that children have plenty of time to collect sponsorship for Cancer Research UK over the Easter break.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and a very Happy Easter. Remember we break up next Wednesday 23rd March and are all back in school on Monday 11th April! Take care,

Miss E Hughes, Assistant Headteacher



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Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week

Miss Sargent's class - Charlie-Beau & Ajay

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Jessica B & Zachary

Robin's Stars of the Week

Miley D, RC

James L, RW

Jordan C, RM

Nelson S, RK

Writers of the Week

Tilly B, RW

Isabella M, 2B

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Megan C, 2B

Micky T, 3C

Dimitris V, 4J

Isabel M, 5B

Hannah L, 6B

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Christie S, 3C

Hannah B, 4C

Darcy J, 5B

Katie C, 6W

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Ben M, 3D

Milli R, 4W

Erin B, 5T

Nicole K, 6K

Zac J, 3D

Clare S, 5P

Lizzie C, 3P

DIARY DATES

Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 March	6:00 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	Race for Life 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
Monday 2 May	BANK HOLIDAY
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	INSET DAY
Monday 6 June	BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 6 - Friday 10 June	Year 6 to Isle of Wight
Thursday 9 June	KS1 Sports Day
Friday 10 June	9:05 Class Assembly RW
Monday 13 June	17:00 New Nursery Parents Introductory Meeting 18:00 New Reception Parents Introductory Meeting
Wednesday 14 June	LKS2 Sports Day
Friday 17 June	2:45 Class Assembly 5T
Tuesday 21 - Friday 24 June	Year 4 to Dunfield House

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