



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to school for our final term. I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break.

**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 96.2%!

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RM	4C	99.4%
KS1	2M	4W & 5T	99%
LKS2	3D	1R	98.4%
UKS2	6K	Whole School	96.2%

**ATL Points Cup Winners**

Well done to Isobelle in 3D and Molly in 5B for earning the most ATL Points in LKS2 and UKS2 respectively.

**Roof**

Over the Easter holiday and during this half term, there is some essential maintenance work being carried out on the roof of the school building. We are taking every precaution to ensure children's safety during this time but we would ask you to remind them to take notice of signs around school and to stay well away from scaffolding and areas where the roofers are working. Weather permitting, the work should be completed by the end of this half term.

**Rugby Tots**

This coming Wednesday, there is a Year 3 Strings concert in the hall. Therefore, the children who attend Rugby Tots will be outside for their session this week.

**Extra-curricular Clubs**

Our summer programme of extra-curricular clubs, including athletics, rounders and cricket, will begin next Monday. Details of these clubs have been shared on a separate letter which came home this week. Please ensure you return your reply slip to Miss Maycock as soon as possible if you wish to attend any of these clubs, especially as some clubs have limited places.



**Zoo Lab Visit**

Just before Easter, Reception had some very interesting visitors. Each class had a rat, komodo dragon, snail, millipede, cockroach and tarantula to visit and some of the staff and children even stroked a snake! Thank you to Zoo Lab for coming to see us and to the staff in Reception for organising such an exciting experience for the children. I'm sure it will be something they remember for a very long time to come!



**Dragons**

Over the Easter holiday, the children attending Dragons were enjoying a wide range of special days, including a 'Round the World Day' and 'Circus Day!' Following a recent survey of parents whose children attend our Dragons wraparound club, we are pleased to share some very positive feedback. 86% of parents said that their child enjoyed attending Dragons and 85% said that they would recommend Dragons to other parents. This provision has been in place for almost a year now and despite some initial technical difficulties with the booking system used, things have really improved and 86% of parents are now finding booking much easier and more convenient. We are really proud of the work being done in Dragons so far and, as always, will continue to work to improve the service we offer. If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please contact Abi Mitchell:

[s2amitchell@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s2amitchell@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk)



**Allergens - Nuts, Eggs and Kiwis**

As you know, at BCPS, we take the health, safety and well-being of all our pupils very seriously. We have many pupils in our school who have serious allergies to foods such as nuts, eggs, dairy products and particular fruits or vegetables. Please can we remind you to be especially vigilant if sending food in for your child to eat and for birthdays, charity stalls or lesson activities - for some children just touching the allergen or a contaminated object or surface can be incredibly dangerous, even if they haven't eaten the food. The most common allergens (nuts, eggs and kiwi fruit) should not be brought into school, please, to reduce the chance of children suffering an allergic reaction. I know this can be really difficult, especially with these being healthy food choices but we thank you for your continued support in reducing risk to pupils.

**Key Stage 2 Assessments**

This term, children in Year 6 will be completing their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. They have been working incredibly hard in preparation for these so we would like to remind you that the assessment week is 9 - 13 May and it is vital that children are in school during this time. Children in other year groups will be completing their end of year assessments during May and June.

**Dads' Scalextric Night**

Next Friday 22 April at 7pm will be Mr Burgess' Dad's Scalextric Night. There will be food available and a good deal of healthy competition amongst the racing drivers! If you would like to sign up for a place, please make a payment to the Scalextric service in your child's ParentPay account.

**Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,  
Miss E Hughes, Assistant Headteacher**

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

Miss Sargent's class - Bethan & Angelina

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Jessie & Luke B

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Shiven S, RC

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Esher R, RM

Nevaeh D, RK

**Writers of the Week**

Ben A, RW

Charlotte H, RC

Olivia P, RM

Tom S, RK

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Jessica I, 1H

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Soren W, 2B

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**Maths Wizards**

George H, 1R

Jovan G, 1H

Finlay J, 1D

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Oskar S, 1H

Olivia C, 2B

Yasmine C, 3D

Reiss S, 4C

Tommy R, 5P

Aryan B, 6W

Marcus H, 1D

Daisy-May A, 2K

Lizzie C, 3P

Tigerlily C, 4J

Zara H, 5T

George C, 6B

Shaan R, 1R

Peter P, 2M

Dylan H, 3C

Sophie B, 4W

Maeve D, 5B

Jack P, 6K

**Helen Lewis Friendship Cup**

Oliver J, 2M

**DIARY DATES**

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 HSBC SchoolBank
<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 13 May	KS2 Tests
Friday 13 May	HSBC SchoolBank
Wednesday 18 May	PTA Meeting
Thursday 19 May	Year 4 to Tamworth Castle
Friday 20 May	9:05 Class Assembly RM
Wednesday 25 May	UKS2 Sports Day
Friday 27 May	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 6 June	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
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
Tuesday 14 June	LKS2 Sports Day
Friday 17 June	2:45 Class Assembly 5T
Tuesday 21 - Friday 24 June	Year 4 to Dunfield House
Friday 24 June	HSBC SchoolBank