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Dear Parents and Children,

Attendance and ATLs for Last Week

Attendance remained high last week and, again, I am really pleased. The children know how close they are to that magical 98%! Well done children!

| Last Week's ATL Winners | | Weekly Attendance | |
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| FS | RM | 1R | 99.4% |
| KS1 | 1R | 5B | 99.3% |
| LKS2 | 4J | 6W | 99.3% |
| UKS2 | 6W | Whole School | 97.2% |

ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Lydia in 3D and Ruby in 5P for earning the most ATL Points in LKS2 and UKS2 respectively.

2K and 4C's Class Assemblies



2K presented an informative assembly on the importance of eating a balanced diet. Linked to their Science work on Healthy Eating, the children spoke very articulately and displayed their learning very well. Meanwhile, in the afternoon, 4J produced a timely assembly that coincided with the commemoration of 400 years since Shakespeare's death. They talked knowledgeably about the great writer's works and even treated us to snippets of Shakespearian drama. Well done to 4J for mastering 16th century English!

Scalextric

Another cracking night with 21 racers! This competition is getting closer each time, with considerable improvements

in racing prowess! Even the tiniest of car faults can have an impact on the outcome of the event. Coupled with red onion, black pudding, pork pie, sausages and cakes, all swilled down with a refreshing 'gulp'



of liquid, this event goes far too quickly – just as the cars do on occasion! The final scores saw Dave Whittlesey winning, Rob McDiarmid second and Lyndon Billingham in third place! I would like to thank Nick Welby for helping me to organise and run this event and all the dads who came along. We always try to have three race meets per year, so the next, and final one for this academic year, is **Friday 1st July!** Please feel free to come along!

Choir to Michael Blanning



Mrs Brown and I took a group of 17 children to Michael Blanning Place last week to perform a mixture of songs to the residents. As always, the residents absolutely loved hearing the children sing, and, in particular, talking with the adults at the end of the show. The adults were full of

praise for the confidence that the children showed and could not believe how willing they were just to have a chat. Very well done indeed children, and thank you, Mrs Brown.

Multi-Academy Trust Meeting

We very much hope that we did the right thing by cancelling this meeting earlier this week. We had only had one response regarding attendance and did not want that single person to feel awkward. We are keen, however, to ensure that any questions are answered and are more than happy to set up a less formal, smaller group meeting. Please feel free to contact us on s2matinformation@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk.

School Class Photos

The photographer will be in school next Tuesday and Wednesday to take class photographs. These are always brilliant to keep and look back on in years to come.

SEN Meeting for Year 6 SAT's

Statutory Attainment Tests (SATs) are taken by all children in Year 6 annually. This year they are being conducted between 9th and 13th of May. We are able to make special arrangements for children who may have difficulty accessing the test papers. Information about how we will ensure that they are accessible to all children will be shared next Tuesday at 5.15pm in the school hall. Please join us if you can.

Bank Holiday

I'm pretty sure that I don't need to remind you all that school will be closed on Monday since it is a BANK HOLIDAY! I hope that you have an enjoyable extended weekend and that the weather is not typical; let the sun shine!

Have a great weekend
GT Burgess



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Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week

Miss Sargent's class - Kacy & Myles

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Hayden & Lucy R

Robin's Stars of the Week

Henry H, RW

Esme W, RC

Caitlyn B, RM

Jacob G, RK

Writers of the Week

George D, RW

Sam M-L & Jack McKa, RC

Molly H, RM

Holiver M & Annabel H, RK

Archie F, 1H

Lilly K & Priya T, 1D

Jake B, 1R

River B & Charlie P, 2K

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George B, 2B

Maths Wizards

Thomas G, 1H

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Lewis B, 1D

Josie R & William K, 2B

George M, 2M

Tilly C & Matthew C, 2M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Henry M, 1D

Jonathon K, 2K

Jayden C, 3D

Xander M, 4C

Aidan E, 5B

Ben DD, 6B

Lily H, 1H

George M, 2M

Lily P, 3C

Kierath C, 4J

Ethan T, 5B

Emily W, 6W

Danny T, 1R

Everyone, 2B

Jayden R, 3P

Ralph P, 4W

Sam R, 5T

Ruth W, 6K

Courtney W, 5P

DIARY DATES

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| Monday 2 May | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 3 May | 12:20 Nursery Play & Learn Interactive Session for parents of PM children |
| Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 May | Class and Team Photographs |
| 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 | Non-School Uniform Day for Mikey's Wish 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 |
| Tuesday 14 June | LKS2 Sports Day |
| Friday 17 June | Non-School Uniform Day for Gala 2:45 Class Assembly 5T |
| Tuesday 21 - Friday 24 June | Year 4 to Dunfield House |
| Friday 24 June | Non-School Uniform Day for Gala HSBC SchoolBank |
| Saturday 25 June | GALA DAY |
| Friday 1 July | 2:45 Class Assembly 5P |

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