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Dear Parents and Children,

Attendance and ATLs for Last Week

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RK	1D	99.4%
KS1	2M	3C	99.3%
LKS2	3D	5B	99.0%
UKS2	6B	Whole School	96.9%

Attendance

Congratulations to everyone for continuing to achieve high attendance. However, we are still chasing that magical 98%!

ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Rachael in 4W and Ruby in 5P for earning the most ATLs last week.

ATL Point Winners

I am in the process of calculating the names of two children from each class in KS2 who have been awarded the most ATL points over the course of the whole year. The winners will accompany me on a visit, somewhere, in the final week of this term to celebrate their consistently outstanding attitude towards learning. Watch this space for more information.

5P's Class Assembly

5P delivered a particularly humorous assembly last Friday, even though they were dealing with the very political topic of Europe. The children managed successfully to put an entertaining spin on this subject by treating us to some Eurovision songs, the annual contest, of which, is a firm favourite of mine. Great costumes and dancing were the order of the morning; there was even an appearance of judges from the children in 5P who were at Dunfield House, via video link to emulate the real event! This was a fantastic idea and very well done; children from the class who might have missed out on their assembly were successfully involved as a result of modern tech-



nology and creative thinking. Very well done to everyone and well done indeed to Mr Prescott!

Dunfield Music

Many thanks to Miss Whittall and Miss Bains who accompanied 25 Year 5 pupils to Dunfield last week for a musical residential. Children were able to take part in daily sessions with pupils from other schools, thereby extending their already rapidly growing musical ability. After 3 days of preparation the event culminated in a concert, watched by parents who had made the journey to Dunfield. Thank you all so much and, children, very well done to you all for your excellent behaviour, attitude and superb musical performances.

Sport

Our Year 6 boys football side reached the quarter finals of the FA Schools Cup earlier this term and were drawn to play Dickens Heath away. The sides were very evenly balanced; two goals from Harry H and one from Fred D kept the result in doubt until the very last minute when, unfortunately for us, the home team scored giving them victory with a score line of 4-3. The boys were superb! Meanwhile, our children made it through to the final of the **Borough Sports**, which is *the* blue ribbon event of school athletics, for yet another year. 32 schools entered the competition this year and the standard seems to be getting higher each time; reaching the final is considered to be a real achievement. The event is split over two evenings at the Norman Green track in Solihull. Once again, our finishing positions were very impressive. Lilla W finished 2nd in the Year 5 girls 75m sprint; Ben B was 3rd in the Year 6 boys 600m; Owen P

followed up the 3rd place that he achieved last year with a second 3rd place in the long jump; the quartet of Owen P, Callum G, Tom B and Shaun B were 3rd in the Year 6 boys relay event. Other finalists were Callum G, who finished 4th overall in the Year 6 75m sprint, whilst the Year 5 girls and boys relay teams both reached their finals. These are fantastic results and show the commitment that the children have to sport in this school. Mr Green must be thanked for everything he does; we provide a wide range of sporting opportunities, some of which are incredibly diverse, and the work he puts in to coaching individuals and teams is fantastic. Well done children and well done Mr Green.

Multi Academy Trust

We continue to move closer to becoming the lead sponsor for Damson Wood Nursery and Infants School, but, as yet, have not signed the final agreement. The DfE is in the final stages of organising the paperwork and it is likely that the final agreement will be signed in August. In anticipation, Emily Hughes has been seconded as Head of School to Damson Wood; Mrs Whittlesey took over from Miss Hughes as the school's SENCO earlier this year and has been doing a fabulous job; some of our experienced staff have visited Damson Wood to help us identify areas for improvement, which have been shared with myself and Miss Hughes. It is highly unlikely that I will have anything further to report until September but, if I do, I will share it with you all.

School Disco

The final school disco of this year is tonight. KS1 5.30-6.45 and KS2 7.00-8.15.

Year 6 Performance of the Lion King

Everyone here is very excited about next week's performance of this epic Disney movie! See you here next week Year 6 parents.

Have a great weekend
GT Burgess

Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week

Miss Sargent's class - Cameron and Peter

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Madeleine

Robin's Stars of the Week

Henry H, RW

Sienna, E, RK

Billy P, RM

Amelia H, RC

Writers of the Week

Henry H, RW

Annabel, H & Tom, S, RK

Esher R & Olivia Y, RM

Jack McKi, RC

Eva G, 1H

Hema T & Ben L, 1R

Reece A, Sophia P & Ben B, 1D

Megan H & Sophie M, 2K

Harry Mc, Libby B, Isabelle J & Peter P, 2M

Maths Wizards

Lily H & Miles T, 1H

Jasmin S, 1D

Poppy K & Aryan K, 1R

Rafael P, 2B

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Andrew B, 1H

Milo S, 2K

Millie H, 3D

Elizabeth M, 4C

Keira P, 5T

Harry H, 6B

Charlie B, 1H

Charlie H, 2B

Clarissa Y, 3C

Alex R, 4J

Aidan E, 5B

Owen P, 6W

Lilian C, 1D

Sam W, 2B

George K, 3C

Alex M, 4W

Isabel M, 5B

Jordon J, 1R

Ben A, 2M

Bless L-A, 5P

Harris M, 2M

Amira E, 2M

DIARY DATES

Monday 11 July	16:30 Year 1 Information Evening 17:30 Year 3 Information Evening
Wednesday 13 July	14:00- Year 6 Performance - Matinee Performance for Grandparents 18:00 - Year 6 Performance
Thursday 14 July	18:00 - Year 6 Performance
Friday 15 July	INSET DAY
Monday 18 July	Reports Home Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 19 July	9:30 AM & M-W Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 20 July	Year 6 Fun Day and BBQ PTA final meeting
Thursday 21 July	Final KS1 birthday assembly 2:00 PM & W-F Nursery Graduation
Friday 22 July	9:05 Final Assembly Year 2 14:30 Final Assembly Year 6 END OF SCHOOL YEAR



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