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Dear Parents and Children,

Attendance and ATLs for Last Week

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RK	2B	98.9%
KS1	1D	3D	98.7%
LKS2	3D	4C	99.7%
UKS2	6K	Whole School	96.8%

Attendance

As the term moves to a close, attendance still remains higher than the national average. Well done indeed to the children.

ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Oliver in 3P and Carys in 6K for earning the most ATLs last week.

Music Concert



Our musicians from across Key Stage 2 came together last week to play individually, in small groups and as an orchestra. It has been some time since we introduced the teaching of a musical instrument for all children in Year 3; getting to the stage we are now at seemed, initially, little more than a pipe dream. But, here we are! The children are clearly ambitious; they want to play well. And play well they do! Last week's performance was incredible. The quality of their control over their instruments has grown immensely over time. I am extremely proud of them all. Well done parents; your determination regarding encouraging them to practise regularly and to pay for the lessons, is really paying off. Well done everyone and

many thanks indeed to Mrs Brown for her excellent co-ordination of several musical events this year.

Cheerleading Competition

Last week our cheerleaders from KS1 attended the Solihull Cheerleading Festival at Lode Heath School. Their routine was choreographed by our very own Year 6 girls, Alison K, Evelyn K and Carys H, who also supported the KS1 team during their performance. The girls performed the routine perfectly, wearing their best cheerleading smiles throughout! They came a very respectable 4th place out of 14 teams, with Josie R chosen as the Star Performer. A very big thank you to all of the staff involved, with a special thanks to Miss Brewer who introduced cheerleading to the school.

The F1 Challenge

Children from Year 4 enter this competition annually. This year, one of our teams made it through to the national finals. Overall, the team finished 4th. This is an incredible achievement; the competition is extremely tough and a good many technical skills are required. Very well done indeed to Rhys E, Mia P, Maia F, Alex M, and to Mrs Varga, Mr Rose and a number of parents and sponsors who have accompanied the children at each event. The children are, however, National Champions, since, even though they did not win the race event, they won the National Sponsorship and Marketing Award as a result of the incredible support of our sponsors, organised by Mr Rose. So, many thanks to Midshire Business Systems, TSC Cars, Signarama, FleetEvolution, Sutherpark, Wow Signals, Clifford House Fostering, Lavender Hall Autos and Saint-Gobain PAM UK for their help and support. Without their sponsorship it would not have been possible to win this national award.

Race for Life

Though this has been some weeks ago now, our matched sponsorship and outstanding

monies are now all in! Would you believe that the final figure is £10,323.22. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement. Thank you everyone for your support!

Year 1 Fundraising



During this term, Year 1 have been learning about different charities and the work that they do. The children picked two charities to raise money for; Acorns and Air Ambulance. Last week, they had a fundraising week which included events such as a danceathon and a cake sale. Altogether, Year 1 have raised £500 for each charity! Wow! How incredible is that. Well done children, parents and teachers!

School Disco

And, yet more news regarding fantastic fundraising events! Last week, the school disco raised £1300! Lee Baker, parent and PTA member, runs this event with a number of helpers and the disco magic of DJs Bains and Prescott. Without a doubt, your capacity to raise funds for charities and the school is simply amazing. You all need a huge pat on the back.

General Information

Remember that the school is **closed to children tomorrow for school INSET** and that all clubs have now finished until next year.

In addition, I am sure that no-one needs to be reminded that, incredibly, next week is the final week of this school year!

Have a great long weekend
GT Burgess

Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week

Miss Sargent's class - Joe F & Ziging Y

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Charlie G

Robin's Stars of the Week

George W, RW

Harry P & Vivienne T, RK

Samuel M-L, RC

Chloe W, RM

Writers of the Week

Macey C, RW

Evie K & Eva C, RK

Jack S, RC

Maths Wizards

Matthew F, 1R

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Chloe-May McS, 1R

Soren W, 2B

Harry V, 3D

Kyle H, 4C

Leo M, 5P

Marie K, 6B

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Zara D, 3C

Miles G, 4C

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Anu R, 6W

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Orson B, 4W

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DIARY DATES

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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