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Dear Parents and Children,

Unbelievably, that's it now for another year! The speed with which this year has passed is incredible. Read on for the final newsletter of this academic year.

Attendance and ATLs for Last Week

Termly ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RW	RC	98.1%
KS1	1D	2M	99.1%
LKS2	3D	4W	99.2%
UKS2	6B	Whole School	95.6%

ATL Points Cup Winners and Termly Winners

Many congratulations to the classes above for winning the weekly award the most times this term. They receive a special celebration in school. Well done also to Elianne O in 4C and Alison K and Ryan B in 6K for earning the most ATLs last week.

Attendance

Our overall attendance for the whole school year is 96.5%. This is above the national average, as it always is, but we would like it to be higher. Next year we are introducing additional cups for classes with the highest weekly attendance!

Dads Scalextric Next Year

Nick and I have set the dates for the whole year, each one being the penultimate Friday before each

half term. Parentpay is also already set up for the whole year. The dates are: 14th October, 2016, 10th February, 2017 and 19th May, 2017!

Year 6 Production of the Lion King



Everyone who saw this show agreed that it was an exceptional performance! The children were absolutely stunning; their command of the different stage layout, their singing and acting captivated us all. My goodness me, Year 6, this was amazing!

Fund Raising

The collection at the end of the Year 6 performance for the Princess Trust raised £170.40. The final figure raised for Race for Life was £10,717.72. Many thanks indeed to you all for continuing to be so generous with your charity donations.

Nursery Graduation

This is the second year that we have run this graduation event. To say it is well supported is a real understatement. Tissues? Did we need tissues? Ohhhh yes! The children went on stage, shook hands

with their key worker, received a graduation certificate and had their photos taken. It was as simple as that. And yet, it could have been the opening night of the most successful show on earth! Wow! Thank you Nursery team for your tremendous work this year, and thank you parents for all



the support you offer your children both in and out of school. And now, here comes Reception!

Dates for Next Year

Below are the school's dates for the whole of next year to help you plan around work commitments. We aim to keep any changes to a bare minimum. And finally, thank you all for your continued support. I hope that you and your family manage to get away over the holiday and that the weather is exceptional. See you back on Wednesday 7th September!

GT Burgess

Whole School Standards

	Reading (Yr 6 ARE NA 66, Solihull GD Av 20)			Writing (Yr 6 ARE NA 74, Solihull GD Av ?)			Maths (Yr 6 ARE NA 70, Solihull GD Av 19)		
	EOY '15 ARE	EOY '16 ARE	EOY '16 GD	EOY '15 ARE	EOY '16 ARE	EOY '16 GD	EOY '15 ARE	EOY '16 ARE	EOY '16 GD
1	35	54	10	32	61	0	38	60	3
2	62	73	38	50	64	26	60	77	33
3	66	80	22	46	70	9	51	76	17
4	72	78	25	48	68	10	48	68	10
5	67	83	22	47	70	10	69	90	27
6	81	79	32	62	68		73	69	22

NA=National Average for Year 6. GD=Greater Depth (Solihull Average)

Whole School Standards

This is a very difficult time for schools across the country. I have already sent you additional information within the school reports explaining why. Our standards, to the left, show that there has been accelerated progress in all year groups this year from their previous starting points (barring Year 6). We have been moderated and our judgements have been validated. Anything in green is above the new end of Year 6 national average. Our expectations for writing are absolutely rigorous! Please join me at my Heads Annual Update to Parents on Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 6.00pm, where I will go through the new assessment system again.

DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September	INSET DAYS
Wednesday 7 th September	Term Begins for pupils and staff
Monday 12 th September	PTA AGM
Tuesday 13 th September	18:00 - Head's Annual Update
Monday 19 th September	18:00 - Year 6 Information Evening
Tuesday 20 th September	18:00 - EYFS Curriculum Evening
Friday 23 rd September	Roald Dahl Dressing Up Day 14:45 Class Assembly 3D
Monday 26 th September	18.00 - Poetry Evening
Friday 30 th September	14:45 Class Assembly 3C 17:00 - Scout AGM in hall
Tuesday 4 th October	17:30 - Y2 Information Evening
Friday 7 th October	14:45 Class Assembly 3B
Wednesday 12 th October	Book Fair
Friday 14 th October	14:45 Class Assembly 4W Dads Scalextric
Monday 17 th and Tuesday 18 th October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 21 st October	14:45 Class Assembly 4A
24th-28th October	HALF TERM
Monday 31 st October	Term resumes for pupils and staff
Friday 11 th November	14:45 Class Assembly 4C
Friday 18 th November	PTA Chair's Quiz
Saturday 26 th November	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 30 th November	10:00 & 14:00 Nursery Nativity
Friday 2 nd December	Disco
Monday 5 th December	14:00 Reception Nativity
Tuesday 6 th December	14:00 Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 7 th December	14:00 Year 2 Nativity 18:00 Year 1 Nativity EYFS Theatre Trip to Warwick Arts Centre (The Stick Man)
Thursday 8 th December	18:00 Year 2 Nativity
Friday 9 th December	14.00 Reception Nativity
Monday 12 th December	14:00 & 18:00 LKS2 Carol Concerts
Tuesday 13 th December	14:00 & 18:00 UKS2 Carol Concerts
Wednesday 14 th December	Years 1-6 Panto Trip to Leamington Spa (Beauty and the Beast)
Friday 16th December	TERM ENDS



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