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Dear Parents and Children Swim Gala

Last Friday 21st September 26 pupils from Years 3&4 took part in a head to head competition with Blue Coat Primary School. Swimmers put in a fantastic performance, showing great team spirit and courage. For some swimmers, this was their first gala experience. We achieved several first places and, although we were runners up, the children should be very proud of themselves. A big thank you to all parents for transport and to all the helpers pool side as well. Many thanks to Mr Bird for his organisation. Well done swimmers, and keep up this hard work!

Swim Team Captains and Vice Captains

Mr Bird is pleased to announce that our Captain and Vice-Captain of the girls' swim team is Lucy Mc and Gabby H, and for the boys is Oliver M and Dylan H. Congratulations boys and girls; we know you will do yourselves proud in these positions!

Balsall Common Fun Run

Well done to everyone who took part in this event, whatever their ages or running abilities. This is a fantastic local charity and the level of support from the community is fantastic. Thank you for supporting the 12 runners from Balsall Common and Damson Wood schools. We made it in the end!

Christmas Fayre Non-school Uniform Day

Unfortunately, I think we have sent two different dates out for this event. The actual date is the Friday before the Fayre. That being Friday 30th November. Please accept our apologies. EYFS and KS1 can bring chocolate and KS2 can bring bottles! We also always need cakes, so if you could plan this into your baking timetable, Mrs Brown will be extremely pleased. Thank you.

The PTA work extremely effectively to make this a great event. Support at meetings is strong. **Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 14th November, at 7.00pm** in the school hall. These meetings are tightly run and always finish no later than 8.00pm. Please come along and join us if you can.

Attendance

Another fabulous week of attendance. Well done to the classes below for achieving the highest attendance last week, with a particular well done to RM for achieving 100%!

Weekly Attendance	Class	
EYFS Highest	RM	- 100%
KS1 Highest	2D	- 99.6%
LKS2 Highest	4D	- 99.7%
UKS2 Highest	5A	- 98.9%
Whole school		97.1%

Head's Class of the Week

Well done also to the classes below for achieving the greatest number of ATLs in their phases.

	Last Week
EYFS	RM
KS1	1B
LKS2	3D
UKS2	5M

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

And a very big well done indeed to these children for achieving the most amount of individual ATLs in their phases.

KS1	Harriet O, 1B
LKS2	Jacob O, 3J, and Jessica H, 3M
UKS2	Jessica L, 5M

Football

Solihull school played host to two of our Year 6 football teams last week. These two excellent teams represented our school in what turned out to be a very entertaining evening of football. The A team continued their success from last year, with two goals from Mickey T and a goal from Mickey R seeing Balsall win 3-1! Meanwhile, Lillian C scored twice for the second team, which suffered a narrow defeat. Very well done indeed to all of the players for their spirited and skilful performances.

Car Parking

I would like to thank you for trying to park responsibly when dropping children in the morning and picking up at the end of the school day. It is extremely important to us that we hear positive comments from local residents about our parents!

Teaching Assistants

Our teaching assistants are only allocated to classes in Year 1 for this term full-time. Thereafter, they are timetabled to deliver specific support across the whole year. This worked very well last year, seeing standards rise significantly. I am letting you know now so that this does not come as a surprise to you in the Spring term.

Slip into Slippers

This event is next **Thursday, 4th October**. Children are welcome to come into school in their normal shoes and then wear their slippers during the day. **If you fancy donating £1.00 each for the charity, this would be great.** Many thanks to you all.

Nutella Bars

Please do not send anything into school that may contain nuts! Children here with severe allergies are at serious risk if you do!

Individual Photographs

An early reminder that these photos are scheduled for Wednesday 10th October.

Friday Nights Out

Friday 12th October, Pie and Peas Race Night.

For this event email aces@bcpspta.org.uk.

Friday 19th October, Dads Scalextric Night.

For this event, please make your £10.00 payment through your ParentPay account at www.parentpay.co.uk.

13 Shopping Saturdays until Christmas Day!

Have a great weekend.
GT Buraess

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Evie M, RM	Matilda, RC
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Writers of the Week

Erin O, RM	Lily F, 1R	Ziqing Y, 2D	Spencer C, 2S
Nancy RC	Elissa M, 1S	Ellie J, 2P	Libby S, 2K

Maths Magician

Tom B, RM	Theo T, 1R	Luciano F, 2D	Oscar L, 2S
Matilda, RC	Amber K, 1S	Jess S, 2P	Joe M, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Lyla S, 1R	Amelia C, 2D	Erin M, 3J	Poppy K, 4W	Sam W, 5P	Ole W, 6B
Daniel K, 1S	Sam R, 2P	Olivia H-G, 3D	Phoebe M, 4C	Luna K-P, 5M	Isabelle C, 6W
	Oscar E, 2S	Joshua S, 3C	Phoebe C, 4C	Jonty D, 5M	George K, 6P
	Rupert F, 2K	Bethan K, 3M	Lilian C, 4D		

Golden Ticket Winner of the Week

Ellie P, 1R	Flo P, 2D	Sophie F, 3D	Ben L, 4W	Logan T, 5P	Jayden R, 6P
Ellie D, 1S	Tyler W, 2S	Jack McK, 3J	Oskar S, 4W	Erin M, 5M	Millie M, 6B
	Harry T, 2K	Joshua S, 3C	William S, 4C	Isabel C, 5A	Jamie B, 6W
		Raffle Grace P, 3M	Jake B, 4D		

DIARY DATES 2018-2019

Thursday 4 th October	Slip into Slippers
Friday 5 th October	5M Class Assembly
Wednesday 10 th , 11 th , 12 th and Monday 15 th October	Book Fair in the School Atrium
Wednesday 10 th October	Individual Photographs
	PTA (19.00)
Wednesday 10 th October	Travelling Book Fayre (until Monday 15 th)
Friday 12 th October	5P Class Assembly
	PTA Race Night (19.30)
Monday 15 th October	Y3 to Chedworth
Tuesday 16 th October	Y3 to Chedworth
Friday 19 th October	3M Class Assembly
	Scalextric Night (19.30)
Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 26 th October	3C Class Assembly
HALF TERM	
Tuesday 13 th November	Flu Nasal Spray (Reception & Years 1-5)
Wednesday 14 th November	PTA (19.00)
Thursday 15 th November	Y5 to Space Centre
Friday 16 th November	3J Class Assembly
Friday 23 rd November	3D Class Assembly