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## ATTENDANCE

**We aim for 100% attendance for every child**

**208 children achieved 100% Attendance last week**

**Class of the Week w/e 4/10/13**

**Year 6 with 98.71%**

**Whole School Attendance was 96.71%**

**Mr Foley has been contacting the last few families who have not returned their 'Improving Attendance Campaign' forms.**

Dear Parents,

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Thank you to all parents who have supported book week by purchasing books from the Book Fair. We sold £633.50 worth of books which means that we were able to choose books to the value of over £300.00 from Scholastic for our School Library for your children to enjoy. Thank you once again.



We had a very good turnout for our parents' evening on Wednesday. If you missed your appointment then do make contact with your child's class teacher who will make another appointment before half term.

Today we celebrated the end of Book week when many children came to school **dressed as their favourite character** from a story and earlier this week the children enjoyed 'Story Swap' when they went to another classroom to hear a member of staff read a story. Thank you to Mrs. King for organising the whole week and to Mrs. Lloyd for running the Book Fair.



May I take this opportunity to remind parents about our **school library** which is open for children to browse and choose books **every Tuesday and Thursday** after school. If you can't get to Small Heath Library or your local library then do come and use our school library.

**Meet Mo Farah Tuesday 15th October at 5.00pm at Waterstones  
24-26 High Street Birmingham B4 7SL**

Double Olympic champion Mo Farah's eventful life has taken him from childhood in Somalia to triumph at the London 2012 Games. Meet him when he comes to Waterstones to sign copies of his new autobiography. Please note: no other merchandise will be signed at this event. Arrive early to avoid disappointment.



**Eid Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October or Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Muslim families who inform us in advance that they are taking part in religious observance will have one day absence authorised, although this will still affect the children's percentage attendance. If families do not make contact with the school before Eid falls then any absence will be recorded as unauthorised.**



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**Year 6 Alton Castle residential**

This was another great success. The children returned tired but very happy after spending time in the countryside engaged in many outdoor adventure pursuits. Our school teamed up with staff and pupils from St. Bernadette's school and everyone got along well and behaviour was excellent. Thank you to Mr. Foley, Miss Gallagher and Miss Walker who went with the children.



**Parents of our Year 5 pupils**

Once again the Y6 children have enjoyed an exciting and fun filled residential at Alton Castle. Mr. Foley has booked us in again for next September when it will be your child's turn to go. More information to come in the new year.

**Autumn Term Parents Meal Day is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

Parents must book and pay for their meal this Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, so that cook can order the extra ingredients. Please note we cannot order any further meals after Monday.

**Parents please take note of the following forthcoming further school closures.**

Whole School Teacher Training Day **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013** School closed to all pupils.

Early Years Teacher Training Day **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013** School closed to Nursery pupils only.

<b>Forth coming Parents Evenings</b>	
Year 2	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>
Year 5	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>
Year 4	To be re-scheduled after half term

Parents should have received notification of their parents evening times; if not do please check with your child's class teacher.

**Healthy Lunch Boxes**

May I remind parents that children who bring a packed lunch are **only allowed water as a drink** (which is freely available in school) and that chocolate or chocolate covered biscuits, crisps, sweets etc. are not allowed. Parents may request a copy of our School Food Policy which clearly explains our rules.

If your child is involved in appointments with outside support agencies during school time then do please make sure that you take your child to his/her appointment. Such appointments are to support and help the child and the impact of such support usually means that the child is more able to engage in learning when in school. If you do not attend such appointments then your child will be taken off the list. There are excellent services for children under the NHS and it is important that parents utilise fully what is on offer to them.

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe. 'Eid Mubarak' to all our Muslim families for next week.

Yours sincerely

M. Mulroy

Mrs. M. Mulroy  
Headteacher

