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Dear Parents,

**Dodgeball competition British Heart Foundation**

On Tuesday Years 1 – 6 took part in a sponsored dodgeball competition. Mrs McKenna writes:  
having fun and raising money for the British Heart Foundation. We have been amazed by the generosity of sponsors. Many thanks for what has been sent in so far. Please encourage your child to collect their sponsorship money as soon as possible and bring it into school. The sooner we return the money to the British Heart Foundation the sooner your child will receive their certificate.

Everyone was a winner, taking part in our fun and exciting Ultimate Dodgeball tournament. They helped themselves to prevent the onset of the risk factors for heart and circulatory disease by being active and having fun.

**Art exhibition**

Well done to all the children who produced some first class art for the exhibition yesterday. I hope parents enjoyed what they saw. I thought it was brilliant!

There was collage, mosaic, pointillism, watercolour and photography. It was a treat for the eyes! Prizes will be awarded in due course.

**Attendance**

This week the best attendance was in Year 4 who achieved 99%. Well done! Overall attendance was too low this week at 94.5%, with very disappointing figures in Year 6 and Reception. Overall since the start of the year we are running at 95.5% which is an improvement since Christmas and

learning is the vital message for parents!.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Reception	90.3%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	92.1%
Year 6	86.2%

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June we are planning the following:

- Non-uniform children should come to school in something red, white and blue. We would also request that they bring in prizes for the tombola, raffle prizes and bottles for the bottle stall for the fete.
- **Card** children are asked to produce a card for the school's 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. The school will provide the card next half term, but the activity should take place at home.
- Birthday picnic each class will be having a picnic outside at the end of the afternoon teachers will be asking for some cakes for this.

### **Achievement awards**

#### **a) Good to be green**

The following children received achievement certificates: Casey Alpin, George Hircock, Macen Lloyd, Ebony Whitehead, Luke Loveridge, Anna Johnson, Verity Baines, Cassie Overland, Bethany Hancock, Max Layn, Oscar Drew, Alzy Williams, Charlotte Judge and Oliver Russell. Well done!

#### **b) Lunchtime awards**

The following children were picked out by our midday staff as behaving particularly well: Nicole Secker, Joshua Jones, Mason Smith and Aaron Tegerdine. Well done!

#### **c) Maths awards**

We awarded certificates for progress in maths this week to: Rio Lloyd, Summer Gosling, Keira Hibbitt, Slava Perunovs, Cody Asker-Browne and Finlay Cartwright. Well done.

#### **d) Writing awards**

Certificates for progress in writing go this week to: Thomas Russell, Grace Clark, Casey Gray, Jake Gibson, Gracie Carter, Fearne Ketteringham, Sienna Smith and Bobby Horgan. Well done!

#### **e) Lexia certificates**

This week these children improved their reading skills using the Lexia programme: Grantas Samuilis, Tyler Barnes, Keane Baldwin, Jack Jarman, Alfie Plunkett and Tye Bryant-Hammond. Well done!

### **Dates for the diary**

- Village Fete Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Raffle tickets on sale in the playground from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June and also in Tesco tomorrow!!
- Sports day Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 in the morning and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon.
- We will hold an open afternoon on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30 p.m.
- **Half term next week! Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Term ends Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.**
- We have a training day planned for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. School will be closed.
- **Next term (2016/17) we have two training days planned for the beginning of the year. Term will begin for children in Years 1 - 6 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.**

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher