

# Balsall Common Primary School

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#### Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back everyone to the new school year. I do hope that you have all been able to make the best of the sunny weather and that you did all manage actually to have a break.

During the summer holidays a number of changes to the building have taken place.

- New tiles to the roof
- Fresh carpets in corridors and the Studio
- Wall removed and rebuilt in a different position
- An additional classroom created and fully equipped
- A new cooking area
- New flooring area to one of the breakaway rooms
- New sinks in three classrooms which did not have them
- Copious amounts of painting

All in all, the school is looking fresh and ready to face the year. Many thanks indeed to Mr Exton for his splendid attention to detail over the holiday; organising contractors and overseeing all projects; a good job, well done!

In addition, the 1<sup>st</sup> August saw documents for us to become a multi academy trust signed. BCPS Academy and Damson Wood Academy are now working together within the Central Schools Trust, with BCPS being the lead school within the trust. I will share more information with you on my **Head's Annual Update to Parents** on Tuesday of next week, 13<sup>th</sup>, 6.00-7.00pm in the school hall. You are all welcome. Agenda items are:

- Overview of the Central Schools Trust (CST) organisation
- Evaluation of last year
- This year's school improvement objectives.

#### Staffing

We welcome Emily Coles and Kate Cooper to our Nursery, Claire Revell, Emma Russell and Liz Basener to Year 1, with Mrs Smith back from maternity leave, Natalie Lewis and Lesley MacRae to Year 2, Trudy Ashdown to Year 4 and Victoria Mackay and Katie Bragg to Year 5. Mrs M Brown, previously head of UKS2, has joined the senior leadership team as an Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Walkerdine is now head of UKS2. Miss Hughes has become the substantive headteacher at Damson Wood and Katie Maycock has joined her as head of KS1. In addition, Jo Brewer is now teaching in Year 3 and Kieran Prescott and Sue Johnson are teaching in Year 6. Apart from that, everything remains the same!

#### Howard Rose

Over the holiday, Howard Rose was awarded the **Marriott Forest of Arden Six of the Best Business Persons for August** and is in the running for the **Chamber's Business Person of the Year**. We will let you know how Howard gets on. In the meantime, well done Howard; the contacts he makes immensely enhance provision in school.

#### Timetable and Assembly Changes

**Years 1 and 2** will enjoy a staggered break time to ensure that there is plenty of space for them to run around in. Passports, sports awards and awards from home will be given out during internal assemblies.

In this way, we hope that celebration assemblies will be shorter so that children in KS1 can get back to lessons more quickly.

#### Clubs

**Club lists** will come out to you next week and the majority of clubs will start a week on Monday.

#### End of Year Assemblies and School Re-Start

Both the Year 2 and Year 6 assemblies on the final day of the term were superb. The re-start has been absolutely amazing! It is as though we have never been away. The children look fresh, are beautifully presented and have already demonstrated an excellent attitude. We are all absolutely delighted. We will endeavour to ensure that this high standard continues

#### Important Dates

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September:** Dress up as a Roald Dahl Book Character to celebrate Roald Dahl week.

**PTA meetings**, all in school, 7.00-8.00pm sharp: 14<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Discos**, all Fridays: 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 24<sup>th</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**Gala Days:** Saturdays of 26<sup>th</sup> November and 24<sup>th</sup> June.

**Dads' Scalextric**, all Fridays 7.00pm arrival for a 7.30 start, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Once more, welcome back to the new school year, and have a fabulous weekend.**

**GTBurgess**

## DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017

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| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September                           | 18:00 - Head's Annual Update   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September                         | PTA AGM  |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September                            | 18:00 - Year 6 Information Evening   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September                           | 18:00 - EYFS Curriculum Evening  |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September                            | Roald Dahl Dressing Up Day<br>14:45 Class Assembly <b>3D</b>   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September                            | 18.00 - Poetry Evening   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September                          | Year 5 visit to Kenilworth Castle  |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September                            | 14:45 Class Assembly <b>3C</b><br>17:00 - Scout AGM in hall  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October     | Year 3 - visit from the Dinosaur Man   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October                              | 17:30 - Y2 Information Evening   |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October                             | Year 4 - Egyptian Inspiration Day  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October                               | 14:45 Class Assembly <b>3B</b>   |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October                           | Book Fair<br>Year 5 - Medieval Inspiration Day   |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                              | 14:45 Class Assembly <b>4W</b><br>Dads Scalextric  |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October | Parents' Evenings  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October                              | 14:45 Class Assembly <b>4A</b>   |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October</b>               | <b>HALF TERM</b>   |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October                              | <b>Term resumes for pupils and staff</b>   |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November                             | 14:45 Class Assembly <b>4C</b>   |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Year 5 visit to National Space Centre  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November                             | PTA Chair's Quiz   |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Christmas Fayre  |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November  | Year 5 visit by Creaturama   |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November                          | 10:00 & 14:00 Nursery Nativity   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                              | Disco  |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                              | 14:00 Reception Nativity   |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December                             | 14:00 Year 1 Nativity  |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December                           | 14:00 Year 2 Nativity<br>18:00 Year 1 Nativity<br>EYFS Theatre Trip to Warwick Arts Centre (The Stick Man) |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December                            | 18:00 Year 2 Nativity  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                              | 14.00 Reception Nativity   |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December                             | 14:00 & 18:00 LKS2 Carol Concerts  |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December                            | 14:00 & 18:00 UKS2 Carol Concerts  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Years 1-6 Panto Trip to Leamington Spa (Beauty and the Beast)  |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>                       | <b>TERM ENDS</b>   |



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