

Balsall Common Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,

So, here we are already at the end of the first full week back, and what a fabulous start to the school year this has been! Firstly, let me share with you attendance for the first three days! Here it is!

Classes with 100% attendance	RM, RW, RK, 1H, 2K, 2M, 2L, 3C, 3D, 4W and 5M.
Whole school	99%

11 classes out of 23 with full attendance! This is absolutely amazing. These attendance figures create an overall attendance figure for the whole school of 99%! Do you know what this means? It means that, this is the first time since we introduced the reward last year, every child in the school receives a jelly baby! I have been busy counting out full class sets of jelly babies, popping them into paper bags and taking them around to the classes! Of course, all staff have been checking to ensure that these jelly babies do not impact on any allergies.

In addition, the appearance and attitude of the children over the first eight days has been excellent. We all recognise that attendance, appearance and attitude starts in the home; thank you all for everything you do, and very well done children.

Roald Dahl Week



Next week we will be celebrating reading through Roald Dahl, reading

together, identifying known and unknown words, looking at the way in which sentences are used for effect and story structure. This will culminate on **Friday in a dress up day** based around Roald Dahl's books. Letters to this effect have already been sent home in order to give you some time over the weekend to think and prepare.

Dressing Up Days and School Trips

Following requests from parents, and comments in the Kirkland Rowell questionnaire, we have generated a couple of tables which we hope you will find useful.

Table 1: A list of the school trips, and their cost, for each year group, split into terms. This can be found on the school website under parents and online payments by following this link

<http://www.balsallcommonprimary.co.uk/OnlinePayments>. Please bear in mind that this is only a guide; costs quoted are based on the costs last year; they may go up. In addition, the trips are not allocated to a half term, simply the term. This is because availability is not yet known. None the less, this should be helpful.

Table 2: A list of the dress up and non-school uniform days that have been allocated this year. You can find this table on the school website under parents and extra-curricular by following this link

<http://www.balsallcommonprimary.co.uk/Extracurricular>. Again, please bear in mind that there might be slight changes or additions as the year goes on.

Kirkland Rowell Questionnaire

Many thanks to the parents who braved the downpour on Tuesday evening to attend my annual parents' update. I went through the findings of the questionnaire, together with plans for this year. You will find this information on the school website under our school and head's updates <http://www.balsallcommonprimary.co.uk/Headteacherswelcome>, along with the presentation and the School Improvement Plan. The response rate to the questionnaire from parents was only 14.7%. When it comes out this year, please spend a few moments filling it in because we do use it to act on your comments.

KS1 Playground

After over 100 years, and dedicated prodding, poking and replacing, we believe that we have finally solved the flooding on the KS1 playground! Yeahhhh!!

Balsall Common Fun Run

At 11.00am there will be Mini Fun Runs for Primary aged Children from local Primary and Junior Schools. These will take place at **The Heart of England School**, with separate races for children in Nursery & Reception and in Years 1 -2, 3 - 4 and 5 - 6 at time of Run. 5k or 10k runs are then available for older participants. Runners will pound the roads around Balsall Common from 12 noon on Sunday 25 September. You can enter the event by visiting <http://www.lilymaefoundation.org/funrun/eventprogramme/>. See you there!

Meetings Next Week

Monday 6.00pm: Year 6 Information Evening. This meeting will explain how the school year will prepare the children for the end of year assessments and is an important one to attend if you can.

Tuesday 6.00pm: EYFS Curriculum Evening. An excellent insight into the work that will be done in Early Years. Another important meeting to attend if you can.

Future Dates

Next Friday, 23rd September: Dress up as a Roald Dahl Book Character to celebrate Roald Dahl week.

PTA meetings, all in school, 7.00-8.00pm sharp: 5th October, 16th November, 8th February, 29th March, 17th May and 19th July.

Discos, all Fridays: 2nd December, 24th March and 7th July.

Gala Days: Saturdays of 26th November and 24th June.

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

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

Robin's Stars of the Week

Sienna S, RK

Owen H, RC

Writers of the Week

Joseph H, 1H
Reece A, 2K

Chloe W, 1R
Daisy T, 2L

Lilliana G, 2M

Maths Wizards

Nelson-John S, 1H
Marcus H, 2K

Tabitha d, 1R
Aimee L, 2K

Archie F, 2M
Ella G, 2L

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Matilda F, 1H	Nathanael L, 1R	Lauren O, 2M	Lewis B, 2K	Oliver C, 2L	Luna K-P, 3C
Holly B, 3B	Johdh J, 3D	Chloe H, 3D	Oliver M, 4A	Alfie N, 4W	Tia B, 4C
Xander M, 5B	Tom M, 5B	Ben L, 5M	Morgan K, 5K	Kaitlyn S, 6W	Keira P, 6P
Finley C, 6J					

DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017

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
Thursday 29 th September	Year 5 visit to Kenilworth Castle
Friday 30 th September	14:45 Class Assembly 3C 17:00 - Scout AGM in hall
Monday 3 rd & Tuesday 4 th October	Year 3 - visit from the Dinosaur Man
Tuesday 4 th October	17:30 - Y2 Information Evening
Thursday 6 th October	Year 4 - Egyptian Inspiration Day
Friday 7 th October	14:45 Class Assembly 3B
Wednesday 12 th October	Book Fair Year 5 - Medieval Inspiration Day
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
Wednesday 16 th November	Year 5 visit to National Space Centre
Friday 18 th November	PTA Chair's Quiz
Saturday 26 th November	Christmas Fayre
Monday 28 th & Tuesday 29 th November	Year 5 visit by Creaturama



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