

# Balsall Common Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,  
3B's Class Assembly



Taking the theme of 'Harvest', 3B delivered an informative assembly about harvest traditions around the world. The children spoke very knowledgably about harvest in China, USA, Thailand and other far-flung places, and entertained us with two songs, one of which included some great dancing in the aisle. The children clearly enjoyed delivering their fact-filled assembly. Very well done indeed 3B and Miss Brewer!

#### Slip into Slippers

Another fantastic event, with children wearing slippers with a variety of themes! We had Spiderman slippers, Minion slippers, slippers with moving ears, ladybird slippers and all manner of warm slippers. The money raised, an amazing £293.33, will all go to Age UK Solihull to be used to support the elderly within our area. I am delighted that we recognise the help and support that this charity offers. Thank you, children, for wearing your slippers, and, parents, for sending in a donation.

#### Harvest Festival Collection

In exactly the same way, I would like to thank you all for your very generous donations of non-perishable items for our Harvest collection. Again, these items will really support the most needy members of our community who may not have even the most basic of things around them. Thank you so much.

#### Attendance

Weekly Attendance	RC
EYFS Highest	RC - 99.6%
KS1 Highest	2K - 100%
LKS2 Highest	4W - 99.3%
UKS2 Highest	5B - 99.3%
Whole school	97.6%

Congratulations to 2K for 100% attendance, and to those classes with the highest attendance. Overall attendance was higher than last week, but there are some significant bugs going around at the moment. Watch this space next week to see the impact. Many congratulations to the classes and individuals below for their superb attitude towards their learning last week!

#### Head's Classes of the Week

EYFS	RC
KS1	1H
LKS2	3D
UKS2	5B

#### Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

KS1	Daisy, 1R
LKS2	Jo, 3D
UKS2	Grace, 5B

#### Egyptian Day



Last week our Year 4 children became Ancient Egyptians for the day. During the morning children had the opportunity to make Ancient Egyptian objects such as hieroglyphics cartouches, Egyptian bread, Scarab Beetles, perfume cones and canopic jars. The afternoon session saw the Pharaoh and Queen, Alfie and Ruby, treated to a series of drama performances telling the story of the gods. This was followed by an Egyptian feast! The activities really brought the topic to life for the children. Year 4 staff would like to extend their thanks to all parents who gave up their time to immerse themselves in this topic, side by side with the children.

Solihull's Chamber of Commerce Business Man of the Year 2016 goes to.....

HOWARD ROSE

Congratulation Mr Rose on winning this prestigious

award. Following nomination, Howard was long-listed and attended an interview in August; following shortlisting, he was then invited to the Awards Ceremony last Friday



and proclaimed the winner! The work Mr Rose does for the school goes far beyond simply raising money. He runs a children's cooking club, a dads and children's cooking club and organises trips of special interest! When you combine his work with the children with his work with local businesses, recognition follows. Well done Howard and thank you for everything you do for the school.

#### Sport

**Swimming:** BCPS swim team competed at Eversfield last week, in their first event of the year. With several swimmers being unable to attend due to illness, the children had to swim in multiple races and were exhausted. Despite this, they gave a sterling performance. Congratulations to all the swimmers who attended and all of the parents who came and supported (raising the roof). They will be back in the pool this week, training hard to make sure they can win even more races next time.

**Rugby:** Year 4-6 full contact teams have performed very well in their warm-up games of the season! We are looking forward to some exciting matches. Well done players!

#### Future Dates

Monday and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, Parents Evenings

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Non-uniform and chocolate for PTA 'Chocolate Tombola' stall!

And, break up for the half term holiday.

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Alex M, RW

Rose O-N, RM

Sam R, RC

**Writers of the Week**

Rupert F, RW  
Lucciano F, RM

Alfie W, 1S  
Amber R, 1D  
Carolina J-L, 1R

Reuben J, 2L  
Ria P, 4A

**Maths Wizards**

James L, 1D  
Sofia L, 1R

Sienna E, 1S  
Jake B, 2L

Ziyan Y, 4A  
Elianne O, 5B

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Rosie R, 1D

Luke D, 2L

Joel B, 3C

Rachel W, 4W

Jeevan S, 5M

Erin B, 6P

Amelia O, 1R

Lewys H, 2M

Alfie H, 3D

Sian J, 4A

Mia S, 5B

Luke S, 6W

Alex H, 1S

Olivia B, 3B

Matilda D, 4C

Ella W, 6J

**DIARY DATES 2016 - 2017**

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 18:00 Year 1 Nativity 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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