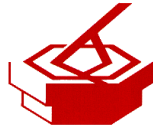




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Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to school everyone!

I do hope that the school summer holiday has been enjoyed by you all, whatever the time that you have been able to secure off work.

Both Balsall and Damson Wood have been open throughout the school holidays; many thanks to the staff in Dragons and Woodies for offering well planned, fun activities for the children to take part in. At Damson Wood, new ICT and library areas have really enhanced the provision that will be available for the children there. Here at Balsall, much redecorating and refurbishment has taken place. The hall, some classrooms and corridors have all received fresh coats of paint, and some remedial work to the flooring and mechanical system in the swimming pool has also taken place. We are in a strong position to withstand the inevitable 'wear and tear' that takes place each academic year!

The new Reception children have entered the school this week and have settled very quickly indeed. Nursery staff being present once more, during the initial two days, has been a definite contributing factor to this. Children around the rest of the school have been incredible! Every first day of each new academic year I visit all classrooms to welcome the children back to school. This year I have been greeted by more smiles and happy faces than ever before. In addition, everything about the way in which they have conducted themselves in and around the building has been absolutely incredible. They are a real credit to you

all. The photos above of the Year 2 and 6 finishing assemblies remind us that our eldest children have moved on to secondary school, and blazers, whilst the younger ones are now sporting their Year 3 ties! And so, life marches on!

So, what have we got in mind for this coming year? For full details, pay a visit to the school's website; go to 'Our School' and 'Heads Update' to view our self-evaluation and school improvement plan. Within the plan, key areas for development are:

- High 5 against bullying
- Providing teachers with the opportunity to challenge the constraints imposed on creativity in the classroom as a result of increasing administrative pressures
- Improve attendance for all
- Further raise academic standards, especially in maths.

I will keep you up-to-date with progress as the year progresses.

In the meantime.....

Activepix: One of our most exciting partnerships, with Nick Browning. DBS checked by us, Nick will be capturing those special moments from sporting events and performances throughout the year. All photos will be available to view and buy via a secure, password protected site. To find out more, simply contact Nick on nick@activepix.co.uk.

PTA: Many thanks to PTA members for providing refreshments for parents bringing their Reception children to school this week, and for sorting out last year's lost property.

Excellent fundraising events take place each year, such as the Christmas and Summer Galas and the annual dinner dance in February. **Last year the PTA gave £29,000 to the school!** The PTA run a short meeting each half term, on a Wednesday between 7.00 and 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting is **this coming Wednesday, 13th September**. All meetings take place in the school hall. Future dates of both meetings (in yellow) and events are:

Wed 13 th Sept	Meeting PTA (19.00)
Wed 4 th Oct	Meeting PTA (19.00)
Friday 6 th Oct	PTA Chairs' Quiz (19.30)
Friday 20 th Oct	Non-uniform Bring chocolate
Wed 15 th Nov	Meeting PTA(19.00)
Friday 24 th Nov	Non-uniform Bring bottles
Sat 25 th Nov	Christmas Fayre
Friday 1 st Dec	DISCO
Wed 10 th Jan	Meeting PTA (19.00)
Sat 3 rd Feb	PTA Ball
Fri 16 th March	DISCO
Wed 21 st March	Meeting PTA (19.00)
Wed 9 th May	Meeting PTA (19.00)
Fri 22 nd June	Non-uniform Bring bottles
Sat 23 rd June	GALA DAY
Friday 6 th July	DISCO
Wed 18 th July	Meeting PTA (19.00)

Diary Dates for Next Year

As in previous years, you will find dairy dates for the whole year below. We set these dates in advance to allow parents to better plan time off work to see children in events such as class assemblies. We do our very best NOT to change these dates. However, please be aware that, in exceptional circumstances, we may need to make a change. If this happens, we will do the best we can to give as much notice as possible.

New Staff and Weddings

We welcome Miss Pinhorne to Year 2 and Mr Perkins to Year 5. Miss Brewer married over the summer and is now Mrs Meyrick; Miss Khan is now Mrs Saeed; and Mr Barton also married....and remains as Mr Barton!

Welcome back once more and have a great weekend.
GT Burgess

Key

	Class Assemblies/Performances etc
	INSET
	Parents'/Information evenings
	PTA
	Trips/visitors/dress-up days etc

Wednesday 13 th September	PTA (19.00)
Monday 18 th September	Year 6 Information Evening (18.00)
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 2 Information Evening (17.30)
Friday 22 nd September	4A Class Assembly
Monday 25 th September	Maths Curriculum Evening for parents (time tbc)
Tuesday 26 th September	EYFS Information Evening (1800)
Thursday 28 th September	Y5 to Kenilworth Castle
Friday 29 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
	4C Class Assembly
Monday 2 nd October	Poetry/Storytelling Week
	Dinosaur Man to Y3
Tuesday 3 rd October	Dinosaur Man to Y3
Wednesday 4 th October	PTA (19.00)
Wednesday 4 th October	Nick Barker to visit Year 5/6
Friday 6 th October	4W Class Assembly
	Slip into Slippers
	PTA Chairs' Quiz (19.30)
	BOOKS AND TARGETS HOME
Tuesday 10 th October	Y4 Egyptian Day (hall in use)
	EYFS Further Curriculum Information Evening (Nursery 18.00 Reception 18.30)
Wednesday 11 th October	Travelling Book Fair (until the 18 th)
Friday 13 th October	5B Class Assembly
	Dads' Scalextric (19.30)
Monday 16 th October	PARENTS' EVENING
Tuesday 17 th October	PARENTS' EVENING
Friday 20 th October	5M Class Assembly
	Non-uniform for PTA - chocolate donations
HALF TERM	
Monday 30 th October	Return to School
Wednesday 1 st November	Favourite Authors Day - dress up as favourite author or Harry Potter character
Friday 3 rd November	5P Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 th November	Flu vaccination nasal sprays - Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4
Monday 13 th November	Y1 to Transport Museum (1B, 1H, 1K)
Tuesday 14 th November	1R to Transport Museum
Wednesday 15 th November	PTA
Thursday 16 th November	Y5 to Space Centre
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 24 th November	Non-uniform and bottles for PTA
Saturday 25 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 29 th November	Nursery Nativities (am and pm)
Friday 1 st December	DISCO
Monday 4 th December	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30)
Tuesday 5 th December	Year 2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30)
	Year 1 Nativity (14.00)
Wednesday 6 th December	EYFS Theatre Trip (Warwick Arts Centre)
	Year 2 Nativity (14.00)
	Year 1 Nativity (18.00)



Thursday 7 th December	Reception Nativity (14.00) Year 2 Nativity (18.00)
Friday 8 th December	Reception Nativity (9.30)
Monday 11 th December	LKS2 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) LKS2 Carol Concert (14.00 and 18.00)
Tuesday 12 th December	UKS2 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) UKS2 Carol Concert (14.00 and 18.00)
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1-6 Panto Trip (Leamington Spa) Beauty and the Beast
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 3 rd January	Return to school
Wednesday 10 th January	PTA (19.00)
Friday 12 th January	1B Class Assembly 3B Class Assembly
Friday 19 th January	1H Class Assembly 3C Class Assembly
Monday 22 nd January	Toymaker to Y1
Tuesday 23 rd January	Toymaker to Y1
Friday 26 th January	1K Class Assembly 3D Class Assembly
Friday 2 nd February	1R Class Assembly
Saturday 3 rd February	PTA Ball
Friday 9 th February	2K Class Assembly Dads' Scalextric (19.30)
Monday 12 th February	PARENTS' EVENING
Tuesday 13 th February	PARENTS' EVENING
Friday 16 th February	2P Class Assembly
HALF TERM	
Monday 26 th February	Return to school
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day (dress up)
Monday 5 th March	Scholastic Book Fair (until the 12 th)
Wednesday 7 th February	M&M Productions perform Jungle Book (hall in use all day)
Friday 9 th March	Mothers' Day Assembly (Reception) 6J Class Assembly
Monday 12 th March	Warburtons Healthy Eating Workshop (Y1)
Thursday 15 th March	Y5 to Brandon Marsh
Friday 16 th March	Warburtons Healthy Eating Workshop (Y1) 2L Class Assembly 6P Class Assembly
Tuesday 20 th March	DISCO Y3 to Chedworth
Wednesday 21 st March	PTA (19.00)
Friday 23 rd March	2M Class Assembly 6W Class Assembly
Tuesday 27 th March	Y4 Production (18.00)
Wednesday 28 th March	Y4 Production (18.00)
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade (EYFS and KS1) End of Term
EASTER HOLIDAY	
Monday 16 th April	Return to school

Friday 27 th April	RC Class Assembly 5B Class Assembly
Friday 4 th May	RM Class Assembly 5M Class Assembly
Wednesday 9 th May	PTA (19.00)
Friday 11 th May	RW Class Assembly 5P Class Assembly
Monday 14 th May	SATs Week
Friday 18 th May	3B Class Assembly Dads' Scalextric
Wednesday 23 rd May	UKS2 Sports Day
Friday 25 th May	End of term
HALF TERM	
Monday 4 th June	Y6 to Isle of Wight until Friday 8th
Thursday 7 th June	Y4 to Tamworth Castle KS1 Sports Day
Monday 11 th June	Nursery and Reception new parents (17.30 and 18.30)
Tuesday 12 th June	LKS2 Sports Day
Friday 15 th June	3C Class Assembly
Tuesday 19 th June	Y4 to Dunfield until Friday 22nd
Wednesday 20 th June	EYFS Sports Day
Friday 22 nd June	Non-uniform and bring bottle for PTA 3D Class Assembly
Saturday 23 rd June	GALA DAY
Wednesday 4 th July	Summer Concert (17.30)
Friday 6 th July	DISCO
Monday 9 th July	Year 1 and 3 Information Evenings (16.30 and 17.30)
Wednesday 11 th July	Y6 Performance (18.00)
Thursday 12 th July	Y6 Performance (18.00)
Friday 13 th July	INSET (Data Day) 8.00-13.30
Monday 16th July	Reports home
Wednesday 18 th July	Y6 Fun Day and BBQ PTA (19.00)
Thursday 19 th July	Final KS1 Birthday assembly (9.10)
Friday 20 th July	Y2 and Y6 Leavers' Assemblies Last day of term