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Dear Parents and Children

Christmas Fayre

Wow! Thank you all so much for supporting the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. We had a spectacular turnout, and the number of people who set the school up, and then stayed behind at the end to put everything back to normal, was sensational. Many thanks to our cleaners for coming in on Sunday to ensure that the school was fit for the children on Monday. The PTA committee has really grown this year and everyone is pulling together to ensure that events like this one are possible. Niki Hadden and Angela Perrett, our Christmas Fayre lead and Chair of PTA respectively, did an absolutely awesome job; Lucinda Shead, our PTA treasurer, was counting the money until nearly midnight on Saturday; and Mrs Owen, one of our nursery team, for her 41st Fayre at this school, once more rallied the staff. Everyone deserves a huge pat on the back, and our sincerest thanks. And so, for the big question, how much was raised for the children? An amazing £6000! Wow! Well done and thank you, thank you, thank you!

Fundraising for Charity

Year 3

Harry Moseley was an incredibly brave boy who inspired young people globally after setting up Help Harry Help Others, making and selling bracelets to raise money for Cancer research projects, whilst fighting an inoperable brain tumour himself. Unfortunately, Harry passed away, but his charity continues. Year 3 brought the charity to school, designing, making, promoting and selling bracelets to support Cancer families. The bracelets will be sold to Years 4, 5 and 6 next Tuesday 5th and to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Tuesday 12th December. They will cost £1 each. Please help Year 3 help Harry!

Year 6

Alfie J and 11 other children from Year 6 have been busy selling cakes for the Lily

Mae Foundation. They have raised a staggering £114.40.

Nature Club



Meanwhile, our Nature Club, led by Mrs Clark, held a stall at our Christmas fayre to raise funds for the RSPB. All the children worked really hard and raised over £170.

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RW - 99.4%
KS1 Highest	1K - 99.3%
LKS2 Highest	4W - 99.6%
UKS2 Highest	6J - 98.7%
Whole school	96.6%

Very well done again to all of the classes for their continued determination to be in school!

Head's Classes of the Week

	Last Week
EYFS	RW
KS1	2K
LKS2	3M
UKS2	5B

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

Many congratulations to the classes above and the children below for achieving the most ATL points last week.

KS1	Sienna E, 2K
LKS2	Alisha, 3M
UKS2	Soeul C, 6W

Sport

Football

The Year 6 football team continues to play extremely well this year. Last Wednesday, in gusty conditions, they played Valley school and, although it was a 1-1 draw, the quality of our football was excellent. Alfie J almost scored in the opening minutes. On the counter attack, Valley scored against the

run of play and went into half time leading. The second half saw our side continue to create chance after chance until, finally, Alfie J scored a great goal to equalise. Well played to everyone in the squad for an excellent team performance.

Rugby

Meanwhile, our Year 3 Tag Rugby team enjoyed a great afternoon playing Bablake, in what turned out to be a very high scoring match. Great tries were scored by both sides, with George H playing particularly well. The final score was 13-11 to the hosts with all those who watched agreeing that it had been a spectacular game to watch, and that it could have gone either way. Very well done indeed Year 3!

Pathways

Pathways latest inspection outcome is **OUTSTANDING!** The report states that: *Expert teaching and consistently high levels of challenge contribute to children's seamless learning experiences and Managers and staff provide an exceptionally nurturing atmosphere and children settle extremely quickly.* This is a fantastic result. Well done Pathways!

Consultation to change our admissions arrangements

Period of consultation: 20 December 2017 - 31 January 2018.

Balsall Common Primary School is consulting on its admission arrangements for 2019-20 during the period 20th December 2017 to 31st January 2018. You can find a copy on the school website. If you have any comments or views, you should send them to Mrs V Phillips, Clerk to the Governing Body, at g2vphillips@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk by 5pm on 31st January 2018.

Celebration Assemblies

Today's Friday Celebration assemblies will be the last ones this year, apart from the KS1 Celebration Assembly on 15th December.

Four Shopping Saturdays left until
Christmas Day!
Have a great weekend
GT Burgess

Robins

Ellie P, RM		Poppy R, RC
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Writers of the Week

Rison N, RM	Isla B, 1H Charlie B, 1K	Alexandra B, 1R Nelson S, 2K	Tara V, 2K Molly H, 2P	Ava K, 2M Victor F, 2L
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Maths Magician

Thea H, RM Poppy R, RC	Oscar E, 1H Marli M, 1K	Nancy B, 1R Yohan K, 2K	Jessica H, 2K Kieran P, 2L	Charlotte H, 2L
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Good Choice Stars of the Week

Alex H, 1H	Eva 2K	Bryn T-S, 3C	Isabella W, 4A	India L, 5B	Grace W, 6P
Laila P, 1K	Annabel H, 2K	Thomas F, 3M	Ben A, 4C	Izzy T, 5B	Orson B, 2J
Erin F, 1R	James L, 2L Jenson L, 2P			Chloe D, 5P Ellen C, 5M	

Diary Dates

Key

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

Monday 4 th December	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (14.00)
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) Sleeping Beauty
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

