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Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude Towards Learning

Winning classes last week!

Head's Classes		Attendance	
Foundation	RD	Last week all Pupils	96.2%
KS1	2K	Class	4D
LKS2	4B	100%	
UKS2	5P		

Year 6 Football V Fordbridge

Mr Green took the Year 6 footballers to Fordbridge earlier this week to take part in their first Cup game of the season, and the lads displayed excellent potential. The final score was 2-1 to Fordbridge and there is no doubt that, with our coaching methods, they will be beating this side! They dominated approximately 70% of play, putting in FOUR shots to the opposition's ONE, and having a penalty saved in the last minute, which would have equalised the game.

The area to be developed with these lads is strength in the tackle, which we will be working on over the forthcoming sessions. Well done to all of the lads, to Harry Dunn for scoring and, of course, to Mr Green.

Harper Fields Time Capsule

The nine winners of the Harper Fields Care Home Time Capsule competition attended a ceremony at the home to bury the time capsule earlier this week. They were accompanied by parents and grandparents and all had a fantastic time, particularly enjoying the delicious chocolate cakes provided! They had written descriptions of their choices for inclusion in the Time Capsule and the reasons for their choices. They chose to include in the capsule a school uniform, photos of Balsall Common in the past and present, Jubilee Memorabilia, a chest with a diary and coins, a book about the 2012 Olympics, a photograph album,

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photographs of the care home, a dictionary and a newspaper. The time capsule is set to be opened in 50 years' time, in 2062! I hope that those around at the time will enjoy what they find! Many thanks to Mrs Baker for co-ordinating this event and to everyone who attended the ceremony.

Dads and Lads/Lasses Cooking

Mr Tuckey has established a cooking club after school on a Tuesday, running 5.30-6.30, for dads and their children. The first one ran this week. If you are interested in getting involved, contact the school and ask for further information.

Harvest Festival and Water Aid

Many thanks indeed to Reverend Andrew for leading both our KS1 and KS2 assemblies last week to celebrate Harvest. We would also like to thank you all for collecting the monies in bottles to support Water Aid. You have all been very generous. Mrs Davies is **STILL** counting and will let us know how much has been raised as soon as she has totalled it.....sometime before 2014, I hope!

Snow Leopards Fund Raising

Well done to Hannah S, Hannah O, Elycia, Claudia, Ella N, Chloe, Ellie, Sophie, Kacey, Livvy and Grace, all in year 5, for raising £112.62 last week for the Snow Leopards through the sale of cakes and guessing the number of sweets in the jar! Fantastic girls!

Scalextric Night

Many thanks to the 'Racers' who took part in Friday night's 'Driver's Competition!' 24 racers raising £240 for the PTA. Well done. Watch out for the next event!

Contact Details for Parentpay and for School Records

It is essential that you keep your details up to date! We use ParentPay as our ONLY line of electronic communication, and we also have a school database system which Mrs Slater updates. Please check your ParentPay account to ensure it has your correct email address and mobile phone number, and add/change if necessary. Also, if you haven't already given Mrs Slater your email address, or if any of your phone numbers need updating, please let her have this information. In the event of emergencies such as cancellation of clubs and especially medical situations, you WILL WANT to be informed but we can't do that if we can't get you!

Scooters on the Playground

Our school rule is that scooters and bicycles should be **PUSHED** not ridden in the school grounds. Please support us by ensuring that children who come onto the playground with



you at drop off and pick up times adhere to these rules too! There have been a couple of near misses recently with adults and young children almost being hit by fast moving youngsters on two wheels!

PE Kit

A simple reminder that all children should have their school's PE Kit to wear on the correct day! Many thanks for checking!

Build a Guy Competition

It's that time of year again! Build a Guy with your children and bring it in for the final week of this half term. All entries will get a prize from the school and then the Guys can be taken to the Lions Bonfire event on Saturday 3 November.

Mums/Dads and children Stay and Play - HERE

We have managed to arrange fun sessions for mums/dads and children on a Tuesday morning, commencing here in our school hall, all 9.15-10.45, on the following dates:

Tues 16 October: Balsall

Tues 23 October: George Fentham

Tues 13 November: Berkswell

Please come along and enjoy yourselves. This link will take you to full details of activities in the local area.

http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Attachments/ACTIVITY_GUIDE_FOR_RURAL_SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER_2012.pdf

Forthcoming Events

Parents' Meetings a week on Monday and Tuesday, 22 and 23 of this month!

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

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Balsall Common Primary School Sponsors



Nursery - Ted & Toby Bear's Star of the Week Awards

Morning - Emilia & George

Afternoon - Isabelle W & George

Robin's Stars of the Week

Christie S, RH

Georgia K, RM

Ciara H, RD

Maths Wizard

Xander M & Ashton W, 1S

Oliver W, 1B

Alfie K, 1M

Miles P, 2M

Emma S & Kiran C, 2K

Nicole B, 2A

Writers of the Week

Henry D, RH

Hugh H & Jamie B, RM

Rohan H, RD

Olivia C, 1S

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Eleanor DD, 1B

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Emily S & Clare S, 2K

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Good Choice Stars of the Week

Alexander M, 1B

Joseph W, 2K

Jamie R, 3A

Aaron G, 4B

Daniel P, 5B

Nicholas B, 6B

Alfie K, 1M

Katy H, 2K

Sarah C, 3C

Karan A, 4F

Grace H, 5P

Luke M, 6M

Mitchell G, 1S

Luke S, 2M

Georgia E, 3P

Rosie S, 4D

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Hugo S, 6I

Ella W, 2A

Emma B, 2A

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Ava F, RH

Tommy R, 2A

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 17 October	Year 5 to Kenilworth Castle		
Friday 19 October	09:10	2M	Class Assembly
	14:45	5B	Class Assembly
Mon 22 & Tues 23 October	13:45	Open afternoon for prospective parents	
	16:00-19:00	Parents Evening	
Tuesday 23 October	Year 4	Egyptian Day in hall	
Wednesday 24 October	09:30	Open morning for prospective parents	
Friday 26 October	09:10	2A	Class Assembly
	14:45	5P	Class Assembly
29 October - 2 November	HALF-TERM		
Monday 5 November	Back to School Individual photographs in Atrium all day		
Wednesday 7 November	09:00	Year 6	Chemistry Demonstration in hall with Nick Barker
Friday 9 November	Targets home to parents		
Mon 12 - Fri 16 November	BOOK WEEK		
Wednesday 14 November	09:00	Year 5	Chemistry Demonstration in hall with Nick Barker
Thursday 15 November	Author Anne Fine in school all day and parents meeting at 18:00		
Friday 16 November	Children in Need Day		



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