



Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful book week and it has been a real delight to hear how much the children have enjoyed it. Teachers have had great fun visiting other classes in different year groups to read stories to the children. The highlight of the week had to be the visit by Anne Fine on Thursday. This was her third visit and as enjoyable as the previous ones. We were so proud to have such a prestigious author at school especially as she doesn't usually visit schools. A special thanks must go to Mrs Baker for arranging this.

Non-uniform 23 November

Next Friday we will be supporting the PTA Christmas Fayre by hosting a non-uniform day. Instead of money we are asking children to donate chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola as payment for coming to school in their own clothes! This is becoming an annual event as it has been so successful for the past two years and I do hope that you feel that you can support it again.

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 1 December is fast approaching and The Christmas Fayre remains one of the PTA's main fund raising events of the year. Check your cupboards for unwanted gifts, toiletries, bottles, books, DVDs etc and send them in to school this week. We are all looking forward to seeing you there.

Born to Giggle

BCPS are proud to be launching a new book for Save the Children called 'Born to Giggle' on Monday 26 November. Contributors to the book will be talking to the pupils and then the books will be available to buy. More information next week.

A-Plan, Independent Insurance Consultants

A-Plan will make a contribution to the PTA for every policy taken out. Ring James Shaw on 0121-742-7961 to see if A-Plan has anything which matches your requirements

Nursery Outdoor Classroom

It was with great pleasure to welcome the Solihull Mayor Councillor Ken Hawkins to our Nursery on Monday lunchtime to officially open the outdoor classroom. This would not have happened without the financial support of the PTA and John Shepherd Select so thank you. A special thanks to those parents who attended with their children to make the event really special.

STOP PRESS Radio Station Repaired



Pupils in the radio club had a big surprise last Wednesday when they were visited by DJ JD from Coventry Free Radio. He came along with engineers to help fix our radio station and with the support of SDL Entertainments and Willenhall Social Club we are ready to broadcast to the school again this Friday. JD worked with the pupils to prepare a news report that was aired on JD's Show on 14 November. He called them 'Stars of the Future'. Well done BCPS Radio! Click on the link to see and hear more.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnbHEGXN99I>

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Thank You Heart of England Co-op

A generous £400 was donated to our Yr 6 Food Club which enabled us to purchase a new oven, food processor and 6 hand blenders. Jo Dyke from the Co-op called in to see the club use the new cooker to cook delicious apple crumble.

In addition to this club Mr Tuckey has been running a cooking club for Dads and their children on a Tuesday evening from 17:30 until 19:00. He is planning to run it again after Christmas so if you want to join in please contact Mr Tuckey at s2rtuckey@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk Granddads can come instead if dads can't make it.

Rugby Report

Balsall played Warwick and Blue Coat private schools last week in a mini full contact tournament. Warwick's team are the current National Champions for their age group. Their team was split in half and supplemented by other players. Nonetheless, you can all imagine that this still kept their sides significantly strong. However, we beat Blue Coat 14-0 and drew our first game against Warwick 14-14 and lost our second 7-10. We were asked by a number of parents which private school our children came from! The performance of the children was incredible...tackling and attacking were very strong. Of particular note were James, Ethan, Ollie and Luke! Very well done indeed to all of the players and to parents for supporting.

Finally thank you for supporting dressing up day to end our book week. All donations will go to Children in Need today.

Regards **S J Davies** Headteacher

Atkinson Stilgoe, Village Estate Agents, is once more sponsoring our school generously over the next 4 year period. Please ring Anita McKeogh on 01676 535234 to see current listings of homes for sale.

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

Morning - Megan C & Mason

Afternoon - Isabelle M-J & Josie

Robin's Stars of the Week

Lucy M, RM

Tia B, RH

Ellen C, RD

Maths Wizard

Sophia S & Callum F, 1M

Jeevan S, 1S

James H, 1B

Isabel M, 2K

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Ava MG, 2A

Writers of the Week

Charlotte J-B, RM

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Gabriella H, RD

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Alfie J, 1B

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James B, 2A

Ben W, 2K

Emily D, Summer R & Ginny R, 2M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Xander M, 1S

Reeve C, 2K

George C, 3P

George S, 4D

Lewis W, 5K

Harry D, 6I

Samuel W, 1B

Leila E, 2K

Noah S J, 3C

William W 4B

Jonathan W, 5B

James W, 6M

Erin C, 1M

Oskar Y, 2M

Ben D-D, 3A

Alex W, 4F

Mia E-R, 5P

Preea C, 6B

Elianne O, 1M

Asad, 2A

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

AUTUMN TERM

Friday 23 November	Non-uniform day for PTA chocolate stall 14:45 6B Class Assembly
Saturday 1 December	13:00 - 16:00 CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Tuesday 4 December	13:00 Choir to Young Voices at LG Arena
Friday 7 December	18:00 Reception and Yrs 1 & 2 Disco 19:30 Yrs 3 - 6 Disco
Monday 10 December	13:15 Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 11 December	Year 5 to Space Centre 09:30 Reception and Morning Nursery Christmas Performance 14:30 Reception and Afternoon Nursery Christmas Performance 18:00 Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 12 December	10:30 Nursery and Reception to Warwick Arts Centre 12:00 School Christmas Lunch 18:00 Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 13 December	09:00 Years 1 - 6 to Leamington Theatre - Snow White Party Day for Nursery and Reception
Friday 14 December	Party Day Yrs 1 & 2
Sunday 16 December	15:30 Choir at Methodist Church
Monday 17 December	14:30 & 18:00 Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 18 December	14:30 & 18:00 Yrs 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert
Wed 19 December	Party Day Yrs 3 - 6
Thursday 20 December	School Ends - please note that this is a day later than other Solihull schools
SPRING TERM 2013	
Thursday 3 January	School starts
Thursday 10 January	17:30 Parents' meeting with Ray Maher
Friday 11 January	Conference in Hall No Hot Dinners today



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