



Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Autumn Term Winners

Head's Classes		Attendance	
Foundation	RH+ RM	Attend	4D 97.2%
KS1	2A	Overall	94.8
LKS2	4B		
UKS2	6M		

Welcome back to the Spring Term, and to the Year 2013! Happy New Year to you all!

I do hope that your Christmas and New Year were healthy. Just thinking back to the last two-three weeks before the holiday, with all the coughs, sneezes and sickness, is enough to make me come down with similar right now! In fact, we have had three members of staff off this week alone with sickness and diarrhoea. Lovely! However, we should all keep our fingers crossed that the bugs are on their way, leaving us fresh and eager to get on with our learning! So, on to school based information, beginning with Attendance.

Attendance

There is absolutely no doubt whatsoever that attendance figures have been affected by illness. Nonetheless, we celebrated 100% attendance in our whole school assembly earlier this week giving our 91 100% attendance badges. This means that approximately one fifth of our pupils managed to remain completely BUG FREE! Fantastic news! We are optimistic that we will be

celebrating a larger number at the start of the summer term. In addition, despite the overall sickness, class 4D managed to return an attendance figure of an amazing 97.2%. Very well done indeed.

Police Bauble Winners

Children in KS1 entered a Bauble competition for the Police Unit in the village and received their prizes from them in the station before the holiday. Well done to Dexter, Aidan and Sophie and thank you to the police for involving the school so positively in the community.

Save the Children Collections

Your generosity during our Christmas Performances saw an amazing £938 raised for this charity. We presented the cheque on Monday to Margaret Wall of Save the Children, who was delighted with the donation! Thank you all so much for your kindness.

Changes

Lunch-times- we are taking a stronger stance with the very small minority of children who willingly disregard our lunch-time procedures. If necessary, I will be making contact with parents of these pupils in order to discuss how we might move forwards. Our high expectations are having a positive impact on pupil outcomes and we intend to continue to raise the bar.

Twitter

We are trialling using Twitter as an additional means of communication. You can find us on Twitter at BalsallCommonPrimary.

ParentPay

Our ParentPay messages will continue to be used as the main source of messaging. As in previous years these messages will include any Special Offers from companies we think might be of interest to you. If they aren't, simply hit the delete key!

School Gate Parking Scheme

This scheme has now commenced and is likely to see some heavy ticketing of vehicles parked illegally. I will be asking for your views on how successful the scheme has been around Easter Time.

Scholastic Book Fair

All pupils have this week received a scholastic book club magazine. If you are interested in purchasing any books, our deadline for orders is Friday 25 January.

School Nurse

Our school nurse, Jill Hubbleday, will be operating a 'Drop In' session on the following dates and times, Wednesday 16 January and Thursday 21 March 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Coats

Continuing with the topic on 'health', please can you ensure that the children have their coats in school? The temperature has already dropped this week and will continue to do so. With 'bugs' still around, the children need to be warm when they are outside. Many thanks.

Share Your Views

We are very keen to know what you feel might be missing in the school with regard to Wrap Around child care and our partnership with Pathways Nursery. Please contact me with your views if you have the time. Many thanks.

Forthcoming Events

Headteacher's Quiz, Friday January 25th.....the usual high quality evening with CHIPS! Don't forget to book your team's table by 22 January. Forms are available from the school reception area.

Have a great weekend
GT Burgess

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

Before Christmas the Bears went home with...

Morning - Harry & Nathan

Afternoon - Libby & Alfie

...and since the holiday they have been home with...

Morning - Nancy & Nicholas

Afternoon - Jasmine & Holly

Robin's Stars of the Week

Hannah W, RH

-

Joe & Ria H, RD

Maths Wizard

Harriet G, 1B

-

Reuben S & Elianne O, 1M

Writers of the Week

-

Clark & Macy, RD

-

Daniel W, 1B

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Thomas O & Mia H, 1M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Nikita J, 1B

Abigail C, 3P

Aman H, 4F

Evelyn M, 5B

Tara O, 6B

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Freya G, 3P

Arjun H, 4D

Chen L, 5B

Courtney P 6B

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Keira M, 3C

Phoebe T, 4D

Andrew W, 5K

William M, 3C

Lily-Bea C, 4B

George G, 3A

Helena W, 4B

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Lois E, 2K

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

SPRING TERM 2013			
Friday 18 January	09:10 14:45	1M 3A	Class Assembly Class Assembly
	Targets home to parents		
Friday 25 January	09:10 14:45 19:30	1S 3C	Class Assembly Class Assembly Headteacher's Quiz
Tuesday 29 January	18:00		Dunfield meeting for Year 4 parents
Friday 1 February	09:10 14:45	1B 3P	Class Assembly Class Assembly
Friday 8 February	14:45	6M	Class Assembly
Mon 11 & Tue 12 February	16:00-19:00		Parent Consultations
Friday 15 February	14:45	6I	Class Assembly Break up for Half-term
Monday 25 February	INSET		
Tuesday 26 February	School starts for children		
Tuesday 5 March	Year 4 to Safari Park		
Friday 8 March	09:10 14:45		Reception Mothering Sunday Assembly Class Assembly
Friday 15 March	14:45	5B	Class Assembly
Monday 18 March	Visit to Warwick University Science Lab for Yr 5 & 6 Science Club		



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