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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to you all following the summer holiday break. Our final few days of school were most enjoyable. Year 2 and Year 6 both presented excellent leaving assemblies; Year 6 took advantage of the sunshine to enjoy their Leavers' Day Out; staff joined the children on the playground during the final week to engage in team games. All in all, the last week of term was fantastic.

Holidays During School Time

Bringing us back to this new academic year, however, I would like to remind you that from now onwards **I will no longer be able to authorise leave of absence during term time except in exceptional circumstances**. I will shortly send out a consultation paper asking for your views on the structure of the school year. In the meantime, please ensure that you book your future holidays during school holidays only. Many thanks in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Summer Ball

We have now sold over 260 tickets for this event. We have a fantastic evening of live music and fireworks lined up for you, accompanied by a meal and a bar! Dress in your finest ball gown and dance the night away! If you fancy joining us on Saturday 21st, 7.30-late, then **THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY!** You must get your cheques in to the PTA Post Box, made payable to BCPS PTA before the school closes **TONIGHT!** Tickets are £30 per head!

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

Dads Scalextric Night

This popular event is back on Friday 4th October, 7.30-10.30. The cost remains the same at £10 per head. This includes plenty to eat, comprising black pudding, red onion, cherry tomatoes and a number of sandwiches. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and there is no doubt at all that it is a fun evening. Dads come on their own or with friends, but, either way, everyone is made to feel welcome and fully included. If you are interested, please return the form which will be emailed through ParentPay and pay via the ParentPay website. Once more, Nick Welby and I are looking forward to a night of racing with you guys! All funds raised go straight to the PTA!

Little Princess Trust

Well done to Shannon, Shelby and Grace for having their hair cut over the summer holiday to provide wigs for young people receiving treatment for cancer.

Fundraising for the School - Car Insurance

Our fundraising through sponsorship continues to grow. Just before the summer, you received information regarding free eye tests from Specsavers in Kenilworth. Now we can offer potential savings on car insurance. For any of you looking to renew car insurance, please consider spending 5 minutes to compare through the Balsall Common Fundraising site. It's only 2 clicks more and you might save some money and help us to help your children. If you have any questions/would like further information, please contact Howard Rose, our Funding and Publicity Manager, on s2hrose@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk.

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Centenary Celebrations in School

You will undoubtedly have come across information in local magazines regarding an evening of celebrations on **Thursday 19 September** for former pupils and staff. Light refreshments will be served from 6.30pm onwards and our school choir will be performing songs from 1913. Please contact the school and let us know if you wish to attend. There is no charge for this reception and we hope many ex-pupils and staff will come and join us. Guided Tours will also take place during the same day at 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Again, please contact the school to let us know which tour you would like to join.

Head's Annual Update to Parents

Tuesday 17th September, 6.00-7.00pm. I will be covering

1. The cycle of consultation
2. Changes over the last 4 years
3. Findings from the most recent survey
4. Understanding assessment
5. The impact of change on standards
6. Future plans.

Please return the slip sent through ParentPay to ensure we have a clear idea of numbers in attendance.

Parking

Father Peter will be selling permits on the church car park between 8.45 and 9.15am on Tuesday 10th September.

Once more, welcome back to you all and have a great weekend!
GT Burgess

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.



Diary Dates continued on separate sheets



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