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### Dear Parents

Last week was a memorable time for the school as we celebrated our hundredth birthday. It generated such a huge interest and was truly a community event. During the day on Thursday Mrs Baker toured the school with ex pupils, staff and governors who had such fond memories and stories to tell, particularly those who came to school in the 1940's and 1950's. The picture above shows Mike Austin from Australia and Ken Green from New Zealand who were at the school until 1949 and 1950. Ken Shineton and Alan Coates also made that special journey from Australia. Thank you also to the Mayor of Solihull for taking time to visit us.



Celebrations continued on Thursday evening with a buffet and entertainment from the school choir and the dance group. The skirts that were worn by the girls were made by Frances Horseman 40 years ago!



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One of our visitors was Joan Booen, who used to teach here. We believe that she is the oldest surviving teaching member of staff. Her late husband, Eric Booen, was the second headteacher at Balsall Common. The celebration wouldn't have been the same without a cake and we have to thank Mrs Edwards for that.



The finale had to be the ball. 275 guests past and present were entertained in an amazingly decorated marquee on the school field. A fabulous night thanks to the organisation by Tim, Cathy and Adrian from the PTA. If you didn't go I'm sure that you will forgive us for the noise from the band and the fireworks - it only happens once in a hundred years!

Don't forget to buy your Centenary Book that has been compiled by the Berkswell and District History Group, available from school for £5.

### Attendance and Attitude towards Learning Week ending 20 September

Head's Classes		Attendance	
KS1	1P	1S	99.3
LKS2	3C	2K	99.7
	3D	3D	99.6
UKS2	5M	Week	97.2%

Please check dates of our school holidays to ensure that your holidays do not clash. Any holidays booked from now will not be authorised unless evidence of exceptional circumstances are supplied.

### Strike Action

The school is expecting to be operating normally next week.

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### Girls Cross Country St Martins

On Saturday 3 teams of 4 girls competed at St Martins School in the 1500m cross country relay competition. The year 5 race proved to be very exciting with Warwick Prep and ourselves setting off at a very fast pace. Our team of Hazel, Caitlin, Ella and Summer were a very strong quartet and pushed Warwick all the way and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our other Year 5 quartet ran well and finished 7<sup>th</sup> which is a great achievement. The Year 6 team worked really hard and finished to take 6<sup>th</sup> place. Well done to all the girls who ran so hard and were really exhausted at the finish, it showed great team spirit. Mr Green would like to thank all the parents who gave their support on the morning.



Balsall and District Horticultural Society presented winners of the Children's Artwork Competition with their prizes and certificates in Monday's assembly. In appreciation of the school supporting the event the school was given a cloche which will be used by the school gardening club.

**We are collecting Morrisons Grow Your Vouchers to support our gardening club.**

Collecting box is in the library

### Forthcoming Events

1<sup>st</sup> Oct 18:00 Year 6 Information evening

4<sup>th</sup> October Scalextric Night for Dads,

Have a good weekend

Mrs S J Davies, Deputy 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**

Ted & Toby Bear stayed in the Nursery again last weekend and played with the toys.

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Lilly F, RW

Drew T, RH

Josie R, RM

**Maths Wizard**

Ellen C, 1P

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Tyler O'G, 1M

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Orson B, 2K

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**Writers of the Week**

Isobel C, RW

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Toby W, RM

Ruby P.G, 1M

Catherine I, 1P

Mabel S, 1S

Xander M, 2D

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Evie H, 2K

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Ciara H, 1P

Mathilda S-B, 2K

Miles P 3C

Alex F, 4B

George S, 5M

Eloise M, 6H.

Georgia K, 1M

Aaron Q, 2K

Imogen R, 3D

Charlotte E, 4W

Elina B, 5B

Phoebe M, 6W

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Mia P, 2D

Ella W, 3W

Harrison T, 4D

Hattie M, 5B

Louis G, 6M

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Tilly-Boo S, 5P

**DIARY DATES**

**AUTUMN TERM 2013**

Tuesday 1 October	Year 4 18:00	Egyptian Day Year 6 Information Evening for Parents
Friday 4 October	19:30	Harvest Assemblies to be led by Andrew Charlesworth Scalextric Evening for Men
Tuesday 8 October	18:00	Year 2 Information Evening for Parents
Friday 11 October	14:45	5B Class Assembly
Monday 14 October	Year 5	Kenilworth Castle
Tuesday 15 October	Individual School Photos	
Thursday 17 October	Year 4	Medieval Day
Friday 18 October	14:45	5M Class Assembly
Mon 21 - Fri 25 October	BOOK WEEK	
Mon 21 & Tues 22 October	Parental Consultations	
Wednesday 23 October	Author Julia Jarman visiting children. Bookshop in Atrium	
Friday 25 October	14:45	3C Class Assembly School finishes for Half Term
Monday 4 November	School starts	
Saturday 8 November	PTA Chair's Quiz Night	
Friday 15 November	14:45	3D Class Assembly
Mon 18 & Tues 19 November	Educational Conference in school hall all day. Cold lunches provided. tbc	
<b>***Saturday 23 November***</b>	<b>13:00-17:00</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE NEW DATE!!!</b>
Monday 25 November	19:00	Academy Governing Body AGM
Friday 29 November	14:45	3W Class Assembly



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