



Friday 25 October 2013  
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Dear Parents

**Attendance and Attitude towards Learning**  
**Week ending 11 October**

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RW	1S	99.7
KS1	2D+2K	3W	99.3
LKS2	3D	4D	99.0
UKS	6B	6H	100.0
2		Week	97.2%
		Half Term	97.5%

Another great week for attendance, with three classes achieving 99% or above! Special congratulations to 6H for securing 100% attendance last week. And.....a very impressive 97.5% for the first 7 weeks of this school year. Well done everyone and let's *'keeeep on attending!'*

**Class 5M's Assembly and Business Partnership**

This was a super assembly all about medieval castles and knights, based around Year 5's topic on Castles. The children spoke clearly and confidently and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Miss Bains was extremely proud of her class....it was her first ever assembly! Year 5 had enjoyed a particularly eventful week leading up to this assembly by visiting Kenilworth Castle and enjoying a day of medieval festivities. Experiences included jousting, medieval dancing, medieval murder mystery and folklore. In addition, Ian Davies visited us from John Lewis (one of our business partners), in his full medieval re-enactment regalia and spent time with

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the children learning the skills of the medieval archers! Staff, as usual, fully embraced the experience, as you can see from Mr Prescott's joker costume!

**Business Links with Balfour Beatty**  
**Extending the Curriculum**



28 Year 6 children, accompanied by Mr Ireland and Mr Rose, visited Balfour Beatty this week to take part in plastering, brick laying, plumbing and electrical work. Wow! They had a fantastic time and their behaviour was highly commended by the event leaders. Many thanks Balfour Beatty!

**Sporting Fixtures**

By the time we reach 14<sup>th</sup> November, a total of 22 different school teams will have represented Balsall Common at various sports and venues, including: Girls Cross Country Years 5, 6; Bi-athlon boys and girls, Years 5, 6; Boys football Years 3,4,5,6; Girls football Years 5, 6; Contact Rugby Years 5, 6; Tag Rugby years 3,4. This is, without doubt, an incredible list. Well done to all players, to all members of staff for their commitment to afterschool clubs and to Mr Green for his enthusiasm in arranging the fixtures!

**Business Links - Specsavers**

Specsavers in Kenilworth are offering parents of our pupils FREE eye tests (voucher can be obtained from Mr Rose as [s2hrose@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s2hrose@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk)) and have just purchased 100 Hi Vis safety jackets for our youngest



pupils to wear on school trips. Many thanks Specsavers.

**Chess**

Matthew J, Zachary D, Oskar Y and William M, played children from Knowle Primary in a chess tournament. Out of 13 games, 12 were won!! All games were well played, with lots of strategic thinking and an excellent attitude. Well done players!

**Parents' Evening**

I have had some terrific feedback regarding our new booking system through *'parentseveningsystem'* so we will definitely be doing that again. Our parent attendance rate has been 88.9% which demonstrates parental commitment to pupils' education. Many thanks for attending.

**Morrison's Lets Grow Vouchers**

If you shop at Morrison's please collect these vouchers as our gardening club need them. Only 2 weeks left to collect.

**CENTENARY BOOK**

This special book is still available from school for £5. Just send the money in with your child or visit the school office.

**Half Term and Bonfires**

If you are having fireworks over half-term holiday, please be careful - we would like everyone back safely for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Friday 8 November 19:30 PTA Chairman's Quiz £15 a team, Bring your own drinks

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1.00-4.30**

**9 shopping Saturdays before Christmas!**

**Have a great break.**

**GT Burgess**

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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**

<b>Morning - Sadie</b>	<b>Mon - Wed - Thomas G</b>	<b>Afternoon - Reece</b>	<b>Wed - Fri - Ellie-Mae</b>
Alex T, RM	<b>Robin's Stars of the Week</b> Luna K-P, RW		Isabella W, RH
George B, RM Ria H, 1P Olianne O, Rhys E & Florence C, 2A	<b>Writers of the Week</b> Milo S, RW Reuben P & Ben M, 1S Eleanor D-D, 2K		Ben A & George M, RH Chloe St J, 1M Chloe O, Simran N, 2D
	<b>Maths Wizard</b> Macy P, 1P		
Mitchell G, 2D	Tigerlily C & Jessica C, 2K		Seoul C & Jack M, 2A
	<b>Good Choice Stars of the Week</b>		
Olivia J, 1P Hugh H, 1M -	Ben A, 2K Molly W, 2D Milli R, 2A	Leah-May M, 3W Clare S, 3C Nicole B, 3D	Billy B, 4B Matthew B, 4D Charlie B, 4W Emily C, 5M Molly W, 5P Josh G-T, 5B David Y, 5B
			Jonathan W, 6B Claudia T, 6H Kacey H, 6W

**DIARY DATES**

**AUTUMN TERM 2013**

Monday 4 November	School starts
Friday 8 November	PTA Chair's Quiz Night
Thursday 14 November	Year 6 The Skills Show, NEC
Friday 15 November	Children in Need Day 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>13:00-16:00 CHRISTMAS FAYRE NEW DATE!!!</b>
Monday 25 November	19:00 Academy Governing Body AGM
Friday 29 November	14:45 3W Class Assembly
Friday 6 December	18:00 Reception & KS1 Disco 19:30 KS2 Disco
Tuesday 10 December	Year 5 National Space Centre, Leicester 14:30 Reception & Nursery Additional Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 December	09:30 & 14:30 Reception and Morning Nursery Christmas Performance 18:00 Yrs1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 December	14:30 & 18:00 Yrs1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 13 December	12:00 School Christmas Lunch
Sunday 15 December	15:00 Choir at Methodist Church
Monday 16 December	14:30 & 18:00 Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 17 December	Nursery & Reception Warwick Arts Centre (Room on the Broom) 14:30 & 18:00 Yrs 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 December	09:00 KS1/KS2 Leamington Theatre Nursery and Reception Party Day
Thursday 19 December	Years 1 - 6 Party Day
Friday 20 December	School Ends for Christmas Holiday!



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