



Friday 13th December 2013

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popping in to the school through side doors to speak to teachers at 9.00am, when they have already started to settle the class to begin teaching, is extremely disruptive. For this reason, please, please make an appointment instead. Most teachers are on site by no later than 8.00am and are more than willing to see you before the start of school. They just need to know that you are coming! Many thanks indeed for your cooperation.

Christmas Performances

Nursery and Reception classes' **'Wriggly Nativity'** and Year 1 and 2 classes' **'Two Travellers'** have



directly to OFSTED and the DFE with regard to enhancing our writing; Sophie, Grace, Jessica, Phoebe, Hannah O, Elysia and Sophie raised £88.25 for Diabetes UK; Mrs Jones and her team hit an all time record for the number of meals provided during a normal dinner hour with a whopping 396 meals last Friday! Year 6 presented to their parents (more of this next week). Wow! And all of this happening alongside the Christmas Shows! Without doubt the BCPS staff team

Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Week ending 6 December

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RW	3W	98.2
KS1	2D	3D	98.2
LKS2	4W	5M	98.0
UKS2	6B	Week	97.3%

Once more, despite the change in weather, and the thrill of rapidly approaching Christmas festivities, children and staff continue to return high levels of attendance and fabulous attitudes towards learning. Spectacular! Well done to everybody!



School Applications - message from Solihull Admissions Service

'The closing date for Reception applications for September 2014 is 15 January. We have decided not to contact parents that haven't yet applied until in the New Year as we feel that 'chase postcards' may get lost in the Christmas chaos! However, if you have not yet applied you can apply online at www.solihull.gov.uk/enrol.'

Entry into School

I am confident that you all know how welcome you are in school. However,

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been simply *brilliant!* Despite their very young ages, they have greeted their audiences with confidence, maturity and energy and, consequently, they have 'gone down a storm'. We have doubled the number of each performance from two to four this year in an effort to ensure that grandparents can come along and see their grandchildren in action. The reason for this is that we are very aware of the large part that grandparents play in the children's lives and want to reflect that by providing them with an opportunity to share in the children's Christmas Shows. In addition, we have enhanced the stage considerably this year so that you can see the children in action. It is higher and wider. We have **Carl Stokes** from *John Shepherds Select* to thank for this. His commitment to supporting the school is really enhancing our provision. In the last 18 months alone he has donated over £14000 to us. Many thanks Carl, and I hope that those of you who have seen the shows have all enjoyed them.

The School Continues

Meanwhile, around Christmas, learning continues. Year 5 visited the Space Centre, to round off their termly topic; pupils from a number of local schools joined us for a Gifted and Talented Programme, led by Mr Ireland; our swimming teams were highly successful at the St Martins Swim Gala, coming away with wins in most year groups (I will print exact positions ASAP); we have worked alongside Phil Jarrett, advisor



is amazing. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them!

Christmas Fayre Profit Total

And the final figure is in...an amazing **£9257** raised on 23 November. Many, many thanks to Paula and Tracey (Fayre organisers), the PTA team, all those who were involved in whatever capacity and all of you for supporting the event.

Next Week

KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts; Nursery and Reception to **Room on the Broom**; Years 1-6 to **Aladdin**; normal Friday KS1 assembly, but no KS2 afternoon assembly. Break up for Christmas hols!

NEXT WEDNESDAY-VERY IMPORTANT
Please **DO NOT PARK** in **Asbury Road** next Wednesday morning because we have **SIX BIG** coaches coming down that road to take us to the theatre. This would really help us.

2 shopping Saturdays left!

Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess

Balsall Common Primary School Sponsors

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

The Bears are staying in Nursery this week for lots of Christmas fun!

Robin's Stars of the Week

Isabelle W, RW

Chloe H, RH

Dylan S, RM

Writers of the Week

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Drew T, RH

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Laura B, 1P

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Maths Wizard

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George K & Jamie B, 1M

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Good Choice Stars of the Week

Riley R, 1M

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Leila E, 3D

Isabella M, 4B

Anjun H, 5M

Daniel P, 6B

Clark S, 1P

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Keira P, 3W

Anja W, 4D

Josh G-T, 5B

Alex D, 6H

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Victoria H, 3C

William N, 4W

Sophie O, 5P

Chloe P, 6W

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2013

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 14:30 & 18:00	Warwick Arts Centre (Room on the Broom) Yrs 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert	
Wednesday 18 December	09:00 Nursery and Reception	KS1/KS2	Leamington Spa Theatre Party Day
Thursday 19 December	Years 1 - 6	Party Day	
Friday 20 December	School Ends for Christmas Holiday!		
SPRING TERM 2014			
Monday 6 January	School starts		
Thursday 16 January	Choir at Young Voices - LG Arena		
Friday 17 January	14:45	4B	Class Assembly
Friday 24 January	14:45 19:30	4D	Class Assembly Headteacher's Quiz
Tuesday 28 January	17:30	Dunfield meeting for Y4 parents tbc	
Friday 31 January	14:45	4W	Class Assembly
Friday 7 February	09:10 14:45	2A 6M	Class Assembly Class Assembly
Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 February	16:00-19:00 Parent Consultations		
Friday 14 February	09:10 14:45	2K 6W	Class Assembly Class Assembly
Monday 24 February	INSET		