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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new term! I do hope that you managed to get away whilst the school was closed over the summer holiday and that it was enjoyable and warm.

Life in school over the summer has been busy. The final block of pupils' toilets, those in Year 3 and 4, have now been refurbished and are at the same high standard as the others; 7 classrooms have been painted and the site has been cleared of rubbish that has built up over time; the swimming pool flooring has been taken up and replaced; offices have been repainted and carpeted. Many, many thanks to Mr Exton, who has been the person responsible for the majority of these improvements over the holiday. Mr Exton has agreed to remain with us for the foreseeable future.

We have welcomed other new staff to the school also. Miss Sargent has joined us in Nursery, Miss Khan and Miss Hull have joined us in Year 1, Mrs Johnson in Year 4 and Mrs Mills, Mrs Audhali and Mrs Strong have strengthened our SEN team.

Mrs Brown is now in charge of Upper Key Stage 2, Mrs Clamp is in charge of Early Years and Miss Hughes is now responsible for SEN and is an Assistant Headteacher, alongside Mr Ireland. And, finally, Miss Davies, in Year 4, got

married over the holiday and has returned as Mrs Tranter!

Admissions

We have welcomed 10 new pupils into the school this week into Year groups other than Nursery and Reception, taking our total pupil number now to 714.

Nursery children have come into the school brilliantly and Reception children have come in calmly and confidently. The views of the staff are that this has been a tremendous year for new starters. *Nursery parents of children who are in school for the all-day sessions do now need to make the agreed payment for lunch-times.* This can be done via your Parentpay account. If you have not yet received your login letter, you will in the next couple of days. (If you need any assistance regarding ParentPay please contact Mrs Slater).

New Sponsors

Signarama and **Acclaimed Mortgages** have joined us as sponsors over the summer break. Signarama has provided us with the poster pictured above, which we intend to use in the hall. Over the course of the year you will see displays being developed within the hall which will showcase the way in which sponsorship from different sources is impacting on the curriculum, enhancing the experiences of the children. If you would like to find out more about sponsorship, please contact Howard Rose via email on s2hrose@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk or ring the main school number to speak with him. **Job Opportunities** We are recruiting once more for Playleaders. Playleaders play with the children during lunch-

times and the team now numbers 7 members of staff and is going from strength to strength. Please contact me at school for further details.

FLARE Time and the Zone Board

Golden Time has been re-branded by the School Council as *Fun, Learning and Rewarding Excellence, FLARE*. New, more exciting and educational activities have been planned by the staff to make this time more special. In addition, we will be making telephone/personal contact every time a pupil loses FLARE Time in order to keep you fully in the loop. Children can also climb to Silver and Gold and earn points towards an end of year reward! It's all very exciting. Ask your son/daughter to explain it and don't hesitate to get in touch with me if further clarification is required.

Forthcoming Events

PTA AGM and Meeting - Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Come along and find out more about what we do and how you can get involved if you would like to.

Annual Head's Parental Update - Tuesday September 23rd at 6.00pm. Come and find out about our performance and our plans for this year.

Dads Scalextric Evening - Friday 10th October, 7.30-10.30pm. See separate Flyer to register!

Once more, welcome back to the new school year and have a cracking week-end.

Graeme Burgess

DIARY DATES 2014 - 2015

AUTUMN TERM 2014		
Monday 15 September	Year 5 18:00	Kenilworth Castle Year 6 Information Evening
Tuesday 16 September	18:00 19:30	Reception Information Evening PTA AGM
Wednesday 17 September	Year 1	Coventry Transport Museum
Tuesday 23 September	18:00	Head's Parental Update
Thursday 25 September	CONFERENCE DAY - no hot dinners	
Friday 26 September	09:00	Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Atrium
Monday 29 September	'Share a Poem' Poetry Reading Week	
Mon 29 & Tues 30 September	Year 3	Anthony James Dinosaurs
Tuesday 30 September	Nick Toczek	Visiting Poet
Wednesday 1 October	Chris White	Visiting Poet
Thursday 2 October	Valerie Bloom	Visiting Poet in
Friday 3 October	Harvest Assemblies to be led by Andrew Charlesworth	
Friday 10 October	CONFERENCE DAY no hot dinners	
Tuesday 14 October	18:00	Year 2 Information Evening for Parents
15-21 October	Travelling Book Fair in Atrium	
Mon 20 & Tues 21 October	Parental Consultations	
Friday 24 October	School finishes for Half Term	
Monday 3 November	School starts	
Thursday 13 November	Year 6	Skills Show
Friday 14 November	Children in Need Day	
Friday 21 November	CONFERENCE DAY no hot dinners	
Saturday 28 November	13:00-17:00	CHRISTMAS FAYRE tbc
Wednesday 3 December	09:30 14:15	Nursery Nativity Nursery Nativity
Friday 5 December	18:00 19:30	KS1 Disco KS2 Disco
Tuesday 9 December	14:15	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 10 December	09:30 14:15 18:00	Reception Nativity KS1 Christmas Performance KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 11 December	14:15 18:00	KS1 Christmas Performance KS1 Christmas Performance
Friday 12 December	Christmas Lunch	
Sunday 14 December	15:00	Choir at Methodist Church (tbc)
Monday 15 December	14:30 & 18:00	LKS2 Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 16 December	14:30 & 18:00	UKS2 Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 17 December	09:00	KS1/KS2 to Leamington Theatre Party Day for Nursery and Reception
Friday 19 December	School Ends	

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SPRING TERM 2015	
Monday 5 January	School starts
Friday 23 January	19:30 Headteacher's Quiz
W/b 26 January	Young Voices this week
Tuesday 27 January	Year 3 Timezone
Thursday 5 February	17:30 Dunfield meeting for Y4 parents
Mon 9 & Tues 10 February	16:00 - 19:00 Parent Consultations
Friday 13 February	Break up for Half-term
Monday 23 February	INSET
Tuesday 24 February	Children return to school
Mon 9 - Fri 15 March	Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium
Tuesday 10 March	M and M Productions of Oliver with Workshops
Friday 13 March	School Disco
Tuesday 17 March	Year 3 Chedworth Roman Villa
Tues 24 & Weds 25 March	18:00 Year 4 production
Friday 27 March	FS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
	School Ends

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SUMMER TERM 2015	
Monday 13 April	School Returns
Monday 27 April	Year 5 Bikeability all week
Monday 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 11- Fri 15 May	KS2 Tests
Tuesday 19 May	13:45 UKS2 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 21 May	Children break up for Half Term
Friday 22 May	INSET
25-29 May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 June	School returns Year 6 Isle of Wight until Friday
Thursday 4 June	13:45 KS1 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 9 June	18:00 Reception New Parents Evening
Thursday 11 June	13:45 LKS2 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 16 June	13:45 Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon
Saturday 20 June	13:00-17:00 GALA DAY
Tuesday 23 June	Year 4 Dunfield House until Friday 18:00 Nursery New Parents Evening
Mon/Tues	Year 6 induction at H of E
Friday 3 July	14:45 Final KS2 Assembly for awards 18:00-19:15 KS1 Disco 19:30-21:00 KS2 Disco
Monday 06 July	17:30 Information meeting for new Y1 parents in hall
Tuesday 07 July	17:30 Information meeting for new Y3 parents in hall
Wednesday 08 July	18:00 Y6 Production
Thursday 09 July	18:00 Y6 Production
Friday 10 July	INSET
Monday 13 July	Reports home to parents
Tuesday 14 July	Musical Concert
Wednesday 15 July	Year 6 Games and BBQ 19:30 PTA meeting and BBQ
Thursday 16 July	9:10 KS1 Final Assembly with Remaining July and August Birthdays
Friday 17 July	09:10 Year 2 Final Assembly 14:30 Year 6 Final KS2 assembly End of School Year