

# Balsall Common Primary School

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Dear Parents

#### Attendance and Attitude towards Learning for Last Week

Last Week's Head's Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	-	Last week an amazing 7 classes achieved 100% attendance! Well done RW, RM, 1K, 2B, 2K, 4W and 4J	
KS1	1K		
LKS2	3C		
UKS2	5B	Whole School	98%

#### ATL Points Winners

As well as 'Class of the Week' winners we are pleased to announce the first individual winners of the trophies given to the pupils earning the most ATL pts by themselves. Congratulations to Miles P from 4J, winner in LKS2 and joint winners in UKS2 were Carys H and Ruth W who are both in 5B.

#### Dinner Times

As you are probably aware, schools are now legally required to provide free school meals to children in Reception and Years 1 and 2. How has this affected us? Well, in terms of overall numbers of pupils having school meals, there hasn't been a huge change. On Tues, Weds and Thurs we had 400, 408 and 429 respectively. I'm reliably informed that this isn't far off what we were serving on Fridays last year. However, Friday is the most popular day for school meals and last week we jumped to 484! Coupled with the fact that the Reception children are still getting used to the whole experience, it did mean that some lunchtimes have taken longer than they used to. We are confident however, that once things settle down, things will run as smoothly as they always have done. Well done to the kitchen staff and lunchtime supervisors for coping well with the extra demand!

For those interested in statistics (like me!) so far **89%** of the children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 have taken a school meal and on Friday **75%** of all pupils had a school-provided lunch.

#### Horticultural Art Competition

For the past 3 years we have worked in conjunction with Balsall Common Horticultural Society to provide them with artwork for their annual show, which took place on the first weekend of the summer holiday. They judge the pieces and give out prizes for the winners of different age groups. Congratulations to Isabella M in 1M, Alex R in 3D, and Nicole B in 4W for being judged the best in their respective categories. Also, Abigail C in 5W won the digital artwork category. As a thank you for our efforts, Doug from the Society makes sure that we have a gift for our gardening club and here he is below handing over £25 of garden centre vouchers.



#### Playworkers Required

We are looking again to increase the number of Lunchtime Playworkers here in school. If you are, or know anyone, who is looking for part-time work helping us to deliver fun and engaging activities with the children during lunchtimes, please contact the school.

#### Crossing Patrol/Mr Foster

You may have noticed that in recent months we have had a number of stand-in people in place of our regular crossing patrol officer, Mr Foster. Unfortunately, due to ill health, he has now retired from the role. It was not an easy decision for him and he would like to pass on the message that he will miss the children and parents. The council are advertising the position and anyone interested should contact Kim Stone, School Crossing Patrol Manager on 0121 704 6568.



#### Mrs Brereton

We are also sad to say that we are losing legendary dinner lady Jean Brereton after 34 years of service! I'm sure you'll join us in wishing her the best for the future.

#### FLARE Time

What a fantastic start to the new academic year - not a single child was required to lose any FLARE time (formerly known as Goldentime of course) last week. The children have come back in to school with the usual high standards of attitude and behaviour and many staff felt that last week was a very smooth transition into a new year. Well done to all pupils and staff!

#### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 26 Sept here in school. Donations of cakes will be welcome - see Mrs Clinton for more details

Have a great weekend.

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Assistant Head

**Writers of the Week**

Megan C, 1M

Chloe H, 1H

Lilly F, 1K

**Maths Wizards**

Rafael P & Oscar W, 1M

Emilia W, 1H

Oscar S, 1K

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Jacob C, 1H	Millie H, 2B	Shelby B 3C	Jasmine B, 4J	Alex T-F, 5W	Taran S, 6K
Katy V, 1M	-	Kierath C, 3D	Emma S, 4T	Harry H, 5P	Darshan, 6B
Josie R, 1M	-	Olivia C, 3P	Eva N, 4W	Jack P, 5B	Jack N, 6W
Isaac S, 1K					

**DIARY DATES 2014- 2015**

**AUTUMN TERM**

Monday 15 September	Year 5 18:00	Kenilworth Castle 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	
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	
Mon 6 & Tues 7 October	Year 3	Anthony James Dinosaurs
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	