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Dear Parents

Welcome back one and all to the new term and to 2015! My, my, how does time fly? I do hope that Christmas and New Year went as well as it could for you all and that you weren't too plagued by illness - of the staff in the school, only **seven** people were **not** ill! The children re-entered on Monday looking great....keen as always to focus and school dates for 2015-2016 have now been released and are available on our school website. I look forward to seeing you all in school over the forthcoming days, weeks and months.

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Personal Award for the Most Amount of ATL Points	
LKS2	Matthew C, 33, 6B
UKS2	Alex W, 55, 6B

Termly Head's Winners	
FS	RM,RC,RW
KS1	2B + 2K
LKS2	3C
UKS2	6B

Last Week's Attendance	
Week Overall	92.5%
Term Overall	96.4%
Illness galore in the last week!	

Congratulations to the classes above for winning the Head's Class of the Week Award the most amount of times. As you can see from the draws, it was a particularly close result in Reception and Years 1 and 2!

Panto Visit

This went particularly well this year. The right coaches, with the right number of seats were in the right place at the right time and your help in keeping Asbury Road clear, in particular, was very much appreciated. On our return, there were no complaints waiting for me! First time ever! Delighted! Thank you!



Cooking Club

The chef from the Forest of Arden joined Mr Rose and his cooking group for their final session before Christmas. He was very impressed with the quality of the cooking!!!

Collections from the Concerts

Incredible! Between you all, £1214.58 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support from these shows. Thank you.

Primary Maths Challenge

We have been officially notified that Rosie and Helena are through to the next round of this competition is February. Well done girls.

Buy a Brick

As you can see from the photo above, the swimming pool wall is beginning to be populated with named bricks. This is a PTA run event; the cost is minimal and the bricks will remain on the wall for many years to come. If you are interested in doing the same, please contact Howard Rose on s2hrose@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk.

Admissions Change

We are proposing a change to our admission arrangements which could take effect for the admission of children from September 2016 and beyond. The proposed changes can be viewed by following this link, <https://balsall.fluencycms.co.uk/Policies>, which takes you to the school website, the Our School tab and the Policies heading on the left hand side of the page. The proposal is to include children of staff who are permanently employed at our school into the admissions criteria as a retention and recruitment incentive. If you wish, please send your comments or views regarding the proposed change into school marked for the

attention of the Chairman of Governors to arrive by no later than Friday 13 February 2015. Your comments and views will be considered and our final decision regarding admission arrangements will be published by 15 April 2015.

Lavender Hall Autos Sponsorship

This company has just joined us as a sponsor and is offering parents associated with the school £5 off the price of an MOT and £5 off the price of a service. **In addition, each time you take up this offer, the company will donate a further £5 for each MOT and service to the school.** All you have to do is quote BCPS (Balsall Common Primary School) when you ring to book. This is a well-established company run by one of our own parents. The telephone number is available within the header on page 2 of this newsletter, so you will always know where to find it. Visit the website at: www.lavenderhallautos.co.uk and take a look for yourselves.

Timezone Visit for Year 3

Unfortunately, due to the personal circumstances within the company, this event has had to be cancelled this year.

Headteacher's Fish 'n Chips Quiz and Bring Your Own Bottles

This annual event is Friday 23rd, two weeks today. Traditionally this has been a particularly well supported event so getting your Team Form in quickly is always advisable. Last year we ran it as a curry night but decided there and then to return to the traditional Fish 'n Chips! We also promised to make the questions slightly easier this year! Hopefully, see you in two weeks' time!

Scalextric

This event runs tonight having been postponed from October due to illness! I look forwards to sharing the podium line-up with you next week.

Once more, welcome back and Happy New Year. Have a great weekend.

GT Burgess



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Nursery - Ted & Toby Bear's Star of the Week Awards

Mrs Smith's Class: Daisy W & Eva

Miss Sargent's class: Ben & Harry P

Robin's Stars of the Week

Aaron B, RC

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Freddie E, RM

Writers of the Week

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Luna KP & Dillon K, 1K

Lilly K & Sam V, RM

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Harris M, 1H

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Riley R, 2D

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Maths Wizards

Jacob C, 1H

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Jessica L, 1K

Harrison M & Tara H, 2D

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Joel B, 1K
Harris M, 1H

Evie B, 2D
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Morgan K, 3P
Oliver W, 3P
Bowen L-A, 3D
Alex S, 3C

Nicole W, 4J
Katy H, 4T
Kiran C, 4W

Oliver N, 5B
Laila E, 5W
Marie K, 5P

Mia J, 6W
Emily C, 6K
Ben P, 6B

DIARY DATES 2015

Tuesday 13 January	Choir to Young Voices
Wednesday 14 January	Year 2 Visit to St John's Museum, Warwick
Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 February	Year 1 Toymakers' visit to school
Friday 23 January	19:30 Headteacher's Quiz
Thursday 5 February	17:30 Dunfield meeting for Year 4 parents
Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 February	16:00 - 19:00 Parent Consultations
Friday 13 February	Break up for Half-term
Monday 23 February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24 February	Children return to school
Monday 9 - Friday 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
Tuesday 24 March	Year 6 Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 March	18:00 Year 4 production
Friday 27 March	FS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade School Breaks up for Easter
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

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