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Dear Parents

Unbelievably we have reached the final newsletter of this school year! Where has the year gone? Everything has flown by! And, as you will see from the back page of this newsletter, we have already planned diary dates for the first term back, the academic year 2015-2016!

Thank you for all of the help and support you have offered all year, and thank you for returning the Kirkland Rowell questionnaires. Following on from feedback from KS1 parents last December, together with comments shared in the questionnaire, we will be running separate Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performances in an effort to avoid the children being as tired as they were. The dates can be found overleaf, and are colour coded!

Attitude towards Learning for Last Week and for the Term

Termly ATL Winners	
FS	RC
KS1	2K
LKS2	4J
UKS2	6B

Very well done indeed to the classes above for winning the 'Head's Class of the Week' more times than any other in their phases. They have been celebrating this week.

Year 6's Production of Ye-Ha!



This performance by our Year 6 children was fantastic. They sang and acted their way through a humorous script with real confidence and clarity.

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Every single member of Year 6 contributed equally, whether singing individually or dancing as a group. The lads who were working on the lighting and the sound, together with those responsible for changing the sets, were the



unseen heroes, controlling the play through fading lights and atmospheric music. We were all extremely proud of them. Thank you for coming along to watch them in their final musical performance of their primary school days, and remember that you can download the entire show from our website for only £5.00!

Meet the Teacher and Reports

The children met their new teachers earlier this week and reports went out on the same day. I really enjoyed reading these reports and am very pleased indeed with the progress that the children are making. Attainment across the whole school is significantly higher than the national average and the children continue to add value from their starting points. It is an absolute privilege to work here and be part of your children's lives. I would like to thank the staff for their high level of skills and their dedication and patience in supporting each child with their learning. This has been a great year....though we are all looking forward to the holidays!

Chess

William M, Ella S and Ben G competed in the Northern Chess Gigafinal last weekend in Manchester. Amidst extremely tough competition, William finished in 18th place! Ella and Ben also performed exceptionally well in their respective year groups. In addition, Matthew C, Thomas O'R, James B and Vladimir P also represented the school at a chess tournament in Birmingham last Thursday. With an overall of 8 schools attending, BCPS held on to a well-earned 5th place. Congratulations to you all and thank you Mrs Varga!

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Caitlyn



Caitlyn, from Year 6, was nominated for the Solihull Sports Person of the Year Award 2015. With 92 schools, providing a huge amount of talent across the borough, the Board of Adjudicators selected Caitlyn! We are all immensely proud of her. She has captained the swim team and the biathlon, and has participated in more sporting events than I can mention; she fully deserves this award. Well done Caitlyn!

Mrs Ward's Drama Group

Very well done indeed to the eight brilliant singers, dancers and actors who presented a mini-show earlier this week to celebrate the work they have done in Mrs Ward's drama group. They were sensational!



Holiday Club

Our very own Before and After School and Holiday Club is running throughout the six week break and there are some terrific daily activities planned. During the last half term the number of children attending our club has grown, largely because of the activities offered. If you are interested in using this provision, please email Lea Barton on s2lbarton@balsall-common.solihull.sch.uk.

Open for Business in the Holiday

Our school office will be open from Wednesday 26th August to Friday 28th and then again on Tuesday 1st September between 9.00am and 12.00pm. We have an INSET day on Wednesday 2nd so the school will be open for business between 8.30am and 2.00pm.

On behalf of us all here at school, I would like to wish you a fantastic summer break, and wish our staff leavers all the very best for next year.

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DIARY DATES 2015-2016

Autumn Term

Wednesday 2 September	INSET DAY
Thursday 3 September	School begins for pupils Reception - Year 6
Monday 7 September	School begins for Nursery children
Monday 14 September	18.00 Year 6 Information Evening
Tuesday 15 September	18.00 EYFS Information/Curriculum Evening
Tuesday 22 September	18.00 Head's Update
Friday 25 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 2:45 Class Assembly 3C
Friday 2 October	2:45 Class Assembly 3P
Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 October	Year 3 Dinosaur Man Visit
Wednesday 7 October	No Pens Day Wednesday
Thursday 8 October	18.00 - KS2 Poetry Recital
Monday 12 October	School Nurse drop-in for parents 17.30 Year 2 Information Evening
Friday 16 October	2:45 Class Assembly 3D Year 6 Warwick University Science Day
Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 23 October	INSET
HALF TERM	
Monday 2 November	School resumes
Friday 6 December	2:45 Class Assembly 6B
Tuesday 10 November	Year 3 to Tesco
Friday 13 November	2:45 Class Assembly 6K Children in Need
Tuesday 17 November	Year 3 to Tesco
Friday 20 November	2:45 Class Assembly 6W
Saturday 28 November	Christmas Fayre (TBC)
Wednesday 2 December	10.00am and 2.00pm Nursery Nativity
Friday 4 December	Disco
Monday 7 December	2.00pm Reception Nativity
Tuesday 8 December	2.00pm Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 9 December	2.00pm Year 2 Nativity Nursery and Reception to Warwick Arts Centre - The Gruffalo's Child 6.00pm Year 1 Nativity
Thursday 10 December	6.00pm Year 2 Nativity
Friday 11 December	2.00pm Reception Nativity
Monday 14 December	Years 3 & 4 Carol Concerts
Tuesday 15 December	Whole School Christmas Dinner Years 5 & 6 Carol Concerts
Wednesday 16 December	Years 1 - 6 to Leamington Spa Centre Pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk Christmas Party Day Nursery and Reception
Friday 18 December	TERM ENDS

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