



## Newsletter Number 02

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### Dear Parents

So here we are at the end of the first full week already, and we are all absolutely delighted in school. Entry has been particularly smooth and it is as though the children have never been away. I would like to extend a 'big' welcome to all of the new **Nursery parents and children** to the school, and congratulate the Reception parents and children with the way in which they have settled so quickly. Staff have been particularly superb in flexing at the right times. Week 3 beckons!

### Changes

**Swimming:** This has gone 'swimmingly' this week. The changes have been well received by the children and the staff. More time is now given, in smaller groups, for swimming, PE, ICT, French and Music. We are very pleased, although we are aware that this is still very early days.

**Miss Whittall's covered area:** I am sure that many of you will have noticed the new area that we have constructed outside Miss Whittall's classroom. We have done this to ensure that all of the Reception children have equal access to an outdoor area. Simple and effective. Many thanks Mr Exton.

**Rugby Posts and Pitch:** And, again, I'm pretty sure that the new posts and post protectors fitted to the school field have not gone unnoticed. Our school teams have demonstrated

their potential to challenge other sides and we want to capitalise on their strengths. We already have seven full contact fixtures in the diary between now and Christmas, and will be able to play an equal number of those at home now. The erection of these posts also coincides, of course, with the Rugby World Cup about to start in this country! Many thanks again to Mr Exton, the school's site officer, for organising these posts and to the PTA for funding them. After-school rugby starts next Thursday with tag for Years 3-6 boys and girls, and full contact for Years 4-6. Rugbytots starts for Nursery on 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and for Reception on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Rugbytots can be joined by visiting [www.rugbytots.co.uk](http://www.rugbytots.co.uk) and is fee paying.



### Nursery and Reception Curriculum Evening

Please join us next Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6.00pm in the school hall. Mrs Clamp and her team will be offering ideas of how you might support your son/daughter's learning. This is an opportunity to find out more about how young children learn. Parents of children in KS1 are also welcome to join us. The session will finish at 7.00pm.

### Year 6 Information Evening

You are welcome to join us a week on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6.00pm for this Year 6 evening where Mrs Brown and her team will walk you through the school year. Parents of children in Year 5 are welcome to join us for a 'heads up' on what to expect next year. The session will finish at 7.00pm.

### Headteacher's Annual Update to Parents

This is a week on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6.00pm and everyone is welcome. The main focus will be the changes to assessment, which we outlined in the end of year reports. This is relevant to all parents because it affects all children. The session will finish at 7.00pm.

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### Dragons - BCPS Before and After School and Holiday Club

If you had tried to book places for this term via the Libacura website you will have experienced difficulties. As a temporary measure we had directed bookings to Lea Barton. However, we have now rectified the difficulties and all booking should now be made through the Libacura site via this link <https://libacura.co.uk/register/bcps>. This will also address invoicing and payment systems for the better. If you experience any further difficulties please direct them to Mr Ireland through the school's email address. We are also addressing your recommendations for improvement as shared through the Survey we conducted before the holiday, for example, coat pegs for the Studio should be with us next week. I will be carrying out another survey as a follow-up within the next few weeks.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

The school will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September, from 9 - 11am. Everyone is welcome and donations of cakes will be most gratefully received! Children will have the opportunity to buy cakes and gifts at lunchtime, so please send them in with some money to support this worthy cause.

### Balsall Common Fun Run Sunday 20 September

You can still enter the Balsall Common Fun Run at: [lilymaefoundation.org/funrun](http://lilymaefoundation.org/funrun) Mini Runs for children in Years 1 - 6 start at 11.00am with a commemorative medal and bar of chocolate for all those taking part. All the run details can be found on the above website.

### One Way System

Please remember that we have a 'drive in through Wilton Road and out through Asbury Road' system to avoid congestion.

### PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting of the new year is 7.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. All are welcome.

### Have a great weekend. GT Burgess

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**Writers of the Week**

Aryan K, 1R

**Maths Wizards**

Ava B, 1R

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Megan J, 1H	Lilly F, 2K	George P, 3D	James H, 4C	Esme C, 5T	Matthew B, 6W
Matthew F, 1R	Chloe H, 2M	Sophie C, 3P	Rohan C, 4J	Ava M, 5B	Bethan W, 6B
			Lucas W, 4W	Samantha C, 5B	Ethan W, 6K
				Harrison B, 5P	

**DIARY DATES**

Monday 14 September	PTA AGM
Tuesday 15 September	18.00 EYFS Information/Curriculum Evening
Monday 21 September	18.00 Year 6 Information Evening
Tuesday 22 September	18.00 Head's Update
Wednesday 23 September	Year 5 to Kenilworth Castle
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 PTA Meeting
Thursday 8 October	18.00 - KS2 Poetry Recital
Monday 12 October	School Nurse drop-in for parents 17.30 Year 2 Information Evening
Wednesday 14 October	Travelling Book Fair in school (Until Monday 19 October)
Friday 16 October	2:45 Class Assembly 3D Year 6 Warwick University Science Day
Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 23 October	<b>INSET DAY AND BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</b>
Monday 2 November	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
Friday 6 November	2:45 Class Assembly 6B PTA Chair's Quiz Night
Tuesday 10 November	Year 3 to Tesco (one class)
Friday 13 November	2:45 Class Assembly 6K Children in Need Day
Tuesday 17 November	Year 3 to Tesco (one class)
Wednesday 18 November	Year 5 to the National Space Centre
Friday 20 November	2:45 Class Assembly 6W
Tuesday 24 November	Year 3 to Tesco (one class)
Saturday 28 November	Christmas Fayre

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