

# Balsall Common Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children

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

Well done indeed to the classes below for achieving high attendance in the first week back, and to all the children in school for achieving 95.6%!

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RK	2M	100%
KS1	2M	3C	100%
LKS2	3P	3D, 3P & 4W	99.2%
UKS2	5T	Whole School	97.6%

#### ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Gabriela in 3C and Lucy W, in 5T.

#### Swimming Gala at St Martins

On Tuesday of this week Mr Barton took a mixed swimming squad, from years 3-6, to St. Martins.

BCPS managed to field two teams against the hosts. There was some excellent swimming by the whole team with plenty of support and encouragement from team mates and parents. Some new-comers to the team (with little to no racing experience) impressed and there were some convincing wins by boys and girls in all age groups. BCPS Red Team finished 1<sup>st</sup> with BCPS finishing 1<sup>st</sup> overall. BCPS Blue Team astounded the crowd with a canon relay win by more than a length over 2<sup>nd</sup> place!

Captains Abi C and Jamie M said a few words of thanks and fulfilled the spirit of the gala by leading a 'hip-hip-hooray' for a competitive St. Martins team.

Well done to all involved and thanks to Mr Barton for organising.

#### Water Polo

Our in-school water polo leagues for KS2 start next week. Many thanks for the entries already; there may be a few places left - contact Mr Barton for details.

#### Information Evening for Year 1 Parents Reading and Phonics

We are pleased to announce that we are planning another event at which you can come and see how to support your children with specific skills. This one is for Year 1 parents and will be on the topic of Reading and Phonics. This will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 6pm** in the school hall. There will be a presentation on the work we do in Year 1 on Phonics and we're hoping to give you the chance to see some of the techniques and resources that we use so you can build on this at home. We would love to see you there.

#### Young Voices

It was another memorable night on Tuesday this week at the Genting Arena as our choir took part in the annual extravaganza that is the Young Voices concert. We had super tickets with a great view of the children in action, who were enthusiastically supported by Mrs Brown, Mrs Strong and Miss Deeley. Well done to the children involved - another fantastic memory created that I'm sure you will keep with you for a long time and thank you to parents and staff for their support.



#### PTA Clothes Sale

The PTA are organising another sale of unclaimed lost property next Friday after school. Pop along to pick up a bargain spare jumper or tie. Remember, if you don't want your child's clothing to be lost and put in the sale, name their items!

## School Meal Taster Dinners for Reception and Key Stage 1 Children!!

Don't forget about our special offer for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 next week. Even if they still bring in a packed lunch, they have the opportunity to visit the hatch and try some of the hot meals on offer.

#### Pet Blessing Service

St Peter's Church, are holding a pet blessing service on Sunday 31 January 3pm, including a speaker from Dogs Trust. Bring your pet in a carrier or on a lead to this service, which will include special readings, songs and prayers, as well as a blessing for each pet. If you are unable to bring your pet, you are invited to bring a photo, and children can bring a teddy or toy animal.



#### Head's Fish and Chip Quiz

One week to go until this event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January! 7.00pm arrival for a 7.30pm start! Mr Burgess will be the host and Miss Hughes and I will be in support. A wide range of question rounds will be set including... no, you'll have to keep guessing until next week! We have many exciting prizes for the raffle and auction, and lots of teams have entered but we have room for a few more so hurry with your entries!

Have a great weekend.

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Assistant Head

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**Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week**

Miss Sargent's class - Matthew and Amelia

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Lucy H and Albert

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Sophie F, RW

Matilda R, RC

Olivia P, RM

Arun B, RK

**Writers of the Week**

Jacob R, RW

Caitlyn B, RM

Vihaan S, RC

Anna B, RK

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Chase C, 1D

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George B, 2B

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Joe N & Charlie P, 2K

**Maths Wizards**

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Freddie E, 1D

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Isaac S, 2M

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Toby W, 2B

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Jasmin S, 1D

Holly B, 2K

Inderjit C, 3D

Brian D. 4C

Bless L-A, 5P

Jamie M, 6K

Faith B, 1R

Sophia M, 2B

MIcky T, 3C

Jessica C, 4J

Johannes V-G, 5T

Sophie M, 6B

Jake B, 1R

Anais P, 2M

Oliver W, 3P

Ben L, 4W

William M, 5B

William M, 6W

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Ellen C, 3P

**DIARY DATES**

Friday 22 January	9:05am Class Assembly 1H 2:45pm Class Assembly 5B 7:30pm Headteacher's Quiz
Friday 29 January	9:05am Class Assembly 1D 2:45pm Class Assembly 5P
Friday 5 February	9:05 Class Assembly 1R 2:45 Class Assembly 5T
Saturday 6 February	PTA Ball
Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 February	Parents' Evenings
Monday 15 - Friday 19 February	HALF-TERM
Monday 22 February	BACK TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 24 February	PTA Meeting
Friday 26 February	2:45 Class Assembly 3D
Tuesday 1 March	Year 2 to St John's Museum, Warwick
Friday 4 March	Mothers' Day Assembly 2:45 Class Assembly 3P
Tuesday 8 March	M&M Theatre Productions (A Little Princess)
Wednesday 9 March	Year 5 to Brandon Marsh
Friday 11 March	Disco 9:05 Class Assembly 2B 2:45 Class Assembly 3C
Tuesday 15 March	Year 3 to Chedworth Roman Villa Year 6 to Houses of Parliament, London
Friday 18 March	Easter Bonnet Parades for Foundation & KS1
Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 March	Year 4 Production
Wednesday 23 March	TERM ENDS

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