



# Newsletter 35

16th July 2018

Dear Parents

Once again we have reached the end of another busy school year. Our pupils have enjoyed a variety of school outings and activities and have taken part in a range of before and after school clubs including Dance, Judo, Tri-Golf, Football, Infant Agility and Gymnastics. This year we have also introduced our before school Energizer Club and Healthy Eating Workshops, both of which have proved hugely successful. Once again we have endeavoured to ensure that learning has been fun and creative throughout the year. The children have once again achieved well and we have enjoyed being part of their learning journey. We wish our Year 2 children continued success on the next stage of their education. We have, with your help, held many fundraising events and would like to thank each and every one of you, parents, governors and staff, that have assisted us by giving your time and support. We couldn't do it without you!

**Thank  
You**

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**100% Attendance Certificates for September 2017 to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

100% Attendance Certificates for the year go home to the following children:-

- Woody and Charles – Caterpillar Class*
- Scarlett and Poppy from Butterfly Class*
- Jovan from Willow Class*
- Owen from Robin Class*
- Sophie from Owl Class*
- Katy, Harrison and Aneesha from Star Class*
- Aston, Chloe and Huey from Shell Class*

The following pupil joined us in January 2018 and has achieved 100% attendance since her arrival:-

- Grace from Shell Class*

Well done to all of you!



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**Sponsored Obstacle Course**

Thank you to everyone who sponsored pupils for our sponsored obstacle event. Monies are still trickling in. We will let you know the total amount raised in our September newsletter.

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**Lost property**

Please feel free to pop in and check our lost property box if you have lost an item. The box will be emptied at the end of this week and any unclaimed items will be recycled or disposed of.

### **September lunch arrangements**

Your child's lunch arrangements will continue as they currently are when we return to school in September, unless we are notified by you by the end of this week that you wish to change them.

### **School discos**

A reminder that we have our discos this week after school. Our Year R disco takes place on Tuesday from 3.10p.m. until 4p.m., our Year 2 disco on Wednesday from 3.15p.m. until 4.15p.m. and our Year 1 disco on Thursday from 3.15p.m. until 4.15p.m. Your child is able to wear their own clothes to school on the day that they are attending their year group disco. Please note that the closing date for the Year R disco was last Friday and for Year 1 and 2 today, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils not attending the discos should be collected as normal after school.



### **Parent Voices Questionnaires**

We have started to receive back from you the parent voices questionnaires that were sent out on Friday with your child's school report. We have already received some lovely comments about the school! The results of the survey will be available at the beginning of September.

### **Staff development day**

A reminder that we have a Staff Development Day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September; school re-opens for pupils on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

### **Parking**

We have today again received a report of dangerous and irresponsible parking that could have caused injury to a child. We urge you to please be mindful of our children's safety when parking near our school and of the rights of our neighbours to be able to safely enter and exit their driveways. Thank you.

### **Staff Changes**

We wish a fond farewell to Mrs Clark in Shell Class and Mrs Bennett in Star Class and wish them every success in their new ventures as they leave us for pastures new. We also say goodbye to Mrs Backshell in Willow Class who is retiring after 21 years with us.

We will be joined in September by three new members of staff; Miss Salam who will be teaching in Shell Class, Mrs Chaplin who will be joining Mrs Williams in Flower Class and Mrs Watson who will be our new Deputy Headteacher and will be teaching in Star Class. We are sure that you will join us in extending a warm welcome to them all.

We wish our Year 2 pupils leaving Balfour Infant School on Friday good luck and every success for the future. May I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable summer break and to thank you once again for your continued support over the past year.



Regards

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Headteacher