

CO-OPERATIVE TRUST CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. The governors of Athelstan and Brunswick met with our governors here at Ballifield on Monday to analyse your responses and we are delighted to announce that governors voted to continue on to the next stage. You can read the full consultation report on our website at www.ballifield.co.uk

We will now be arranging a period of statutory consultation as laid out in DFE guidelines but if all goes to plan we expect to open the trust from 1st January 2016.

There will be no change to the logo, school name or uniform, initially we doubt you will notice any changes at all, except benefits from the three schools working together to improve teaching and learning across the trust.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have just received news from the council that the price of School Meals will remain the same for the next school year.



The price of a school meal is £1.98 or £9.90 per week for children in Key Stage 2. Foundation Stage and KS1 children will receive their meals free under the government initiative.

However if you know that you are entitled to claim Free Meals due to financial circumstances please STILL complete an application form as the schools annual budget is calculated on the number of pupils eligible for free meals. These matters are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Could we please remind you that all dinners that have been consumed **MUST** be paid for within the same week. Please make sure that any dinner money is in an envelope or small container clearly marked with your child's name and class and not sent 'loose'.

SUMMER FAYRE

The parents group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Summer Fayre. PTA raised over £562.50 and everyone had a fantastic time. It was lovely to see the children taking part in so many different activities.



PTA will be meeting again in September to start planning for Christmas, everyone is welcome!

BALLIFIELD IS 40!

On the 8th September it will be exactly 40 years since our school first opened its doors to the local community.



We hope you will be able to join us for some of the special events we are planning for our 'Ruby' year, details of which we will let you know in the new school year.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Once again it has been a very productive and enjoyable year and I wish to thank the whole school community for this.

The Y2 and Y6 SATs results dipped slightly this year, but they do represent huge progress for most pupils. There is still work to be done in improving our writing scores and we will be needing your help and support in the new term.

I would like to pass on how our teachers really appreciate the excellent turn out at the parent evenings and are grateful for your continued support and the useful feedback from the children's reports.

A quick reminder that Thursday 16th July is our Sports Day. We listened to feedback and hope that we have struck the right balance between competitiveness and inclusion.

Transition activities have been very successful. The children are well prepared for September. Our best wishes go to all the Y6s as they prepare for the next stage of their education. They have enjoyed a great send off through the leavers' party and performance.

A big thankyou to Nursery Parents for making the summer events so successful.

I know you appreciate early notice of key dates for the school year (like the Christmas performances) so please find a list for your calendar on the back of this letter. On behalf of the Ballifield team I hope you all have a lovely summer.

We all wish Miss Burton well as she leaves Ballifield to take up a part-time post so she has time to develop her own business and offer our congratulations to Mrs Diskin who has been appointed her successor after qualifying as a teacher this year.

Happy Holidays!

Sheila Haigh

School finishes for the Summer Break at 3.15pm on Friday 17th July.

Children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September.

Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am and classroom doors open at 8.40am for registration.