



Friday 8th December 2023

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Christmas lunch and jumper day:

Wednesday 13th December

Christingle service at St Stephen's:

Friday 15th December

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Disco:

Tuesday 19th December

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Disco:

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas fair (children only):

Thursday 21st December

Last day of Term 2 and TAG day:

Friday 22nd December

First day of Term 3:

Monday 8th January



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School parliament competition

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed their loose change to the school parliament competition this week. School parliament have been working hard to promote the competition and encourage as many pupils as possible to join in. We will be announcing the winning class and their prize next week. We have raised a fantastic £203, which will all go to Friends of Balfour. Well done to the pupils involved for running such a successful event, and thank you to Mrs Tyler and Mrs McNeil for the great work they do in running School Parliament.

Christingle—oranges needed!

We are looking forward to visiting St Stephen's church on Friday 15th December for the Christingle services. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn about the meaning of the Christingle and visit the church. Lower school will be visiting in the morning and upper school will take part in the afternoon service.

While the school will provide most of the materials needed to make the Christingles, each child will need to bring in an orange. Please send your child's orange in with them on Thursday 14th December so they can be made in preparation for Friday. If you are able to send in an extra orange, this will help us make sure no pupils miss out. Thank you!



Christmas discos



We're looking forward to the Christmas discos, coming up in the last week of term. The disco for upper school will be from 3:30pm - 4:30pm on Tuesday 19th December. Lower school will be the same times on Wednesday 20th December. The children should come to school in their uniform or PE kit and bring their disco clothes to change into at the end of the day. Squash will be available for the children to drink and there will be extra snacks and glow-sticks on sale on the day. Tickets for the disco are £2 per child and will be on sale (cash only) every evening after school next week. Please come to reception to buy your tickets.

Punctuality

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils who are arriving late in the morning, or being picked up late after school. **Please remember that the register is taken at 8:50am and pupils arriving after this time are late.** School finishes at 3:30pm, at which time all pupils should be collected. If you are late on a regular basis, please make alternative arrangements, make use of breakfast or after-school club, or speak to Mrs Mayston or Becky if you need support or advice.

Times Table Facts of the Week!

The facts we will be focusing on next week are: $2 \times 4 = 8$ and $2 \times 8 = 16$

★ Achievement Award ★			
Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!			
3L: Deeshawn	3M: Deledu	3P: Usaheed	3H: Belal
4H: Aheed	4O'K: Hazel	4T: Harlee	4B: Ashna
5C: Lincoln	5H: Jessie	5K: Joshua	5R: Dilan
6K: Freddie	6L: Amelia	6Ma: Tyros	6MO: the whole class