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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back and thank you to those of you who have already completed the parent questionnaire I sent out on Monday. If you haven't yet done so, please do share your views with us here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiiwcJFRv_DfpyWPvY2GVJAC9XJkF1ou0BlbtW9RPOFI2KQA/viewform?usp=sf_link

It would be most useful if you could add a comment to help us understand your views more.

Star Assembly

This week was our very first star assembly of the year and I really enjoyed seeing the children, families and staff this morning celebrating these wonderful children:

Y6 – Rawan and Daisy G

Y5 – Jannat and James

Y4 – Massera and AJ

Y3 – Autumn and Jonah

Y2 – Aidan and Harry

Y1 – Anaya and Tina

Well done to all of these fantastic children for setting excellent examples of our learning behaviours.

Attendance

Puffins won a roll on Classopoly this week with 99%!

Here are our attendance figures 19th – 26th October:

Swans – 89%

Puffins – 99%

Toucans – 93%

Bluebirds – 96%

Robins – 95%

Kestrels – 91%

Eagles – 92%

Lunch Reminders

Please remember to book your child's lunch. We only had around 100 bookings for most of this week and it is a big administrative task, that takes away from learning time, when bookings haven't been made.

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Clubs

Drama Club will begin on Friday 17th November 3:30 – 4:15. There is still time to apply so if your child is in **Y2 or above**; please send an email to teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk containing your child's name and class. Please talk to your child about their level of commitment first! They must be able to attend rehearsals and be willing to learn their lines in between.

Children in Need/Anti-Bullying week

We will be supporting anti-bullying week in school this year, as we always do, through a carefully planned series of events to highlight the importance and understanding of anti-bullying messages. We will begin on Monday 13th November by asking children to wear odd socks into school and finish on Friday 17th November by supporting Children in Need with a spotty day! On Friday your child may wear non-uniform spotty clothes and we would like you to send in a donation of £1 to raise money for Children in Need. There is no charge for odd socks day.

Reading

At Bells Farm we really encourage reading for pleasure. The children have dedicated time for ERIC (Enjoying Reading In Class) where they have chance to read independently, with friends, hear a teacher read aloud or engage in book talk. The children love ERIC and it is a really positive time.

We also know the positive impact reading for pleasure has on their ability to read and their 'want' to learn to read. We are sending home information about how you can support your child with learning to read. It is extremely important that children practice reading regularly as part of their homework. We read every day in school and if they are also practicing these vital skills at home, they will improve much faster. When it comes to reading, practice really does make perfect! Please take some time to read the information sent home and to support your child by listening to them read regularly. It is really helpful for teachers to know how they are getting on with books at home so please do communicate via their reading diaries. Teachers regularly read them and do appreciate the comments you make.

Special Achievements

We would like to encourage children who take part in competitions or anything special outside of school to bring these awards in and we will share them during Star Assembly. This is something we used to do as part of Star Assembly and I would really like to bring it back! It is very important to recognise children's talents whether they are musical, sporty or anything else. If your child is bringing a medal, trophy or certificate in then please do have a conversation

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with me so I can ensure the correct details are shared during assembly. Alternatively, you can inform me via an email to teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Monday 13 th November	Anti-bullying week	Odd Socks
Friday 17 th November	Wear spotty clothes for Children in Need Spotty Sale	On main playground at 3:30
Tuesday 14 th November	School photos	
Monday 20 th November	Y5 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 24 th November	Cake Sale	On main playground at 3:30
Friday 1 st December	Y2 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 4 th December	Y3 Maths Workshop Christmas gift sale in school	Details to follow
Friday 8 th December	Reception Christmas Workshops Christmas Decoration Sale	Details to follow
Monday 11 th December	Y1 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Theatre Trip (MAC)	Details to follow
Thursday 14 th December	Y3-Y6 Theatre Trip (Palace Theatre)	

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Friday 15 th December	Christmas Fayre	Details to follow
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas jumper day Christmas production Class parties	Details to follow

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