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Value word for November: *Peace*

Behaviour for Learning focus: *Working with others*

Dear Parent / Carer,

Star Assembly

Star assembly is always a happy occasion and I really enjoyed seeing the children, families and staff this morning celebrating these wonderful children:

Y6 – Leximai and Reva

Y5 – Juwayriya and Leah

Y4 – Jenson and Rohalia

Y3 – Leiah and Jacob

Y2 – Kavy and Mohammed

Y1 – Marty and Harry

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

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 93%

Puffins – 96%

Toucans – 97%

Bluebirds – 95%

Robins – 100%

Kestrels – 95%

Eagles – 95%

Well done to Robins – a perfect **100%** won them the roll on Classopoly... and they won the treasure chest! They chose extra playtime which they will enjoy this afternoon.

Digital Update

We'd like to remind you that games come with PEGI ratings, which are designed to guide age-appropriate content. We highly encourage you to ensure that children only play games within their recommended age range. If a game outside the PEGI rating is permitted, please ensure it is only used with appropriate supervision.

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Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because of its elements of violence. We strongly recommend primary-aged school children do not play this game. However, with the Fortnite game as popular as it ever was, it's important that parents of children who do play the game are updated on parental controls which will assist. There are quite a few features within Fortnite which may appear overwhelming so Internet Matters have put together a fantastic web page to guide parents through all the controls/settings which you can access here: [Fortnite parental controls and privacy settings | Internet Matters](#)

We also have heard of quite a few pupils enjoying Roblox (PEGI 7+). Roblox also features a range of safety features you can set up. From setting a Parental PIN to curating content to managing in-game spending, there are various ways to keep kids safe on Roblox. Do visit [Roblox parental controls and privacy settings | Internet Matters](#) for a guide on all the parental controls and privacy settings.

We want to take a moment to remind you that we take online safety very seriously. If you encounter any harmful content or online incidents, please visit the online safety page on our website to report them or let us know. Together, we can create a safer digital space for our children. We also have attached a poster from the National College providing ten top tips for parents on encouraging children to choose respect.

Thank you for helping us to keep gaming safe and enjoyable.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying Week and on Monday, we had a special assembly where we learned more about what is and what isn't bullying. We watched some videos from the Anti-Bullying Alliance about what respect is and why it is important to show it.

We then watched some short scenarios acted out by Y6 children demonstrating situations that happen in school that might be disrespectful. We gave the children some advice and then they showed us a more respectful version! We had good fun watching the scenarios and also learned a lot.

Uniform Policy

I would just like to remind you of some key points from the uniform policy as it is important that everybody follows it.

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- Children should not be wearing earrings other than small studs. Earrings are not permitted due to the health and safety implications of them running round outside and taking part in PE lessons.
- Children should not be wearing nail varnish.
- Most of the school are currently completing a unit of work in gymnastics. This may include using apparatus to jump off and our climbing wall. It is therefore extremely important that your child is able to have bare feet on these days. On their PE days, girls should wear socks or trousers (rather than tights) to enable them to change for PE quickly and easily. Unless there is a medical reason why your child cannot have bare feet take part in this lesson, they must take part. Please discuss any other issues with myself or Mrs Ville so that we can fully understand and put a risk assessment in place so your child can take part. This provision and reasonable adjustment will only apply to children who genuinely need it. All other children must be strongly encouraged to take part in their gymnastics lessons in bare feet. The teachers do the same as a good role model!
- I would also like to remind you that your child should be wearing **plain black school shoes** – not trainers unless with prior agreement. This specifically includes trainers with coloured markings on them. If you are struggling as it gets to the end of the term, please just let me know as I understand the children will grow and there's no point in buying new school shoes until the next term. However this is an exception to the rule and the rule must apply to all children. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty in providing school uniform for your child, come and have a conversation with myself or Miss Hackett and we will be able to support with this.

Children in Need

The children took part in a short lesson today, explaining to them about the importance of Children in Need. I understand some parents were disappointed, having already bought clothes or hoodies for this event, that the children have been unable to wear them into school today. As I mentioned in a text earlier in the week this is due to other commitments currently happening and we will continue to support Children in Need as a school in the future. I hope your child enjoys wearing their new clothes while they take part in the festivities on TV tonight and hopefully donate some money.

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Christmas Preparations

Our rehearsals for our Christmas production are beginning in classes soon. These will involve some children being asked to learn a line as part of the performance and all children being involved in a class song. If you have any queries about this, come and have a conversation with me on the door in the morning.

Christmas dinner will be on Thursday 12th of December and will be bookable via the school app from Monday 25th November. I will remind you in next week's letter.

Upcoming Sale

Our FUNdraising sweet sale will take place after school today at 3:30. You will be able to buy a sweet cone for your child for £1 from the front entrance where Reception and Y1 leave **or** on the school playground by the Y2 fence. You are able to ask for a vegetarian sweet cone if your child is a vegetarian and all of the ingredients in that cone have been bought to ensure no meat products have been used in the making of any of those sweets. We do hope you support us with our sale and hope to see you at the end of the day.

Next Friday we will be having a cake sale at the end of the school day as our next fundraising event. There will be three different types of cake available cooked by our wonderful kitchen staff and they will be sold at a cost of 50p each. Your child will be able to purchase these at the front of school or on the school playground in the same way as today. If your child attends After School Club or Homework Club they will be allowed to purchase cakes from the sale to bring home with them at the end of their club. You can send their money in with them (we would recommend sending it in an envelope) and a teacher will take them to the sale at the end of the day.

Theatre Trips

We still have currently have an outstanding balance of £985 on our upcoming theatre trips. Some parents have made the first payment of £5 and we are hope you are able to make the second payment by the end of the month.

However, some parents haven't made any contribution towards the cost of the trip at the moment. We do already heavily subsidise this trip, in order to make it as cost-effective as we can for families. Going to the theatre has been our tradition at Bells Farm for the last few years but it will be unsustainable in the future if school has to pay the remaining balance on top of the subsidised cost. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

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Please come and speak to myself or Miss Hackett if you are struggling financially as no child will ever miss out due to financial issues, and we will be able to support with this.

Reminders

- Star assembly invitations are sent out each Wednesday. Please ensure you regularly check your school emails as it is lovely for the children when their parents can attend.
- If you are sending in a home award for us to share in Star Assembly, you must send in an email to teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk with information about the award by the Wednesday before Star Assembly on the Friday. This enables time for me to ensure I am prepared for the assembly and to support the child with sharing the reasons for the award if they need it.
- Please continue to book your child's lunch via the school app.
- Thank you for your compliance with the 'no bikes and scooters' rule. The playground feels like a much calmer and safer environment now.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Monday 18 th November	Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop	Letter sent
Friday 22 nd November	Cake Sale	3:30 on the school playground
Monday 25 th November	Year 2 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 25 th November	Year 4 Maths Parent Workshop (2:30)	Details to follow
Friday 29 th November	Read and Relax	Letter to follow No Homework Club
Monday 2 nd December	Year 3 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 6 th December	Tuck Shop	3:30 on the school playground
Monday 9 th December	Theatre Trip Palace Redditch Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Letter sent
Wednesday 11 th December	Theatre Trip Mac Rec and Yr1	Letter sent
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner	Available to book on school app from 25 th November
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Fayre	No Homework Club

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		No After School Club Details of events to follow
Wednesday 18 th December	Fundraising Committee Sale	On school playground at 3:30 – look out for posters soon
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Production Christmas jumper day Class parties	Letter to follow

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