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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have had another wonderful week in school and all children now seem fully back into the swing of things! Our new Reception Swans have made a fantastic start to their life at Bells Farm and I know that parents will be just as proud as the teachers are. It has been lovely to feel the buzz around school as I hear the children talk about the exciting learning they are doing in class.

I am very much looking forward to hosting our first Star Assembly of the week next week. Assembly times have changed to first thing each morning so you will be invited to come in at 9:05 for assembly rather than 3:00.

School Lunches Reminder

Thank you to those of you who have been booking your child's lunch using the school app – it really is very much appreciated. I know there have been a few teething problems with the new menus and do apologise if your child hasn't received what you have booked. I'm sure as we all adapt to new systems these things will be ironed out and I will be doing everything possible to ensure your child receives the lunch they have booked. Please remember to book as 'home packed lunch' if your child is bringing their own lunchbox. You can call the school office and they will book for the year for you if your child always brings their own lunch.

Wraparound Care

You will have received my letter regarding wraparound care earlier this week. If you are using these facilities, you will need to bring your agreement back into school by Monday 18th September or we will be unable to allow use of these clubs. Also from Monday, you will be unable to make late bookings through the school office. This is part of the policy and agreement that is in place. As I said in my previous letter, this is to ensure the safety of all children due to staff ratios.

Home School Agreement

Thank you to those of you who have returned this to school. If it is still floating around in your child's bookbag, then please do remind them to hand it in!

School Contacts

Please remember to provide us with the name and number of a third contact who would be available to collect your child at short notice.

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Meet the Team

We would like to invite you into school on Monday 18th September at 3:00. This will be a chance for parents who are new to us (particularly our new Reception parents) to meet key members of staff who are available in school to offer support. We are keen to ensure relationships with parents are positive and that you understand we are able to help and support you in lots of different ways, in the best interests of your child. Along with myself and Mr Ball, you will have the chance to meet:

Miss Hackett – Family Support Coordinator

Ms Stoiber – SENDCo

Mrs Johnson - Senior Learning Mentor

Clubs

I do apologise for the delay with clubs starting. As there have been a lot of admin changes, we were unable to prepare the letter as quickly as we would have liked and are therefore now running a week behind. Clubs will now begin on Monday 25th September.

Fundraising

We are beginning our Fundraising Project again to enable us to provide extra experiences for your children. I have added the list of fundraising events to the calendar below and will inform you in my weekly letters about any changes or updates to these planned events. We had huge support for these events last year allowing us to keep costs for the theatre trip low, bring outside providers in to deliver workshops and purchase items for our Reception outdoor area. We do hope you will continue to support us this year.

Parent Workshops

We are aiming this year to provide you with more opportunities for coming into school to work with your child. In the autumn term, you will be invited for a maths workshop. In the spring term, you will be invited to join us for a Book Breakfast. In the summer term, we will be having a creative workshop where you will be invited to make something with your child. We do hope you will support these events – children truly love it when their parents get to see them at work in school! You will see the maths workshops on the updated calendar on the next page.

First Aid

Children are always given first aid as and when required by a qualified first aider. Normally, this involves nothing more than a medical wipe and plaster. They will not normally receive a first aid slip for this as you will be able to see it has been cleaned and supplied with a plaster. Your child will receive a first aid slip for anything that is more serious, including anything to the head or face.

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This is to inform you of the treatment and details of the accident. If we are ever concerned that an injury requires more than basic first aid, we would always contact you by phone to explain what has happened and offer you the chance to come in and judge whether you prefer to take them home or leave them in school.

Young Voices

Mrs Parry and I are extremely excited to be preparing for Young Voices again! This is a huge opportunity for your child to take part in a wonderful event in an exciting venue. The children who we took last year were absolutely stunned when we walked in! Year 5 learn the songs as part of their music lessons and so we really would like permission to take all of Year 5. It is then open to Y4 and Y6 children who join choir. We are funding the cost of the ticket and are only asking for a £5 contribution towards the coach. The event is on Friday 26th January 2024. You will need to complete your order forms if you are purchasing the concert t-shirt (including a torch) and tickets for family and friends and send it into school by 18th September along with the cash in a sealed envelope.

Safeguarding

We have been notified by a parent that a man had approached their child and asked which school he went to. Events such as these remind us to ensure that children are always aware of "stranger danger", particularly when they walk to and from school unaccompanied. We address this in school as part of safeguarding regularly reminding them of the basic rules to keep safe at all times:

- *Never, ever talk to strangers.*
- *Always ignore strangers who ask questions or tell you to do something.*
- *Wherever possible avoid walking alone, and speak only to trusted adults if you are concerned about anything.*

If your child walks home alone, it would be good to remind them of how to keep safe and have safeguards in place – access to a phone, checking in at their expected arrival time etc. If you see anything suspicious in the local area, please contact the police and the school.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Friday 15 th September	Class newsletters home Curriculum maps available on school website	
Monday 18 th September	New Parents 'Meet the Team' 3:00	
Friday 29 th September	Reception phonics meeting 2:30 Sweet Sale	Details to follow On main playground at 3:30
Tuesday 3 rd October	Reception eye test Pizza Sale	Pre-orders only
Friday 6 th October	Y1 reading meeting 2:30	Details to follow
Monday 10 th October	Y4 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 13 th October	Read and Relax	Details to follow
Friday 20 th October	Tuck shop	On main playground at 3:30
Monday 23 rd October	Whole school flu	Details to follow
Monday 23 rd October	Y6 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Thursday 9 th November	Open Day for new Reception children	This is for children who will join us in September 2024
Friday 10 th November	Donut Sale	Pre-orders only
Monday 13 th November	Anti-bullying week	
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
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Theatre Trip (MAC)	Details to follow
Thursday 14 th December	Y3-Y6 Theatre Trip (Palace Theatre)	
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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