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Value word for January: Tolerance
Behaviour for Learning focus: Independence

Dear Parent / Carer,

Star Assembly

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

Y6 – Angel and Ryan

Y5 – Olivia and Thomas L

Y4 – Kallum and Freya

Y3 – Beaux and Zara

Y2 – Oliver and Inaara

Y1 – Archie and Kady

Reception – Shayne and Abdullah

Star of the School – Carley Y6

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 – 90%

Puffins – 94%

Toucans – 96.2%

Bluebirds – 93%

Robins – 96.7%

Kestrels – 96.3%

Eagles – 94%

Well done to Robins – **96.7%** won them the roll on Classopoly!

Curriculum Maps

The curriculum maps for all classes (Reception to Y6) are now live on our school website. You can access your child's curriculum map here: [Curriculum – Bells Farm Primary School](#). The information on the curriculum map will tell you exactly what is being taught in in all core subjects as well as wider curriculum areas. This is broken down into learning objectives for across the term.

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I would also like to remind you that our class blogs are kept up-to-date and are really useful to see what your child has been learning in the current week. The blog can then be used alongside the curriculum map in order for you to support with consolidating your child's learning.

Last week, you were sent a copy of the knowledge organisers to go with the wider curriculum areas. These knowledge organisers can also be located on the school website here: [Knowledge Organisers – Bells Farm Primary School](#). We do hope you find all these documents useful.

Mylogin Workshops

Mr Lo will be running some parent and child workshops this term to support parents with understanding and accessing the school apps via mylogin. These workshops will be run on 30th January and 6th February for Reception and KS1 and 13th February for KS2. This workshop will take place in our school Media Centre with you and your child working together as Mr Lo explains how each app/website works. If you are interested in attending, please request a place as soon as possible as numbers will be limited and places will be offered on a first come first served basis. You can book a slot by calling the school office, sending a message on the app or replying to this email.

Book Breakfasts

You will notice I have added more dates to the calendar below for our special Book Breakfast events which are being held this term for classes. We do really hope you can attend this special event with your child and learn more about our culture of reading for pleasure and how to support your child to be a reader at home.

Date Changes

This year we have decided to move our normal February parents evening to the end of the term, meaning the next parents' evening will take place on Wednesday 9th April. The reason for this change is to spread out the conversations more, giving more time for your child to make progress. This will hopefully mean that the conversation with the teachers is more useful.

If there is anything you are wondering about your child's education in the meantime, please catch the teacher on the door at the end of the day and make a separate appointment to speak to them regarding anything that is more urgent than waiting for parents' evening. You are always welcome to do this at any point of the school year and teachers will make time for you where they can.

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At the beginning of the school year, we allocated Monday 24th February as a teacher training day. As we have now had a change in circumstances within school, with new members of staff, we have decided this training day would be more useful after the Easter break on Monday 28th April. As these dates haven't been shared, widely I do hope it doesn't cause too much disruption to your plans. School will now be **open** on Monday 24th of February for all children to attend and closed on Monday 28th April.

Special Achievements

Please remember to send an email to teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk containing any details of anything special your child has achieved outside of school. We would love to be able to share any photos you may have or certificates or trophies as part of our Star Assembly. It is much easier if the information comes directly from you as sometimes children do get stage fright in assembly! It is very useful when I am aware of what they have achieved their award for. Once I have received this email, I will then confirm with you which Star Assembly your child will be part of and you are more than welcome to attend if you would like to.

Y4, 5 and 6 parents

As part of our PSHE and science curriculum, children learn about the menstrual cycle in Year 5. However, girls can sometimes start their menstrual cycle before these lessons happen causing distress and worry. If you feel confident to do so, we would recommend that you talk to your children in order to prepare them for this oncoming change.

If you would like any support with this, Mrs Johnson has some resources she can share and ways into the conversation if you don't feel comfortable to do this without guidance. As always, any member of school staff would also be able to offer advice, including teachers, if this is something you wish to explore with your child further to prepare them.

Parent Consultation

I will send the results of the consultation via email next week. The document is extremely long! There is absolutely no need for you to read it all but if you took part in the consultation and made a particular comment or asked a particular question, it might be worth you reading the entire document as I have tried to address every question and concern that was put forward. I would also like to say thank you to all those parents who took part in this exercise and were honest with their views, whether they were positive or negative, honesty will help us to move forward and improve.

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If you raised something in particular in the questionnaire, as they were anonymous, it is very difficult to try and solve these concerns. Once the consultation has been sent out, if you feel your concern has not been addressed fully or appropriately, please do make an appointment via the school office to come and talk this through with me directly.

Reminders

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 receive free school fruit for a snack in their morning break. Children in year 3, 4, 5 and 6 may bring a **healthy** snack from home. This can be a piece of fruit, a cereal bar or a small biscuit snack. I have reminded the children this week that crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not appropriate snacks for break time. If you wish for your child to have toast, this can be booked by the school app as a cost of 10p per day. Thank you for your support with this.

Teachers have reported more and more children coming into school wearing trainers. This is against our school uniform policy unless parents have had a conversation with me to explain why. As I have explained before, we totally understand that shoes break unexpectedly and sometimes might not be able to be replaced immediately for one reason or another. This is absolutely fine and fully understood. However, teachers do think some children see one child in their trainers and think they will follow suit! Please remind your child if they put their trainers on in the morning, that they must be wearing their school shoes. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Your child must have their kit in school for PE days.
- We encourage the children to drink throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school - nothing fancy is needed as we know they often get lost or broken!
- Thank you for continuing to book your child's lunch. It has been much easier this week with parents booking following the reminder text.
- Please label your child's belongings... We already have a large supply of lost property! This can be found at the front of the school and accessed via the school office. If you do not have an appropriate way to label your child's clothes, please let your child's teacher know that you are happy for them to do so and they will be happy to help.

Kind regards,
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Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Monday 27 th January	Y2 Book Breakfast	Letter sent
Friday 7 th February	SEN Coffee Morning	Letter to follow
Monday 10 th February	Reception Book Breakfast	Letter to follow
Monday 3 rd March	Y4 Book Breakfast	Letter to follow
Wednesday 5 th March	Y3 Book Breakfast	Letter to follow
Friday 7 th March	Great Fire of London Workshop - Year 2	In school
Monday 10 th March	Y6 Book Breakfast	Letter to follow
Monday 17 th March	Book Fair Y1 Book Breakfast	Details to follow Letter to follow
Friday 21 st March	King Edward's School visiting for music performance	In school
Monday 24 th March	Y5 Book Breakfast	Letter to follow
Monday 7 th April	Year 4 Class Assembly	In school hall 9:05
Wednesday 9 th April	Parents' Evening	Letter to follow

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