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Tel: 0121 675 8666  
Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

I'd like to start this week's letter with a very special **well done** to every single child in Year Six for their achievements this week. Having watched them do their SATs papers every day with calm, conscientious, hard-working attitudes, it made me extremely proud once again, to be Headteacher of this wonderful school. Miss Edwards has worked extremely hard to ensure that every single child has been given the tailored support they need to reach their full potential.

We have told the children all week that the outcome of the SATs 'is what it is'. The children have all tried their best and as we all know SATs don't measure how kind, funny, hard-working or talented each individual child is.

### **Star Assembly**

This week's star assembly was as joyous as it always is and I really enjoyed seeing the children, families and staff this morning celebrating these wonderful children:

Y6 – Iustin and Firas

Y5 – Charlie and Angel

Y4 – Rosalea and Massera

Y3 – Ava and Justin

Y2 – Tyler W and David

Y1 – Emily and Braxton

Reception – Archie and Paris

Mr Ball and I are also now choosing a 'Star of the School'. This is a very special award for someone we have noticed from any class across school for being a role model for our school.

Mr Ball's Star of the School – Ryan (Y5)

Miss Williams' Star of the School – Kane (Y3)

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 – 92%

Puffins – 85%

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Toucans – 96%

Bluebirds – 97%

Robins – 98%

Kestrels – 97%

Eagles – 98%

Robins and Kestrels both won a roll on Classopoly this week! Robins won Treat Time and Kestrels won Silly Socks Day!

### **Year 6 Swimming**

Year 6 children will be going swimming next week if they received the letter of invitation. This is to ensure as many children as possible are given the best opportunity to be able to swim by the end of their time at Bells Farm. Even missing one day might impact negatively on their chance to learn so please ensure your child brings their swimming kit, including a towel, every day next week.

### **Lost Property**

Mrs Johnson counted 25 jumpers and cardigans in the lost property box this week! If your child has lost a cardigan or jumper, we will be putting the box on a table outside the front entrance after school on Monday, so that you can come and look for your child's property.

**None** of these jumpers or cardigans have names in them. I would like to reiterate that all items of clothing must have your child's name in. Many of you have probably bought new ones during the school year as they have grown. Please ensure they have their name in. As it gets warmer, the children will take off their jumpers and cardigans meaning they are more likely to get lost or left outside or in another area of school. It is virtually impossible for us to match the jumper to the child if they are not labelled with their name. If you wish, your child's teacher can use a permanent marker to label for you – please let them/us know when you drop off or pick up that you are happy for us to do this. Thank you for your support.

### **Warm Weather Reminders**

We are hoping for some warmer weather soon so before it arrives I just wanted to remind you of a few important things your child will need to remain comfortable in school.

There are a lot of children in school that don't currently bring a water bottle. As the weather gets warmer, your child will need to drink more frequently to enable them to continue comfortably with their school day. Children have access to water at lunchtime but it isn't possible for us to supply every child with a cup they can use during the school day. Water bottles don't need to be expensive, we know they can be lost, so just a bottle that can be reused is fine.

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I would like to reiterate that our school policy asks that your child drinks water where possible. However, we do understand that some children will not drink water and would therefore prefer that they have squash and drink, than they don't drink anything during the day. Please do not put any other drinks in your child's bottle. This includes apple juice, orange juice, milkshake or fizzy drinks.

Please ensure your child is wearing sun cream and brings a sunhat when the sun is here to stay! At times, lessons may happen outside so your child will need to be wearing sun cream every day to account for this. They may bring a bottle in to apply at lunchtime but they must be able to do this themselves as we are not allowed to help them with this.

#### **Football Fundraiser.**

On Tuesday, following an assembly in school, your child will bring home a Football Fundraiser letter and sponsor form. This is the first time we have tried an event like this at Bells farm but we hope the children will find it extremely enjoyable. When you get the letter, you will find details of the website where you can look at more information regarding what your child will be doing on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June when we take part in the fundraiser. Please do round up those sponsors once again to support your us!

#### **New Menu**

A new menu will be in place after half term and this can be viewed and booked for via the school app from next Friday. A lot of the old favourites that we know the children enjoy remain on the menu and have been added to by some options more suited to the summer season. Please ensure you sit with your child and choose the three weeks' worth of menu choices so that you know what they will be eating and that we have those bookings ready in school. Thank you to those of you who can continuously book your child's food via the app. I know it isn't easy to remember but as I have explained it really cuts down on the admin work needed which takes away from the children's learning time. Once again, please remember not to choose the option if your child is vegetarian and only choose options if your child eats fish.

#### **Parent Governor Election**

Thank you to the candidates who applied to be our parent governor and to those of you who showed an interest in the role. Your support is much appreciated. I can now confirm that Katerina Lee has been elected to be part of the Governing Body and will be joining us soon in her new role. We are very much looking forward to working with her.

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Our GB is still short of few members. Unfortunately, these vacancies cannot be filled by parents. The governors we need are called co-opted governors and this means they can be elected from anywhere in the school community. Please speak to anybody you know who lives or works locally, including grandparents/other suitable relations, who might be interested in this role and ask them to make contact with me via the school office for further information.

### **Lunch Boxes**

I would like to remind you that we do ask that you pack your child a healthy lunch if they bring in food from home. Chocolate bars should not make up part of their lunch box - a biscuit or cereal bar is a much healthier choice. Again, thank you for your co-operation with this.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams  
Headteacher

### **Dates for your Diary**

\* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

| Date                                     | Event                                                            | Details                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> May                 | Invited Y6 swimming<br>Y2 SATs                                   | Details to follow<br>Please ensure your child is in school! |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June             | Y3 swimming begins                                               | Details to follow                                           |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June          | Reception trip to Atwell Farm                                    | Details to follow                                           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June | Father's Day gifts for sale                                      | In school at break                                          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June | Arts Week                                                        | In school                                                   |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June          | Y3 trip to Sarehole Mill                                         | Details to follow                                           |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June           | Year 5 girls to visit King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls | Details to follow                                           |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June             | Art Exhibition                                                   | Details to follow                                           |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June             | Y1 class assembly                                                | 9:00 in school hall                                         |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July              | Sports Day                                                       | Details to follow: R, 1, 2 morning, 3, 4, 5, 6 afternoon    |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July            | Reports out to parents                                           |                                                             |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July              | Y2 trip to Twycross Zoo                                          | Details to follow                                           |

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| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July –<br>Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July | Y6 residential – Pioneer Centre | Letter sent – further details<br>to follow |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | Summer Fayre                    | Details to follow                          |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | Bells Farm's got Talent         | Details to follow - morning                |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                                  | Y6 Party                        | Details to follow                          |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | Y6 Assembly                     | Details to follow                          |

\* You can find a copy of this letter on our school website \*

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