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Tel: 0121 675 8666
Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 94%.

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 95%

Toucans – 93%

Bluebirds – 94%

Robins – 96%

Kestrels – 95%

Eagles – 90%

Robins won a roll on Classopoly this week and were lucky enough to land on a treasure chest!

Staffing

- On Monday 22nd April, we will be welcoming Miss Parkes who will join our Reception team.
- Mr Millar-Evans has resigned his position at Bells Farm. Mrs Hanif will remain in place teaching PE this half term.
- Ms Stoiber remains absent. Mrs Hudson will continue to work every Thursday and I will continue to be available to discuss any concerns/complete paperwork on the other days. If you have any concerns, big or small, please do come and have a chat.

Trips

As many classes will be going on a trip this term, I just wanted to remind you that we really do need to collect as much of the money in **before** the date of the trip. School will often be asked to pay before the trip or invoiced on the day of the trip.

I would never want a child to miss out on a trip because of money, but likewise, if we don't receive enough parental contributions then this has to come out of our budget which obviously has wider implications. If you are struggling to pay for a trip, particularly the Y6 residential, then please do come and have a chat. If not, it would be much appreciated if you could pay the balance of trips as soon as possible when they are due.

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Can you help?

- Our cockerels have now left us (you may be pleased to know if you live locally!) which means the children will now be allowed to go in the chicken coop to visit our hens. We would really appreciate donations of old wellies your child has grown out of to enable the children to enter the coop.
- We are looking for a DJ to for our school disco on Friday 17th May and our Y6 leaver's party on Wednesday 17th July. Do you know anyone who would maybe offer their services for free or at a discounted rate? Please let us know if you do!
- Next Friday we will be holding our book sale. If you have any books which are no longer wanted, we would really appreciate you donating them to school for our fundraising sale.
- Some parents have enquired about whether we need anything for our rabbits. If you have recently trained a dog and have leftover puppy pads, we would really appreciate them! We are using them in the rabbit bed when they visit classrooms.

Rabbits

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your consent forms. The rabbits are now used to life inside school and out in the quad area, where they spend their days. From Monday, teachers will be able to visit the rabbits with groups of children and the rabbits will be able to visit classrooms. Please ensure your child has completed their form so we know whether they are allowed or not allowed to stroke them.

Parent Workshops

This term's workshops will be all happen during Arts Week which will be week commencing 17th June. We have decided it would be a lovely opportunity to invite you into school to get arty with your child! We love our special Arts Week in school and always have very positive feedback when parents come to the exhibition – this year this will be on Monday 24th June. Teachers are currently finalising plans and by next week I should be able to share dates of these workshops with you.

Reminders

- Today's sweet sale will be on the school playground by the Y2 gate and at the front entrance. Sweet cones with a green tie are fully vegetarian. All cones will cost £1.
- As our rabbits are now living in the quad area, all bikes and scooters must be placed in the racks by the front school entrance. This is secure during the school day as gates are locked.

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- School uniform requires children to wear black school shoes. There are a lot of children in school currently wearing trainers. I understand children may have growth spurts or shoes may break. If this is the case, please just come and mention it to me in the morning or after school. Children are not allowed to wear trainers or different coloured shoes for any other reason. In the summer months, crocs and sandals are not permitted due to the health and safety risk. Thank you for your support with this.
- Long hair must be tied back during the school day.
- Smart watches are not permitted in school.
- You will be sent a paper copy of the class newsletter today with knowledge organisers attached. This is to enable you to support your child with their learning in school. The more detailed curriculum maps for each year group will be updated and ready for you to look at on our school website by Monday 22nd January.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Thursday 25 th April	Reception Visit to Transport Museum	Letter sent
Monday 29 th April	Y1 trip to Botanical Gardens	Details to follow
Thursday 2 nd May	Local elections	School closed
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
W/C 13 th May	Y6 SATs week	Details to follow
Friday 17 th May	School Disco	Details to follow
W/C 20 th May	Invited Y6 swimming	Details to follow
Tuesday 3 rd June	Y3 swimming begins	Details to follow
Wednesday 12 th June	Reception trip to Atwell Farm	Details to follow
12 th – 14 th June	Father's Day gifts for sale	In school at break
17 th – 21 st June	Arts Week	In school
Wednesday 19 th June	Y3 trip to Sarehole Mill	Details to follow
Monday 24 th June	Art Exhibition	Details to follow

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Friday 28 th June	Y1 class assembly	9:00 in school hall
Monday 1 st July	Sports Day	Details to follow: R, 1, 2 morning, 3, 4, 5, 6 afternoon
Thursday 4 th July	Reports out to parents	
Friday 5 th July	Y2 trip to Twycross Zoo	Details to follow
Monday 8 th July – Wednesday 10 th July	Y6 residential – Pioneer Centre	Letter sent – further details to follow
Friday 12 th July	Summer Fayre	Details to follow
Monday 15 th July	Bells Farm's got Talent	Details to follow - morning
Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Party	Details to follow
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Assembly	Details to follow

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

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