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Dear Parent / Carer,

September Staffing

Mr Harris is retiring at the end of this term following a very successful time at Bells Farm. We wish him all the best for a happy retirement and thank him for his dedication to his role. We are hoping to appoint a new Building Site Manager over the holidays ready to start in September. We will miss you very much Mr Harris!

Thank you for your continued patience with the absence of Ms Stoiber our SENCO. Unfortunately, she remains absent from school and we have therefore had a difficult year ensuring everything is the best it can be. Mrs Hudson will continue to work with us one day a week in September and, between us, we hope to be able to do SEN reviews in the first half term. This has been the only thing we haven't had time to pick up this year. Please rest assured that provision **has** been in place for children on the SEN register; including interventions and specialist resources as needed. If your child is on the SEN register (this will be on their report if you are unsure) then we will be in touch with you in the autumn term to arrange to meet you and share their progress and plans for the next academic year. Thank you for your understanding.

As we reach the end our final day of the academic year, it brings the opportunity to reflect on what a wonderful year it has been! We have been on a real journey as a school this year at Bells Farm and have much to be proud of and happy about.

As you know, we started the year with eggs which we watched grow into chicks and now our hens live with us in the coop on the playground. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this whole experience and it's certainly one we can we hope to do again... just maybe not next year! More recently, we had Romeo and Juliet join our Bells Farm family. The rabbits have provided endless joy for the children and the teachers who watch how they respond to them.

In February, we had Ofsted join us and recognise the amazing work we do to educate our children, safeguard them and ensure they are happy in their learning. As you will know from reading the report, they verified all the things we already knew were special about Bells Farm. We truly care for each individual child and want the very best from them for their futures. The actions have given us plenty to consider moving forward, in order to improve what we already offer.

Over the year, we have watched each class perform an amazing assembly which made both their parents and teachers extremely proud. Our children have all been on amazing trips where they

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demonstrated impeccable behaviour, reflective of all of the values and qualities that we want our children to be.

Our Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening Checks extremely successfully. Our Year 2 children have worked hard to do their very best in their SATs and our Year 4 amazed us with their achievements in the Multiplication Tables Check. Last but not least, our Year 6 children did amazingly in their SATs. This Y6 cohort missed what I have always considered to be (I may be a bit biased having been a Y2 teacher!) the most important year of their education due to Covid. We don't talk about Covid anymore, but the impact that it had on all of our children was immense. This cohort of Y6 leavers have spent the last three academic years trying to close gaps which, at times, seemed immeasurable. The children and all the teachers they have had over their Key Stage 2 years, demonstrated real dedication to their learning and resilience in their attitude. A huge thank you to all parents and carers – we couldn't do what we do without you.

Having spoken to all teachers this week about assessments they have been doing, it is clear that every single child at Bells Farm has made immense progress this year. Whether that be academically, socially or a mixture of the two. To be Headteacher of this wonderful school that enables our children to achieve, no matter what their circumstances or needs, makes me extremely proud. I'd like to thank every single member of staff, our governors and yourselves for the support I have been given this year.

Year 6 were beyond incredible this morning in their assembly. It was more special than anything we have seen at Bells Farm during my time here. They performed confidently, sang beautifully and really knew how to play to the audience. They have been so well supported this year by Miss Edwards, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Jordan and this was reflected in their amazing performance. Thank you so much to these three members of staff who made it possible for your children to shine as much as they did this morning. As I said at the end of this morning's assembly, I know these children will go on to do great things and continue to make Bells Farm and their parents extremely proud of them in their education. Good luck Year 6 we will miss you!

There will be much more to come about the autumn term in the first few weeks of September, which is why I wanted this final letter to take a different format. The practicalities for the new term will be shared with you in a letter at the beginning of September.

I hope you have a truly wonderful summer holiday and an amazing break away from the daily routine of school life! I hope you get to spend some special times together with your children and look forward to hearing what they have to share on their return to school. They have made both

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yourself and us extremely proud this year, and thoroughly deserve to have a wonderful break to refresh themselves ready for a new term.

So in the words of our Year 6 leavers; 'Dance like no one is watching, sing like no one can hear' and have a wonderful summer holidays!

Kind regards,

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