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Tel: 0121 675 8666
Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy December all! We have got into the holiday spirit today by putting up the Christmas decorations nice and early this year. The children have also received their 'Book Tree' which they were all very excited about when they received them in assembly today. They will open a new book every school day from today until they break up for Christmas on Friday 22nd December. That means they will all have 16 brand new books for their class library!

Winter is here!

Unless it is icy and the playground is too dangerous, the children will continue to have break and lunch as normal during the coming cold weeks. Please ensure your child has a hat, scarf and gloves to keep them warm. If at all possible, please try and put their name on the labels if they have them as it does help with reuniting them with lost or left behind items.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 96% which meets our school target and is excellent for the amount of bugs going around! Puffins and Toucans won a roll on Classopoly this week with 98% each!

Here are our attendance figures 23rd – 30th November:

Swans – 96%

Puffins – 98%

Toucans – 98%

Bluebirds – 97%

Robins – 95%

Kestrels – 97%

Eagles – 90%

Blogs

Our class blogs are regularly updated with photos and information about what your child is doing in school. We pride ourselves on making this information readily accessible to parents and staff are dedicated in keeping them up to date. Please do check the blogs if your child comes home and tells you they have done the normal 'nothing'! Blogs can be accessed here:

[Class Blogs – Bells Farm Primary School](#)

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Reminders

- Please send in your donations for the Christmas Fayre or for Birmingham Christmas Shelter.
- Continue to book (the correct!) lunch for your child each day via the school app.
- All after school clubs (lego, computing, homework, drama, film and choir) will finish on Thursday 14th December and ones will begin in the new year.
- School closes on Friday 22nd December and there is no After School Club on this day (as per the policy sent in September) and reopens on Tuesday 9th January for children.
- There is no FUNdraising event on Friday 8th December.
- You **must** pick your child up on time from After School Club or you will be charged. We all know there may be traffic but you did sign the agreements sent out at the start of the year which agreed to picking your child up on time. This means ensuring you factor traffic into your journey time. For anything unexpected, you should call ASC to inform them you will be late. Thank you to those of you who do consistently do this.
- 21st December is Christmas dinner day (including vegetarian alternative). If you had already booked lasagne, this will be updated for Christmas Dinner.

Uniform

We have reached the point in the term where jumpers are lost and shoes are too small! I would like to remind you that hoodies and other jumpers are not permitted during the school day. We will provide a freshly washed jumper for your child to wear for the day if they do not have one with them. We currently have 18 jumpers in lost property, all without names, so please do ensure your child checks lost property if they have lost one recently and then **please** put their name in it.

As the colder weather is now here, I would also like to remind you that only plain black boots are permitted to be worn in school. Your child is always welcome to wear wellies/other boots for the walk to and from school provided they have school shoes to change into for the school day.

Please can you ensure your child has the correct PE kit that adheres to our school uniform policy. I have noticed an increasing number of children wearing cartoon/named t-shirts for PE and these are not school uniform. Each child should have:

- Dark blue/black shorts and white t-shirt
- Black pumps

Children must have their full PE kit in school on their PE day.

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If you are struggling to provide the correct uniform, footwear or PE kit for your child, **please do talk to us.**

Safeguarding and Support

As we draw closer to the Christmas holidays, I would just like to remind you that we can support if you are experiencing any difficulties. The cost of living, as we know, is rising and the weather is turning colder and you may have the added pressure of buying gifts. Miss Hackett is our Family Support Coordinator and works with many families to support with all sorts of issues including financial difficulty and housing issues. Our responsibility for the safeguarding of our children does extend to the whole family and we will always go the extra mile to support families in our community. If you would like some support, please approach myself or Miss Hackett on the door in the mornings or call the school office to arrange an appointment.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Monday 4 th December	Y3 Maths Workshop	Letter sent
Friday 8 th December	Reception Christmas Workshops	Details to follow
Monday 11 th December	Y1 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Theatre Trip (MAC)	Letter sent
Thursday 14 th December	Y3-Y6 Theatre Trip (Palace Theatre)	Letter sent
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Fayre	
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Dinner	Book on school app
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas jumper day Christmas production	Details to follow

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	<i>Class parties</i>	
<i>Monday 8th January</i>	<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED</i>
<i>Tuesday 9th January</i>	<i>School reopens for all children</i>	
<i>Monday 15th January</i>	<i>Y4 Book Breakfast</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Monday 22nd January</i>	<i>Y2 Book Breakfast</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Monday 29th January</i>	<i>Y5 Book Breakfast</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Friday 26th January</i>	<i>Young Voices</i>	<i>Letter sent – available on website</i>
<i>Monday 29th January</i>	<i>Y5 Book Breakfast</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Wednesday 7th February</i>	<i>Y3 Book Breakfast</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>WC 11th March</i>	<i>Book Fair in school</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>

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

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