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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Star Assembly

This week's star assembly was a very special event as always. It was wonderful to find out what these special children had achieved to be chosen:

Y6 – Eason and Elleigh-Mae

Y5 – Jannat and Jacob

Y4 – Ella and Esmee

Y3 – Summer and Ethan

Y2 – Karim and K'Mya

Y1 – Oliver and Bemenet

Well done to all of these fantastic children for setting excellent examples of our learning behaviours. Thank you to parents for joining us.

Attendance

We had two classes win a roll on Classopoly this week with a draw at 98% each for Toucans and Bluebirds. We then had our very first class to win a prize by landing on a Treasure Chest! Well done to Bluebirds for being our first ever winners... Treat Time is coming your way!

Here are our attendance figures 12th – 19th October:

Swans – 91%

Puffins – 90%

Toucans – 98%

Bluebirds – 98%

Robins – 94%

Kestrels – 97%

Eagles – 93%

Lunches

Thank you to those of you who have continued to book your child's lunch in advance. Your child should now know which menu choices they enjoy so we would really appreciate it if you could book in advance for the next half term. It would really help with ordering if you could sit down with your child over half term and book up until Christmas. Please don't book beyond this point (unless it is packed lunch) as we will change our menu for the new year.

Just another reminder that your child should not bring nuts or nut-based products (including hazelnut chocolate spread) in their packed lunch as we have children in school with allergies.

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Updates to our school gateway app

Thank you for using the app to book and pay for your child's school dinners and wrap around care. We have listened to parent feedback and worked with School Gateway to enable easy payments through the app. You can now choose to setup a Bank Transfer Agreement as a payment option. It is the easiest and most secure way to pay using School Gateway. Once the initial set up has been completed, there is no requirement to re-enter bank details or card details each time a payment is processed via School Gateway. It is also secure to use as payments will never be debited from the payer's account without the payer authorising every individual transaction via their School Gateway account.

Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to parents joining us next week to discuss with teachers how your child has settled this year. Please remember a bell will ring at the end of each ten-minute slot. Please do try and end your conversation on this bell or it will impact on the next set of parents. You are more than welcome to make another appointment through the school office if a longer conversation is needed.

Mrs Johnson, our Senior Learning Mentor, is also available by appointment through the school office if you have any pastoral concerns you would like to discuss. Ms Stoiber, our SENCo, will be in touch with those parents she needs to discuss things with in more detail. If your child is on the SEN register and you are not contacted by Ms Stoiber, please ask your child's teacher about the provision that is in place to support them in class.

As I said in my first letter, we are always looking for ways of improving provision for your child and including you in their education. Parents' evening is one of the ways we do this and it has been pleasing to see so many bookings being made. I will be sending out a parent questionnaire after half term to gather your views as they really are important to us. However, in the meantime, I will be putting a 'suggestions' box in the front entrance which you are more than welcome to put something into when you come into school on Wednesday. Your children have the opportunity to make suggestions to their school councillors so please think more about what you would like to have or to know as a parent about your child's education. Parent voice is just as important to us as pupil voice and each idea will be given careful consideration – although no promises can be made! The box will be left in the main entrance until Friday 27th so you are welcome to take a slip home and fill it in then return it up until Friday. This also gives those parents who are unable to attend or who have chosen a phone conversation the opportunity to make a suggestion too. You are welcome to put your child's name and class on or remain anonymous.

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Workshops

It has been lovely to see so many parents making the most of the opportunity to come into school by attending our workshops. Please do look at the dates on the following page to find out when you will be invited in with your child.

Please remember to let us know via the school app or email teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk if you would like to attend Mr Lo's workshops after half term.

Harvest

Thank you to those parents who have already sent in a contribution towards our collection. We will be delivering the food to the Farmhouse on Friday so, if you are able, please send your contribution from Wednesday onward. Every little helps!

I do hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

*Miss Williams
Headteacher*



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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Monday 23 rd October	Whole school flu	Letter sent
Monday 23 rd October	Y6 Maths Workshop	Letter sent
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents' Evening	Letter sent
Friday 27 th October	Harvest	Please send food in for us to send to the Farmhouse
Thursday 9 th November	Open Day for new Reception children	This is for children who will join us in September 2024
Friday 10 th November	Autumn Disco	Letter sent
Monday 13 th November	Anti-bullying week	
Friday 17 th November	Wear spotty clothes for Children in Need Spotty Sale	On main playground at 3:30
Tuesday 14 th November	School photos	
Monday 20 th November	Y5 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 24 th November	Cake Sale	On main playground at 3:30
Friday 1 st December	Y2 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 4 th December	Y3 Maths Workshop Christmas gift sale in school	Details to follow
Friday 8 th December	Reception Christmas Workshops Christmas Decoration Sale	Details to follow
Monday 11 th December	Y1 Maths Workshop	Details to follow

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<i>Tuesday 12th December</i>	<i>Reception, Y1 and Y2 Theatre Trip (MAC)</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Thursday 14th December</i>	<i>Y3-Y6 Theatre Trip (Palace Theatre)</i>	
<i>Friday 15th December</i>	<i>Christmas Fayre</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Friday 22nd December</i>	<i>Christmas jumper day Christmas production Class parties</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>

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

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