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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Value word for March: Happiness
Behaviour for Learning focus: Listening

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 94%

Toucans – 95%

Bluebirds – 95%

Robins – 97%

Kestrels – 94%

Eagles – 95%

Well done to Robins! 97% won them a roll on Classopoly!

Star Assembly

Star assembly is always a happy occasion and I really enjoyed seeing the children, families and staff this morning celebrating these wonderful children:

Y6 – Ayra and Elias

Y5 – Aysjiah and Emma

Y4 – Madhav and Finlay

Y3 – Kadi and Ahnaf

Y2 – Isaac and Mason

Y1 – Lucy and Leo

Reception – Esther and Jaxon

Star of the School – Evelyn (Y5)

Well done to all of these fantastic children for setting excellent examples of our learning behaviours.

Comic Relief Joke Book

The children have really enjoyed reading their class copy of the joke book we made together to support Comic Relief this year. A copy of this book is still available for you to buy if you haven't managed to get one already. You can purchase one from the front office or your child

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can take in their £1 directly to their class teacher and will be given a copy to bring home with them at the end of the school day.

Egg Technology

It's come around again – time for the children to get creative with eggs and come up with original designs! If you are new to us you can see previous examples of Egg Technology on our school website: <https://www.bellsfarm.org/egg-technology-2/>

The only rule is to use at least one whole eggshell in the finished product. The children can use paint, glitter, sequins and any other craft material they wish. We are looking forward to seeing what they produce!

The finished models should be brought into school on Friday 11th April at the start of the school day. The children will then take them to the hall to go on display. We will announce the winners - one from each class, at the end of the school day. The children can then take their works of art back home.

Mother's Day Sale

We will be selling small gifts for Mother's Day which your child can purchase from Monday 24th March. We have a range of gifts available this year costing £1, £2 or £3. Your child should take their money into school and their teachers will arrange for them to be taken to the sale at break time. Gifts are available on a 'first come first served' basis and the sale will end when they are gone. All children will be allowed to purchase one gift on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If they then wish to return to the sale on Thursday they can purchase as many gifts as they would like. This is to ensure that all children who wish to have the opportunity to purchase can do so before children are allowed to buy extras. Your child should bring their money in an envelope or purse from Monday.

Bell Farm's Got Talent

We are all really looking forward to this very special event which the children are already extremely excited about taking part in! We will not be running this as a fundraising event and there are therefore no costs involved in the children taking part if they wish to. All those wanting to share their talent will need to inform their class teacher of their intention to audition by Friday 28th March. They need to tell their teacher what their act will involve (magic, dancing, singing) and whether they will be performing with any other children in school. We will then hold internal auditions which will lead to the grand final on Friday 11th April. These

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internal auditions will need to take place as we currently have about half of every class asking to perform in the talent show which would obviously make it an extremely long afternoon!

At the grand final we are being joined by Mrs Hughes, our chair of governors and one of our brand new governors Miss Green. Our governors are totally impartial and do not know any of the children and therefore will make the ideal judges for this event. However, it really is the taking part that counts and we are very excited to hear the buzz around school regarding the performances the children are already rehearsing for. We will be taking lots of photos and videos to share with you on our school website. Unfortunately, it isn't possible to invite parents as we will need the room in the hall in order for the children to perform and the rest of the school to be able to enjoy watching the talent show.

Safeguarding

Mr Howell and myself have noticed the gates are consistently being left open during the hours of breakfast club and after school club. When we purchased these lockable gates we did share with you the full reasons for having them installed but I think it is worth me recapping that now to remind you of how important it is that these gates are closed behind you every day. Previously to the locks on the gates the school site was open to the public, meaning there was potential for strangers to have access to the school building before and after school hours. We do keep our doors closed but I'm sure you understand there are times when these doors are opened (for example in the summer to let some fresh air) and when I took over as head the first thing I wanted to do was to ensure that the school site was safe for everybody throughout the whole school day, including wraparound care hours.

I would therefore like to remind you of your responsibility to comply with closing these gates in order to keep our school community safe. I understand it can be frustrating to have to enter the code but I'm sure we would all rather this frustration than a stranger having access to the school site. Thank you for your understanding and corporation with this.

Parents' Evening

Thank you for returning your forms for parents evening. I would like to remind you that you have until **Friday 28th March** to return these forms to school. Mrs Hatfield in the school office is arranging the appointments and will return the slips to you to confirm your appointment time after this closing date. There will be an opportunity to look through your child's books and talk to your child's teacher about the amazing progress they have made this term.

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Year 6 Parents

Starting next week, Monday 24th March, Miss Edwards will be inviting the Year 6 children to come in to school early to complete some extra revision in preparation for SATs. The children can come in from 8 o'clock each morning to work with Miss Edwards practising anything they wish. This will run every day up until SATs in May. This is completely optional for all children, but Miss Edwards will have a conversation with parents if she thinks the support is needed.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Friday 28 th March	King Edward's School visiting for music performance	In school – date changed
Monday 24 th March	Mothers' Day Sale	Details above
Monday 24 th March	Y5 Book Breakfast	Letter to follow
Wednesday 26 th March	Y3 Class Assembly	Letter sent
Tuesday 1 st April	Y6 SATs parent meeting	Letter sent
Friday 4 th April	Donut sale	Details to follow
Monday 7 th April	Year 4 Class Assembly	In school hall 9:05
Wednesday 9 th April	Parents' Evening	Letter sent
Friday 11 th April	Egg Technology Bells Farm's Got Talent No After School Club or Homework Club	Details to follow Details to follow
Monday 28 th April	Teacher Training Day	School is closed
Tuesday 29 th April	Children return to school	

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