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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Star Assembly

This week was our very first star assembly of the year and I really enjoyed seeing the children, families and staff this morning celebrating these wonderful children:

Y6 – Scarlett and Hollie

Y5 – Ryan and Bethany

Y4 – Olivia and Emma

Y3 – Laken and Harijs

Y2 – Ryleigh and Leiah

Y1 – Isaac

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

Attendance

Also as part of Star Assembly, we had our first round of Classopoly. We are using this game as recognition and an incentive for good class attendance. We know how important it is your child attends school every day and how they can be impacted both educationally and emotionally by not being in school. You can now read a copy of our attendance policy on the school website:

<https://www.bellsfarm.org/policies/>

As I said in my first letter, it is our responsibility to ensure your child has access to the education they are entitled to. Our school target for attendance is 96% so the class with the highest attendance each week will roll to win in Classopoly. Any class with 100% attendance will automatically win a roll! The children were very excited in this morning's assembly as the first round was underway. Here are our attendance figures 14th-21st September:

Swans – 96%

Puffins – 94%

Toucans – 94%

Bluebirds – 98%

Robins – 97%

Kestrels – 93%

Eagles – 100%

This week we caught up with rolls by last week's winners – Y1 with 99% and Y4 with 100% and then this week's winners also rolled – Y3 with 98% and Y6 with 100%. The children are extremely excited to see who gets the first treasure chest!

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Reception Admissions – September 2024

Online admissions open on Sunday 1 October 2023 for Reception admissions in September 2024. Applications can be made online through the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions until the final deadline of 15 January 2024. Offer notifications will be sent on 16 April 2024.

All the information parents need to support with making their preferences is available on Birmingham City Council's website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. We will be hosting three open sessions on Thursday 9th November which can be booked via the school office. Please spread the word about how good Bells Farm is!

Snacks

If your child is bringing in a packed lunch, please adhere to the following as per our food policy in which we ask that you take a healthy approach to snacks in the lunch box:

- Fizzy drinks are not permitted.
- Chocolate bars and sweets should not be part of the lunch box, but a moderate biscuit snack is acceptable.
- Wherever possible we ask that parents and carers encourage their children to try different fruits and healthier options in their lunch boxes, to actively discourage an excess of sugar in their child's diet.
- Due to a number of known severe nut allergies in school, nuts and products such as Nutella and peanut butter are absolutely banned. For safety, these would be removed and your child given a school sandwich.

A small snack can be sent in for breaktime (years 3-6 only) but this must be a healthy snack such as fruit, dried fruit or a cereal bar. Packets of biscuits, sweets and chocolates are not permitted. Fruit is available in school for children up to Year 2, so an additional snack is not needed.

School Lunches Reminder

Please do continue to book your child's lunch via the school app. Fingers crossed, we are getting there now with children getting the correct lunch. Please do let me know if you are having any issues with booking or with your child receiving the correct lunch

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Wraparound Care

Thank you to those of you who have returned the agreements for using wraparound care. Please remember if you do require wraparound care then you must book early. I know some parents have queried being able to book and it is because the limit number has already been reached. When this is the case, you will need to make alternative arrangements.

Toys

This is just a reminder that toys are **not** allowed to come into school and **this includes fidget toys**. It is important that your child is not able to bring toys, even to keep in their bookbag, as it can be a distraction from their learning and they may get lost or broken.

Clubs

Places have now been allocated for clubs. If you applied for a club but didn't receive one, it may be due to not paying the £5 towards school fund. This can still be done by sending £5 cash into the school office. Please ring the school office if you have any queries regarding clubs.

Parent Workshops

Our Reception parents will have received a letter today regarding the Phonics Meeting planned for Friday 29th September at 2:30. This is to inform you about how we teach phonics at Bells Farm and provide you with resources so I really would recommend you attend if at all possible. Parents of children in Y1 and Y2 are also welcome – please just send a message via the school app or catch me on the door so we can ensure we have enough resources.

Please do look at the updated calendar dates for more upcoming events in school.

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Headteacher



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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Friday 29 th September	Reception phonics meeting 2:30 Sweet Sale	Details to follow On main playground at 3:30
Tuesday 3 rd October	Reception eye test Pizza Sale	Pre-orders only
Friday 6 th October	Y1 reading meeting 2:30	Details to follow
Monday 9 th October	Y4 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 13 th October	Read and Relax	Details to follow
Friday 20 th October	Reception Maths Workshop Tuck shop	Details to follow On main playground at 3:30
Monday 23 rd October	Whole school flu	Details to follow
Monday 23 rd October	Y6 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
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	Donut Sale	Pre-orders only
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

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

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