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Tel: 0121 675 8666
Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 94%

Toucans – 96%

Bluebirds – 97%

Robins – 90%

Kestrels – 98%

Eagles – 94%

Toast

From Monday 3rd June we are pleased to be able to offer toast which will be on sale at breaktime each day for just 10p a slice. This is something we have wanted to offer for a while now but have not had the kitchen staff to be able to do so. Miss Shiels has volunteered to do this for us and will begin after half term.

We would like to ask that you book for the week if possible. This is to ensure we order enough bread in on our delivery. Your child should take their 50p (or £1 if they want 2 slices) for the week to Mrs Hatfield in the front office or to myself on the back door on a Monday morning. They will then be ticked on a list and provided with their toast each day at break time. As this money will go towards FUNdraising, we will only be accepting cash payments at this time.

Punctuality

This is a polite reminder that our school day begins at 9:00. Doors open at 8:50 to allow children time to get to class, put their belongings away, greet their friends and teachers and settle down ready for the school day. The register is then taken and the children make their way to the hall where assembly begins promptly at 9:05. **We would strongly encourage you to arrive as close to 8:50 as you can.**

We have noticed recently that more children are arriving to school late – after doors close at 9:00. This causes issues for staff who need to take children to their classrooms and for the children who need to then enter their classroom or the assembly hall late. We recognise that occasionally traffic can be heavier than expected and sometimes circumstances are out of your control. However, some children are consistently late and this is impacting them both educationally and emotionally.

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Likewise, at the end of the day you are expected to collect your child promptly at 3:30. Again, we understand there are times and circumstances that may mean you arrive late (just as there are times when classes sometimes run late) but if you are aware you are going to be late then you should contact the school office to inform them. This then means your children are not worried about where you are.

When the classroom doors close at 3:35 your child is then taken to the front office. I would like to remind you that as part of the home/school agreement you signed at the beginning of the school year, you agreed to drop and pick up your child promptly. Teachers are often expected at meetings or clubs from 3:35 and do not have time to wait with children who are late. If you are regularly late, your child will be put in After School Club and you will be charged for it. We would really appreciate your cooperation with this.

Staffing

Mrs Ville will return to us after half term following her maternity leave. She will be taking over from Mrs Hanif who is sadly leaving us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hanif for her dedication to teaching PE at Bells Farm and we wish her all the best in her new position. Mrs Ville will plan and deliver PE across the school for the remainder of this year.

Mr Gallego will also be leaving us today as we are now fully staffed in the kitchen once more. Mrs Boyle will take over as kitchen manager supported by Miss Shiels and Mrs Hill. Mr Gallego, as I'm sure you will have heard from your children, has transformed our school meals while being with us. The team taking over have learned a lot from him and the high standards of meals we have provided will remain in place with our new team.

Miss McCaffrey is also leaving today. She is going to do Camp America and then begin teacher training in September. She has been an absolute asset while she has been at Bells Farm and we wish her all the best for her future adventures.

Office Opening Times

Our school office is open for calls from 8:00 – 3:45. From Monday 3rd June, the school office will be closed on Mondays from 8:30 – 8:50. This is so that Mrs Hatfield can attend the staff briefing where we share information about the upcoming week in school. During this 20-minute closure, you will still be able to leave a voicemail or send a message via the school app if you are reporting your child's absence. Thank you for your understanding.

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Reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their PE kit in on their PE days.
- Y3 swimming begins on Tuesday 4th June.
- Please label all jumpers and cardigans.
- Our new menus are now live. Please try and sit with your child over the holidays and book their lunches for the last half term.
- Please check the calendar below as all Art Workshops have now been added. Mrs Moore will be sending out a letter with further details after half term.
- Our Football Fundraiser event will be on Friday 7th June.

I wish you all a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 3rd June.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Tuesday 3 rd June	Y3 swimming begins	Letter sent
Wednesday 12 th June	Reception trip to Atwell Farm	Letter sent
12 th – 14 th June	Father's Day gifts for sale	In school at break
17 th – 21 st June	Arts Week Art workshops: Monday 17th June 9:05 – 10:30 Reception Monday 17th June 2:15 – 3:30 Y1 Tuesday 18th June 9:05 – 10:30 Y2 Wednesday 19th June 2:15 – 3:30 Y6 Thursday 20th June 9:05 – 10:30 Y3 Thursday 20th June 2:15 – 3:30 Y4 Friday 21st June 2:15 – 3:30 Y5	Details to follow
Wednesday 19 th June	Y3 trip to Sarehole Mill	Letter sent
Thursday 20 th June	Year 5 girls to visit King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls	Details to follow
Monday 24 th June	Art Exhibition	Details to follow

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Friday 28 th June	Y1 class assembly	9:00 in school hall
Monday 1 st July	Sports Day	Details to follow: R, 1, 2 morning, 3, 4, 5, 6 afternoon
Wednesday 3 rd July	Reports out to parents	
Thursday 4 th July	School being used as a polling station for the general election	School closed
Friday 5 th July	Y2 trip to Twycross Zoo	Letter sent
Monday 8 th July – Wednesday 10 th July	Y6 residential – Pioneer Centre	Letter sent – further details to follow
Friday 12 th July	Summer Fayre	Details to follow
Monday 15 th July	Bells Farm's got Talent	Details to follow - morning
Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Party	Details to follow
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Assembly	Details to follow

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

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