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Value word for October: Respect
Behaviour for Learning focus: Pride

Dear Parent / Carer,

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 – Sam and Amudha

Y5 – Salaf and Hudaifa

Y4 – Ebony and Esme

Y3 – Lilly-Rose and Karim

Y2 – Andrei and Lily-Rose

Y1 – Ari-Ray and Shairwan

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

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 92%

Toucans – 99%

Bluebirds – 95%

Robins – 97%

Kestrels – 95%

Eagles – 98%

Well done to Toucans who won a roll on Classopoly and landed on the treasure! They chose to have Golden Time in class this afternoon. Well done!

Parents' Evening

It was truly wonderful to see so many parents joining us for parents' evening this week. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and it was wonderful to hear such positivity from everyone about the children's progress this term.

Thank you for filling in the questionnaire about homework. I will be doing a full analysis of the results but from a quick look and sort, feedback about homework is that parents find it useful

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and are keen to keep things the way they currently are. It is really important for us to know your views on these things so thank you again for completing it.

I will share further details of the outcomes and any changes/tweaks we do make after half term.

Theatre Trip

Thank you to those parents who have already paid for the theatre. There is still plenty of time to do so if you haven't yet. I just wanted to add to the information I sent last week so that the arrangements on both days are very clear for parents.

We will be taking Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 to the Midlands Arts Centre at Cannon Hill Park on Wednesday 11th December to watch Finding Santa. They will leave school at 9:30 to travel to the MAC. The show begins at 10:30 and we will be collected from the MAC at 11:45. We therefore hope to be back in school around 12:15 meaning the children will have a slightly later lunch break than normal.

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will go to the Palace Theatre in Redditch on Monday 9th December to watch Snow White. We will be having an early lunch and we will leave school at 11:45. The show begins at 1:00 and we will be collected at 3:30. This means we hope to return around 4:00. We will inform you on the day if there are any changes to this.

Welcome Mr Howell

Mr Howell began on Monday and has already made a huge difference in school! You have probably noticed he has started to deal with the leaves in the playground. This is a relentless job at this time of year so I would just like to remind you to take care on the playground when it is wet, just as we are reminding the children to.

Mr Howell will now be on the playground gate each morning to lock at 9:00. You can therefore send your children in the gate alone as this will be considered as you having handed them over to a member of staff. Myself and Mrs Johnson remain on the playground door where we will greet your child as normal. Of course, you are more than welcome to continue walking your child across the playground if you prefer. If you have a message, you will need to come with your child to myself or Mrs Johnson as Mr Howell will not be able to pass on messages.

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New Appointments

This has been a wonderful first half term at Bells Farm. We have really enjoyed watching our new Reception Swans settle in so well and make such a positive start to their life at Bells Farm. We have also loved inviting parents in to workshops and our SEND coffee morning. All children across school seem happy and settled in their learning which is all we can ask for!

Following Mr Ball leaving, I spent some time with Mrs Hughes (who is our Chair of Governors) deciding on the best route to strengthen the leadership of school. We decided together that two Assistant Heads would ensure there is more capacity on the Senior Leadership Team than one Deputy Head. I am therefore extremely pleased to share with you that this week we appointed two new Assistant Heads who will take up their posts in the new year (1st January 2025).

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Moore who was successful in gaining the post of Assistant Head – Curriculum Leader. Mrs Moore will be working closely with teachers to ensure our curriculum is developed and further improved, in line with the feedback we received in our recent Ofsted. Mrs Moore taking on this position will obviously impact her current role in school. I will be working closely with Mrs Hughes to ensure we have the best solution in place and will keep you fully informed of the changes that will happen.

Our other Assistant Head post has been filled by Mrs Hudson who has been in school for nearly a year now offering SEND support. Mrs Hudson will be our Inclusion Manager, taking responsibility for overseeing SEND provision, leading on behaviour and ensuring our PSHE and RE curriculums are supportive of the ethos of our school. I know those parents who are familiar with Mrs Hudson will agree that she will be fantastic in this role!

I know both Mrs Moore and Mrs Hudson will be a huge asset to Bells Farm and I am very much looking forward to working with them to make our amazing school even more so!

Have a wonderful half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4th November.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams
Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Thursday 7 th November	Open day	For children starting Reception in September 2025
Friday 8 th November	Autumn Disco	Letter sent
Monday 11 th November	Y5 Maths Parent Workshop (morning)	Details to follow
Monday 11 th November	My Happy Mind Workshop 3:00	Details above
Tuesday 12 th November	School photos	Details to follow
Friday 15 th November	Sweet Sale	3:30 on the school playground
Monday 18 th November	Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop	Letter sent
Friday 22 nd November	Cake Sale	3:30 on the school playground
Monday 25 th November	Year 2 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 25 th November	Year 4 Maths Parent Workshop (2:30)	Details to follow
Friday 29 th November	Read and Relax	Letter to follow No Homework Club
Monday 2 nd December	Year 3 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 6 th December	Tuck Shop	3:30 on the school playground
Monday 9 th December	Theatre Trip Palace Redditch Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Letter to follow
Wednesday 11 th December	Theatre Trip Mac Rec and Yr1	Letter to follow
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Fayre	No Homework Club No After School Club Details of events to follow
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Production Christmas jumper day Class parties	Letter to follow

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