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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Star Assembly

Today's Star Assembly was the first one of 2024 and we welcomed our wonderful Swans to join us for the first time! As always, it was a real pleasure to celebrate the special achievements of these wonderful children:

Y6 – Zi Yan and William

Y5 – Yusuf and Sam

Y4 – Muneeb and Brooke

Y3 – Ebony and Jenson

Y2 – Zara and Tyler S

Y1 – Laith and Amy

Reception – Jasmine and Oliver

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

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 92% which we had expected for this time of year. We are also being extra cautious about measles and appreciate families supporting us with this. As we always say, if you are unsure whether to send your child in you can always contact us for a conversation. We won't encourage children to be in school if they are unwell but a cold is always manageable!

Here are our attendance figures 19th – 25th January:

Swans – 93%

Puffins – 91%

Toucans – 93%

Bluebirds – 96%

Robins – 88%

Kestrels – 96%

Eagles – 94%

A Special Letter

We received a very special letter this week from Damian Hinds, who is the minister for schools. The letter said the following:

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Dear Miss Williams,

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's achievements in the 2023 multiplication check.

Your average people score of 24.1 out of 25 makes Bells Farm Primary School one of the top 200 performing schools in England for the multiplication tables check. The excellent achievement of your pupils is something the government hopes to see replicated in schools across the country.

Knowing timetables is vital for school and day-to-day life, recalling multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 is important for progression in maths. That is why we introduced these checks, as a helpful tool for teachers to identify those people who need extra support.

I Would like to congratulate your staff and pupils for the hard work and thank you for your leadership in continuing to promote the important subject of mathematics.

Yours sincerely,
Damien Hinds
Minister for schools

This achievement is down to the very hard work of our current Year 5 children and Mr Lo; well done everyone! This is truly something to be proud of. We are now expecting great things this year of our Robins – you can do it!

Clubs

Our children are really enjoying the huge range of after school clubs we have on offer this term; there's everything from Karate to chess! Please look at our school website to find pictures of the children enjoying learning their new skills.

Young Voices

I am very much looking forward to attending Young Voices later today with Y5 and Choir. Mrs Parry has worked extremely hard to make this the wonderful event that is always is – thank you Mrs Parry! Please remember it is very important your child is collected promptly at 10:00 tonight if you are not attending the concert. We will confirm our ETA via text (technology allowing!) and I will be taking the school mobile so you can contact us on 07879261559 to inform us of any issues with picking up. We will expect you may run a little late if you are, as per my letter yesterday, and there is no need to contact us in this case.

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Reminders:

- Please ensure you book a vegetarian lunch if your child is a vegetarian. Some children who aren't vegetarian are being booked a vegetarian lunch and are then very confused when their name is called with the vegetarians! Please talk to your child about what you have booked them to avoid any confusion on their part.
- Please ensure the gates are closed behind you if you are dropping to breakfast club or collecting from ASC. I know there have been a few issues with the gates (again!) this week and appreciate parents reporting these to us.
- If someone other than yourself is picking your child up from school, you must let the school office know **before 3:00**. This can be a text via the school app or a phone call.
- Your child must have a full PE kit in school on their PE day.
- Please do try and join us for our special Book Breakfast events – the feedback from the Year 2 one last week was incredibly positive! We are looking forward to welcoming Y5 parents in on Monday 29th.

Staff and I are currently working on our new FUNdraising schedule (they have had some fantastic new ideas!) which I hope to share with you in my letter next week.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Monday 29 th January	Y5 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Friday 26 th January	Young Voices	Letter sent – available on website
Monday 5 th February	Y6 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Monday 5 th February	Year 1 trip to Synagogue	Letter sent – available on website
Tuesday 6 th February	Year 2 trip to Mosque	Letter sent – available on website

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Wednesday 7 th February	Y3 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Thursday 8 th February	Year 4 trip to Buddhist Temple	Letter sent – available on website
Friday 9 th February	Year 5 trip to Gurdwara	Letter sent – available on website
Tuesday 20 th February	Year 6 trip to Birmingham Cathedral	Letter sent – available on website
Thursday 22 nd February	Year 6 residential meeting for parents 3:45	Details to follow
Monday 26 th February	Y1 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Monday 4 th March	Reception Book Breakfast	Details to follow
WC 11 th March	Book Fair in school	Details to follow
Monday 11 th March	Y4 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day	Details to follow
Monday 18 th March	Year 5 trip to Warwick Castle	Details to follow
Tuesday 9 th April	Year 3 trip to Shri Venkateswara Balaji Hindu Temple	Letter sent – available on website

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

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