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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Value word for September: Responsibility
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 – Jack and James

Y5 – Muneeb and Hugo

Y4 – Laken and Boren

Y3 – Tyler W and Mona

Y2 – Anaya and Sienna

Y1 – Wathiq and Jasmine

Star of the School – Issey Y4

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:

Puffins – 92%

Toucans – 95%

Bluebirds – 97.2%

Robins – 96%

Kestrels – 97.5%

Eagles – 95%

Updates

* Following Mr Harris' retirement at the end of the summer term, we are pleased to inform you that we have now appointed a new BSM (caretaker). Mr Howell will be joining us on the 21st of October.

* The flu Immunisation Team will be joining us on the 15th October (not October 22nd as was on our previous dates). If you haven't yet completed the consent required for your child to take part in this we would strongly recommend that you do so in line with guidance from the NHS.

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* myHappymind is being received by the children extremely well! Please do remember to download the app:



To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is **103383**

Parents' Evening

This year we have decided to return to our pre-Covid days of face-to-face appointments for parents evening only. Teachers really value meeting parents face-to-face and having that opportunity for a conversation about each individual child which isn't always as easy in the same way over the phone. For parents, it also means you have the opportunity to look at your child's books before having a conversation with their teacher. This often enables you to see the positive work your child has done and as well as facilitating the conversation.

We understand some parents may have preferred the phone call option due to work commitments, or other commitments, which is why we are giving you plenty of notice for parents evening enabling time for you to rearrange. If this is absolutely not possible, please speak to me on the playground in the morning or the door at the end of the day, and I'm sure we can come to some sort of alternative agreement together.

The letter for parents evening will be sent home on Monday. This will be a paper letter requiring you to tick a box for your preferred time slot. We will try to accommodate siblings together but would strongly suggest that you fill in these forms as soon as possible if you have more than one child in school.

Mrs Hudson will be around on parents' evening to meet with anyone who has a particular concern about their child. If your child is on the SEN register (you would have been invited to the coffee morning) then Mrs Hudson will be arranging longer appointments with these parents at the end of this term/start of the next. This will mean parents of children on the SEND register have the

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opportunity for a longer conversation in a quieter environment about their child. However, you are more than welcome to make an appointment with Mrs Hudson by ticking the box on your letter.

Guinness World Record Attempt – Thursday 3rd October

Children's author and poet Laura Mucha is going to attempt a Guinness World Record title for giving the largest poetry lesson, with more than 200,000 children from 1,200 schools – and Bells Farm is taking part! The lesson, which will take place at 10:00 on National Poetry Day (3rd October), will bring together students around the UK and beyond to contribute to writing one collective poem, based on this year's theme of counting. The poem will then be displayed on billboards across the country.

Bells Farm children, along with hundreds of other schools, have submitted their ideas about what they think counts, and what's important in life. Laura is then turning these into a draft poem and during the live lesson on Thursday we will join hundreds of schools to edit the poem together and vote on what goes in and out. Then the poem will be displayed on billboards across the country—and our children will be able to think 'I was part of that, my ideas and opinions mattered, I helped make that happen'. What an amazing thing to be part of! Please ensure your child is in school promptly on Thursday to take part in this special history-making event.

Reminders

- Year six children's applications for secondary school must be submitted to the local authority by the 31st of October.
- Please ensure you book the correct lunch for your child. If your child brings a packed lunch – please update this for the whole term. Thank you.
- Please label **all** of your child's clothes remembering they do get changed for PE and it is difficult to tell one item of uniform from another unless it is named.
- We already have a lot of items in lost property (in the school office) including coats that don't have names on.
- Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day from now on. The weather (as we discovered this week!) is highly unpredictable and we do try to take the children out unless it is pouring with rain. This means it is important they have a coat, preferably one with a hood, that they can do up themselves. Thank you.

Kind regards,

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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Monday 30 th September	Reception Early Reading and Phonics workshop	Letter sent
Thursday 10 th October	SEND coffee morning	Details above
Tuesday 15 th October	Whole school flu immunisation	Letter sent
Monday 21 st October	Y1 Reading and Phonics workshop 9:10 – 10:30 in the hall	Details to follow
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 7 th November	Open day	For children starting Reception in September 2025
Tuesday 12 th November	School photos	Details to follow
Monday 18 th November	Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 25 th November	Year 2 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 2 nd December	Year 3 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
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	Details to follow
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Production Christmas jumper day Class parties	Letter to follow

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