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Value word for February: Patience
Behaviour for Learning focus: Listening

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 92%

Puffins – 93%

Toucans – 97%

Bluebirds – 96%

Robins – 98.3%

Kestrels – 98.6%

Eagles – 98.3%

Well done to Kestrels! **98.3%** won them the roll on Classopoly.

An Exciting Week

This week we had a visit from a mobile library for children in Y1, Y2 and Y3. The mobile library arrived in the school car park and spent the morning on Monday with the children visiting in small groups and enjoying the books the library had to offer. It was a very special event and you can see further photos on our school website.

This afternoon our Y2 children had a theatre company visit to deliver a workshop relating to the Great Fire of London (their History topic). This is always a really popular event and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the singing, dancing and acting! You can see photos of this event on our school website and the Y2 blog.

Lunchtime Reminders

Dinners: Thank you to those of you who have already booked their child's lunches for the coming weeks. Please remember you may want to just book the first three weekly cycle of lunches, and check that your child enjoyed them, before you book ahead for the rest of the term. So far, our school lunches have been extremely popular and the comments from the children have been really positive, which is lovely to hear. This is just a reminder that if you have not booked your child's lunch, they will be defaulted to the main option (option one or the vegetarian version of this option) so it really is important that you book your child's lunch to ensure they have more choice. Thank you.

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Packed lunches: I would like to remind you that we do not allow chocolate spread or any bars that may contain chocolate spread as part of a child's packed lunch. This is because often these spreads have hazelnuts or other nuts in them and we do have children in school with serious allergies to nuts. Even being in the area of a child eating one of these products, is potentially dangerous for children with allergies. As we are unable to tell whether a chocolate spread product has hazelnuts in or not, we do have a straight ban on all products containing chocolate spread and would appreciate your cooperation with this.

Eat them to defeat them!

You may have noticed some posters going up around school and the children noticed a new display in the dining hall relating to the 'Eat them to defeat them' campaign. In the week commencing the 10th of March we will be taking part in the nationwide campaign to encourage children to eat more vegetables. You can read further information about the campaign on a poster on your child's classroom door. I will explain more about this project in my letter next week as there is a pack that will be sent home for each child as well as events happening in school.

Y3 Assembly

If you haven't yet sent in your photo for the Mother's Day assembly (happening on 26th March) then please do so before March 12th as requested in Mrs Parry's letter. You can send your photo to the following email address: teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk

Y6 SATs meeting

In addition to the information sent home at the start of term, this year we will be offering an opportunity for parents to come into school to find out more about the upcoming tests happening in May for all Y6 children. This meeting will be an opportunity for you to hear more information about the tests and how they are administered during the week commencing the 12th May. It will also be an opportunity for you to look at past papers to give you more of an idea of what the children will be completing and ask any questions you may have. This meeting will be on Tuesday 1st April 3:40 in the Year 6 classroom. It has purposefully been arranged to happen the week before parents' evening so the information is fresh in your mind to ask any specific questions about your child at parents' evening. We do hope you find this useful.

PE

This is just a reminder that your child will need a full PE kit in school on both their PE days

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during the school week. We would highly recommend they leave their kit for at least the whole week (if not the half term) to ensure they can fully take part in their PE lesson.

As the weather hopefully warms up a little, some PE lessons may take place outside. We would therefore ask that your child brings a pair of jogging bottoms or leggings to take part in the PE lesson comfortably. Gymnastics has now finished across all classes in school and therefore all children will now need to return to bringing a suitable pair of PE pumps or trainers with them.

World Book Day Celebrations

Next week we will be taking part in the world book day celebrations as you will be aware from Mr Devaney's previous letter this is a reminder of the events happening in school:

Monday – Whole school ERIC

Tuesday – Guest teacher reader

Wednesday - Assembly announcing writing competition winners

Thursday – World Book Day – West End Productions Dance Workshops

Friday – Dress as a character day and poetry assembly

FUNdraising

Our FUNdraising schedule is completed and has been shared with the children in assembly today. You will find a copy of the events lasting until the end of this academic year on your child's classroom door and on both main entrances to school. I have also added all the important dates to the calendar of events below. In this weekly newsletter I will always explain the event that is upcoming for the following week.

Next week in order to celebrate world book day even more we have decided to hold our first Read and Relax event of 2025! This will happen in school on Friday 7th of March 3:30 until 4:30. As always, your child will need to bring in £2 to give to their class teacher. This time rather than pyjamas we will all be wearing our World Book Day costumes so it is ideal timing. If your child wishes to wear their pyjamas instead of their costume, they can bring in a bag and change at the end of the day if they would prefer to. There will be no Homework Club on Friday 7th March due to Read and Relax.

As part of our fundraising efforts if you have anything that you feel would be suitable to donate in support of any of these events then we would be extremely grateful for any donations. This might include small things which we can sell for Mother's Day or Father's Day. It may include unwanted toiletries or gift items which we could include on our tombola or

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raffles. Any items which you deem suitable would be greatly appreciated. Please send any donations in with your child.

Bulls in the City

We have now raised £748 – this is amazing! Please send in your sponsorship forms when they have been completed. From next week, Mrs Moore will be running a ‘Guess the name of the bull’ competition at the end of the school day for £1 a guess. She will have our beautiful bulls on the playground for you to see the prize if you win! These have been made by our very own talented Miss Jones and Mrs Moore’s mum... the children are very excited about the chance to win!

Kind regards,
Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Monday 3 rd March	Y4 Book Breakfast	Letter sent
Wednesday 5 th March	Y3 Book Breakfast	Letter sent
Friday 7 th March	Read and Relax	Details above
Monday 10 th March	Y6 Book Breakfast	Letter to follow
Friday 14 th March	Bull Run	Letter sent
Monday 17 th March	Book Fair Y1 Book Breakfast	Details to follow Letter to follow
Friday 21 st March	King Edward’s School visiting for music performance Red Nose Day	In school Wear red for a £1 donation Red Nose Day Biscuit Sale
Monday 24 th March	Mothers’ Day Sale	Details to follow
Monday 24 th March	Y5 Book Breakfast	Letter to follow
Wednesday 26 th March	Y3 Class Assembly	Letter sent
Tuesday 1 st April	Y6 SATs parent meeting	Details above
Friday 4 th April	Donut sale	Details to follow
Monday 7 th April	Year 4 Class Assembly	In school hall 9:05
Wednesday 9 th April	Parents’ Evening	Letter to follow
Friday 11 th April	Egg Technology Bells Farm’s Got Talent No After School Club or Homework Club	Details to follow Details to follow
Monday 28 th April	Teacher Training Day	School is closed
Tuesday 29 th April	Children return to school	

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