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**Value word for March:** Happiness  
**Behaviour for Learning focus:** Listening

Dear Parent / Carer,  
Sorry for this very late edition of the newsletter – it's been a very busy day!

### Attendance

**Here are our attendance figures for each class:**

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 95%

Toucans – 95%

Bluebirds – 96%

**Robins – 98%**

Kestrels – 92%

Eagles – 94%

Well done to Robins! 98% won them a roll on Classopoly... AGAIN!

### School Time Reminders:

If another relative/friend is collecting your child, you must notify the school office by **2:30 at the latest** so we are able to inform relevant staff. Please be prompt for collection at the end of the day. School finishes at 3:30 and classroom doors close at 3:35. If children are not collected by 3:40 they will go to ASC and you will be charged for this. We do always understand that there are unexpected circumstances which may lead to lateness. Thank you to the majority of parents who do closely follow these procedures.

### Parents' Evening

Your child will bring home a slip on Monday confirming the time that you have been allocated for Parents' Evening. These slots have been organised to provide a time as close as possible to the time that you requested whilst trying to accommodate siblings. If the time you have been provided with is not suitable, you will need to contact the school office directly and check as there may be an alternative slot which suits you better.

Your child's books will be available for you to look at whilst you are waiting but please remember not to arrive too early as Parents' Evening will take place in the hall and will be busy. If you are bringing children with you, please ensure they are sat waiting quietly with you so teachers can concentrate on their appointments.

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There will be a parent questionnaire at the front office for you to complete as there was during the last Parents' Evening. Part of this questionnaire will be around whether parents would want school to investigate private companies to deliver clubs to widen our club provision. We would really appreciate it if as many parents as possible would share their opinions with us. We really do read every questionnaire and every comment and use them to inform our future practice. Thank you.

### **Online Safety**

As part of our online safety curriculum, we are constantly discussing with children the importance of ensuring they protect themselves when they are online. Part of this protection needs to be provided by you as parents in adequate supervision of your child when they are using the internet. It is really important that you have protective settings on your child's device to ensure they are unable to access inappropriate material.

If you require any technical support with this, we are happy for you to come in and we will support as needed. You can find many guides for parents about how to change settings and monitor your child's internet use on the National Online Safety website here: [Library | The National College](#)

The Internet Matters website also provides guides and videos on how to change settings:

[Apple iPad and iPhone parental controls | Internet Matters](#)

[Android tablet safety guide for parents | Internet Matters](#)

These guides cover how to set up a device to limit screen time, restrict content and manage in-app purchases.

### **Donut Sale**

Next Friday's FUNdraiser, is a pre-order donut sale. Your child can choose jam, custard or ring donut with sprinkles for a cost of 50p each. They must take the money into their class teacher by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in order for us to have time to purchase the donuts.

### **Name the Bull**

The Name the Bull competition will finish in the last week before Easter and winners will be announced on Friday 11th April, before we break up. If you have not yet taken part in this and you would like to, please send your child into school with £1 and they can choose a name for the bull. The winner will receive 1 of 3 available knitted bulls.

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### **Bikes**

We have a number of bikes in school which we are going to sell on Monday after school in the trim trail area of the playground. They used to be used for children in school but we are no longer using them and it seems a shame to let them go to waste. You will be able to see what is available on Monday morning and can then purchase one for £20 at the end of the school day. They are in good condition and all fully tested by Mr Howell! They are, however, sold as seen and will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Alongside this, we have a large number of plastic and metal magazine holders which we will also have available at the end of the day on Monday. We would greatly appreciate a small donation but would also just be happy that they go to a good home! Myself, Mrs Moore and Mrs Hudson will be on the playground at the end of the day on Monday with the goods!

### **Reminders**

- Please remember to book your child's lunch. We have now been through all three weeks of the menus and so it would be extremely helpful if you could talk to your child about the lunches they have enjoyed and book them for the remainder of this academic year.
- Please remember we will no longer be able to provide toast after the Easter holidays.
- Your child should have spoken to their class teacher today if they wish to put themselves forward for the talent show. These auditions will happen over the next two weeks ready for the final show on Friday 11th April.
- We know some children are already enjoying creating their Egg Technology ready to share on the final day of term. We are very excited about seeing these and do hope your child is enjoying making them as well. Please remember not to send in any projects before the last day of term. On 11<sup>th</sup> April, as the children enter school, they will be directed to the front corridor where they can put their technology in the appropriate place ready for judging by Mrs Hughes (Chair of Governors) as our independent judge for the day.
- Please remember your child needs a full PE kit in school as PE lessons outside are continuing and this is likely to be for the remainder of the term. Your child needs suitable outdoor PE clothes and pumps or trainers.
- As the weather brightens (hopefully!) it is important that your child brings their water bottle into school every day.

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- Please remember to inform us if your child has a mark on them from an injury they have sustained at home. We always endeavour to do the same when the children have hurt themselves in school. Likewise, please remember to inform us if your child has not had breakfast so this can be provided if needed. We know sometimes children can be fussy in the mornings (and we do not judge when children have not had breakfast) but this can sometimes affect their ability to concentrate in class. If we know your child has not eaten, we can provide breakfast in these special circumstances.
- Please remember to keep your child at home if they have had sickness and / or diarrhoea. They must be 48 hours clear before they return to school to stop the spread.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

\* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

| Date                            | Event                                                                              | Details                                |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April   | Y6 SATs parent meeting                                                             | Letter sent                            |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April    | Donut sale                                                                         | Details to follow                      |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April    | Year 4 Class Assembly                                                              | In school hall 9:05                    |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April | Parents' Evening                                                                   | Letter sent                            |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April   | Egg Technology<br>Bells Farm's Got Talent<br>No After School Club or Homework Club | Details to follow<br>Details to follow |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April   | Teacher Training Day                                                               | School is closed                       |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April  | Children return to school                                                          |                                        |

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