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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Excellent Work

This week was our first Excellent Work assembly and it was so lovely to see such a high standard being set across school. If your child has an excellent work sticker, please do ask them about it. I will be adding the photos to the website later today.

Attendance

We didn't have any 100% classes this week but we did have 5 classes reaching our school target of 96%. Year three won a roll on Classopoly and just missed out on a treasure chest!

Here are our attendance figures 21st – 28th September:

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 96%

Toucans – 94%

Bluebirds – 98%

Robins – 97%

Kestrels – 96%

Eagles – 97%

Chicks

The children were told in assembly this morning that on Tuesday, 10 eggs are being delivered in an incubator! We will then spend the next ten days watching them hatch and grow. We will be able to transfer them to a brooding box and have them visit classrooms. The children are EGGxtremely EGGxcited! We do hope to be able to set up a webcam which we will link on our website so you can join us for some special hatching moments.

Reminders:

- We do have children in school with nut allergies. For this reason, we are a 'no nuts' school. This includes peanut butter, Nutella or any other chocolate hazelnut spread. If your child brings these products in their lunch box, they will be provided with a school sandwich.
- Please ensure all your children's property is labelled. We have already accumulated quite a lot of lost property over the last few weeks and have been unable to find out who it belongs to as a lot of it is unlabelled. We have permanent markers in school and are happy to label your child's belongings if you give permission.

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- The only earrings allowed in school are studs. This is for the safety of your child as they are playing outside and we don't want any nasty accidents.
- You are no longer able to buy tickets for Young Voices from school but you will be able to book directly with the venue when they are released. We expect this to be around November but will keep you informed. We have booked a place for **everyone in Year 5** and really do hope you give permission for your child to attend. This is one of the most special events we offer at school and is something they will never have experienced before.
- Thank you for booking your child's lunch via the app. It is all running much smoother now and we do hope to continue without any hitches. Please ensure you book the vegetarian option if your child does not eat meat. We do have our lists in school but it is much easier if you book the correct option and saves your child waiting while we check the lists.

PE Kits

PE kits **must** be in school for your child's lesson. A lot of children are taking them home each week and then forgetting to bring them back for their lesson. We would strongly encourage you to leave their kit in school for the half term and we will then send it home at the end of the half term for washing. If you want them to bring it home each week then it must be returned by their PE day:

Reception – Thursday

Y1 – Tuesday

Y2 – Thursday

Y3 – Wednesday

Y4 – Wednesday

Y5 – Tuesday

Y6 – Friday

Parents' Evening

Letters will be going out on Monday for you to request slots for parents' evening which will be held on **Wednesday 25th October**. It will begin at 1:15 and the last slot will be at 6:40. On the letter, you will have the chance to choose a phone call or face to face appointment. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis so please do check your child's book bag on Monday for the letter!

Clubs

As clubs are now underway, teachers have a commitment to be with their club as soon as they can. You should be picking your child up promptly at 3:30. Classroom doors will now close at

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3:35 to allow teachers to collect their club children. This means that if you are running late, you will need to collect your child from the front office. We would kindly ask that you do collect your child promptly as we do not have space for late children in After School Club due to ratios.

Parent Workshops

Our Year 1 parents will have received a letter this week regarding the Phonics and Reading Meeting planned for Friday 6th October at 2:30. This is to inform you about how we teach phonics and early reading at Bells Farm and provide you with resources so I really would recommend you attend if at all possible. Parents of children in Y2 are also welcome – please just send a message via the school app or catch me on the door so we can ensure we have enough resources.

Year 4 have their maths workshop planned for Monday 9th October at 9:05. Mrs Calbreath has sent a letter out about it so please do let us know if you are able to attend.

Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our sweet sale this week. Next Friday's sale is pizza! This will need to be pre-ordered by sending your child in with £1 **before Wednesday**. They should take the money to their teacher who will ensure they bring their pizza home on Friday at 3:30. If your child is in After School Club, they can still purchase pizza. You will just need to let us know whether you want them to eat it fresh in ASC or bring it home with them.

We are (already!) preparing for our Christmas Fayre and would like to ask for any donations, big or small, for the Tombola and raffle. If you have any links with local businesses, please do ask on our behalf! The only thing we are not allowed to accept is alcohol, or gift sets containing alcohol products. Anything else - toys, books, accessories, smellies etc will be very gratefully accepted.

I do hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>
<i>Tuesday 3rd October</i>	<i>Reception eye test Pizza Sale</i>	<i>Pre-orders only</i>
<i>Friday 6th October</i>	<i>Y1 reading meeting 2:30</i>	<i>Letter sent</i>
<i>Monday 9th October</i>	<i>Y4 Maths Workshop</i>	<i>Letter sent</i>
<i>Friday 13th October</i>	<i>Read and Relax</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Friday 20th October</i>	<i>Reception Maths Workshop Tuck shop</i>	<i>Details to follow On main playground at 3:30</i>
<i>Monday 23rd October</i>	<i>Whole school flu</i>	<i>Letter sent</i>
<i>Monday 23rd October</i>	<i>Y6 Maths Workshop</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Wednesday 25th October</i>	<i>Parents' Evening</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Thursday 9th November</i>	<i>Open Day for new Reception children</i>	<i>This is for children who will join us in September 2024</i>
<i>Friday 10th November</i>	<i>Donut Sale</i>	<i>Pre-orders only</i>
<i>Monday 13th November</i>	<i>Anti-bullying week</i>	
<i>Friday 17th November</i>	<i>Wear spotty clothes for Children in Need Spotty Sale</i>	<i>On main playground at 3:30</i>
<i>Tuesday 14th November</i>	<i>School photos</i>	
<i>Monday 20th November</i>	<i>Y5 Maths Workshop</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Friday 24th November</i>	<i>Cake Sale</i>	<i>On main playground at 3:30</i>
<i>Friday 1st December</i>	<i>Y2 Maths Workshop</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>
<i>Monday 4th December</i>	<i>Y3 Maths Workshop Christmas gift sale in school</i>	<i>Details to follow</i>

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Friday 8 th December	Reception Christmas Workshops Christmas Decoration Sale	Details to follow
Monday 11 th December	Y1 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Theatre Trip (MAC)	Details to follow
Thursday 14 th December	Y3-Y6 Theatre Trip (Palace Theatre)	
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Fayre	Details to follow
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas jumper day Christmas production Class parties	Details to follow

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

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