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Tel: 0121 675 8666
Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 90%

Puffins – 90%

Toucans – 85%

Bluebirds – 99%

Robins – 99%

Kestrels – 99%

Eagles – 96%

Sports Day

Thank you for joining us for our Sports Day this week. The children really enjoyed seeing you there! It was wonderful to see so much perseverance and how lovely they were supporting each other.

Reports

Your child will be bringing home their school report today for this academic year. I have read and commented on every report and I must say I couldn't have been prouder of every single child as I did this task! It was so clear to see how much each individual has progressed this year, whether that be academically, socially or with their self-confidence. I do hope you take the time to read it carefully and share it with your child. We would really appreciate your feedback so there is a slip at the bottom of the report which we would be grateful if you could return. If you have any outstanding questions about your child's report, please make an appointment through the school office to speak to your child's teacher.

Year 6 Residential

We are very much looking forward to taking Y6 on the residential on Monday. Some children (who have been contacted by the school office) have been asked to arrive at school by 8:30 on Monday to leave early. The rest of the class should come to school at normal time and will be leaving school around 10:30. Please remember the limits on luggage! We need to be able to fit all luggage into two medium cars – pack light! Miss Edwards will send home their travel bag today which they should pack their lunch for Monday in (unless they're having a school packed lunch), snacks, a water bottle and anything small to occupy them on the journey and arrival.

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Miss Edwards will be at the school office in the morning to receive any medication. It is **extremely important** that you do not pack any medication without completing the relevant paperwork – this includes Piriton.

Please remember your child is not permitted to bring their mobile phone or any other device. I will update the school website with photos and news each evening. I will also send a message via School Comms to confirm we have all arrived safely and if there are any updates on travel for our return on Wednesday. We expect all children should be back in school by the end of the day ready for collection at 3:30 as normal.

We imagine that the children will be very tired upon their return! If you would like them to have a lie in to recover(!), we will not mark the register on Thursday until 11:00. As long as your child is in school for 11:00, this will not count as an absence on their attendance. You are, of course, able to send them in as normal at 9:00 if you wish to.

Transition Day

All children enjoyed time in their new class, with their new teachers, this week. The children were full of excitement to share what they were looking forward to when we gathered in the hall afterwards. Please do ask your child what they did on Wednesday morning if they haven't already shared this with you!

Parking

Unfortunately, I have received several formal complaints about parents parking in Bells Farm Close from residents and local councillor Julien Pritchard. One resident missed a medical appointment, one had their bins moved in order for someone to park across their drive and one man was knocked over with a car door as someone got out of their car. These incidents are wholly unacceptable. As you are aware from previous correspondence, this is an ongoing issue. I have been in touch with Councillor Julien Pritchard myself to offer our full support for anything deemed fit in order to stop these incidents from happening.

For the remainder of this term's big events, we will have a member of staff controlling the parking at the front of school. You **will not** be permitted to park in Bells Farm Close and enter school for these events. You must park on Brockworth Road and enter via the playground gate. If we continue to have incidents of poor behaviour regarding parking at the front of school, I have spoken to the governors about the possibility of closing the front entrance for events in school. This is not something I want to do, as it would be very inconvenient for parents who live locally and

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walk. However, we cannot sustain staffing parking at the front of school so may need to consider this option if these disrespectful incidents continue.

Morning/After School Playground Reminders

You will have received a text message this week reminding you that there are to be no ball games on the playground before or after school. A parent was injured with a ball this week which resulted in this message being sent out. We did ban balls on the playground in the morning last year due to people being hit and hurt. Although we have not monitored this, the ban **does remain in place**. We have a lot of parents with small children and babies in prams and it is a health and safety concern when footballs/basketball games are played and not monitored.

I would also like to ask that you are respectful of each other in the mornings and at the end of the school day. If something happens involving another child, please report this to us directly so that we can deal with it when school opens. I would like to ask that you do not address issues with other people's children directly as this can cause unnecessary upset. Thank you.

Please also remember that children **should not** be using bikes or scooters in the school playground morning or afternoon. Again, this is for the health and safety of all children and adults.

Reminders

- There is no Homework Club today – it has finished.
- Y5 will perform their class assembly on Monday 8th July at 9:05.
- Y2 will perform their class assembly on Friday 12th at 9:05.
- Y4 will perform their class assembly on Monday 15th at 9:05 and Y6's will be on Friday 19th.
- Tip top sale on the playground today - all 50p.
- Children should be wearing **plain** school socks in white, grey, navy or black if they are wearing school shorts or skirts and their socks can be seen. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams

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Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted *

Date	Event	Details
Monday 8 th July – Wednesday 10 th July	Y5 Class Assembly Y6 residential – Pioneer Centre	School hall 9:05
Friday 12 th July	Y2 Class Assembly Summer Fayre	School hall 9:05 Letter sent - no ASC
Monday 15 th July	Y4 Class Assembly	School hall 9:05
Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Party	Details to follow
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Assembly	School hall 9:05 No ASC
Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September	Teacher Training Days	School Closed
Wednesday 4 th September	School opens for children	Reception stay, play and chat sessions
Monday 6 th January 2025	Teacher Training Day	School Closed
Monday 24 th February 2025	Teacher Training Day	School Closed
Monday 21 st July 2025	Teacher Training Day	School Closed

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

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