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Bells Farm Primary School
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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Value word for November: *Peace*

Behaviour for Learning focus: *Working with others*

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 93%

Toucans – 100%

Bluebirds – 91%

Robins – 97%

Kestrels – 93%

Eagles – 95%

Well done to Toucans – a perfect **100%** won them the roll on Classopoly!

Special Assemblies

This week we have had some special assemblies in school. On Thursday we shared our new My Happy Mind module with the children – Celebrate. This module is all about identifying character strengths in ourselves and others in order to build children's self-esteem. The children will begin their new module in class on Monday 18th November and their lessons will happen each Monday after that. Please do ask your child how they are getting on in their lessons and remember there is a short recap lesson for each module on the parent app.

This morning we had a special assembly all about Remembrance Day. The children learned about why we have this special day and why it is important through the use of the story 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'. In school on Monday, we will be honouring the two minutes silence in support of Remembrance Day whilst focusing on our value word this month – Peace.

Workshops

On Monday 11th at 3:00 I will be running a parent meeting for those of you who would like to find out more about My Happy Mind. I will be sharing information about how the programme works as well as an overview of what the children will learn in school. I will also go through what is available on the parent app and how you might use it to support your child. This meeting will last no longer than 15-20 minutes leaving time for questions at the end.

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Our maths workshops start next week – here is a reminder of the dates:

Year 5 – 11th November 9:00

Year 6 - 18th November 9:00

Year 2 - 25th November 9:00

Year 4 - 25th November 2:30

Year 3 – 2nd December 9:00

It is extremely important that you let us know if you are attending these workshops. This is so that we can ensure there are enough resources but also so we can ensure we can accommodate the children who don't have an adult coming with them. Please remember you are more than welcome to invite a close family member to attend with your child if you are unable to do so. Letters have been sent (or will be for those workshops later in the term) with reply slips to confirm your attendance. If you have lost this letter, please inform us of your planned attendance on the door in the morning, a phone call to the office or via the school app.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is national anti-bullying week and Bells Farm will be standing with the Anti-Bullying Alliance, as we do every year, to support this year's theme 'Choose respect'. We will have a special assembly on Monday to share this important message with the children and they will all have a PSHE lesson dedicated to this during the week.

On Tuesday, we will be supporting 'Odd Socks Day' where we encourage all adults and children in school to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. I will add photos on the school website so you can enjoy sharing with this!

Bikes and scooters

Following another incident involving a child being hurt in the school playground, bikes and scooters now **must not** be used within the school grounds. We have always said for them only to be used if there is no-one around, but daily children are still using them and this has repeatedly led to people being injured.

From Monday 11th November, your child **must** dismount their bike or scooter and manoeuvre it by hand to the bike racks. This has been a difficult decision to make, and I understand it won't be a very popular decision, but also hope you understand it has been made with the health and safety of all school users in mind. The children will be informed of this and we would

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appreciate your support with reminding them. Signs will be put up on the school gates next week. Thank you for your understanding.

Food

Your child's lunch **must** be booked via the school app. Please ensure you choose the vegetarian option if your child is a vegetarian. We have had some issues this week with children being submitted as 'packed lunch' but then not bringing a lunch with them. We understand this may happen occasionally when a lunch box is forgotten, and we would never let a child go hungry, but it does impact on food available for other children in school who have booked. Please ensure you let the office know in the morning if your child has forgotten their lunch box so we can ensure we count them in our dinner numbers.

Earlier this week, you will have received a message asking you to inform someone on the door in the morning if your child has not had breakfast. If your child informs us they haven't had breakfast (and you haven't informed us) we will call you to check. This is not a judgement on our part - we fully understand there are many reasons why a child may not have had breakfast. However, we do need to ensure every child in school has the best possible start to their learning day and a rumbling tummy isn't conducive to learning!

Reminders

- If you have any outside achievements (certificates, trophies, medals etc) for us to share in Star Assembly, please send a photo or details of the achievement to teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk so we can share in the excitement!
- School photos will be on Tuesday 12th. As shared in the letter, if you want siblings to have photos together then you must come for this to happen **before** school starts.
- Your child must have a full PE kit in school for PE days.
- Children must wear plain, black school shoes as part of our uniform policy. If you have any issues with this, please come and speak to me.
- Children shouldn't be playing football in the mornings before school. Thank you for your support with this.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams
Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Monday 11 th November	Y5 Maths Parent Workshop (morning)	Letter sent
Monday 11 th November	My Happy Mind Workshop 3:00	Details above
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd socks day	Details above
Tuesday 12 th November	School photos	Letter sent
Friday 15 th November	Sweet Sale	3:30 on the school playground
Monday 18 th November	Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop	Letter sent
Friday 22 nd November	Cake Sale	3:30 on the school playground
Monday 25 th November	Year 2 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 25 th November	Year 4 Maths Parent Workshop (2:30)	Details to follow
Friday 29 th November	Read and Relax	Letter to follow No Homework Club
Monday 2 nd December	Year 3 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 6 th December	Tuck Shop	3:30 on the school playground
Monday 9 th December	Theatre Trip Palace Redditch Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Letter sent
Wednesday 11 th December	Theatre Trip Mac Rec and Yr1	Letter sent
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Fayre	No Homework Club No After School Club Details of events to follow
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Production Christmas jumper day Class parties	Letter to follow

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