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Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you of some recent changes and exciting upcoming events.

Phonics

This year we have changed our phonics scheme to Phonics Shed. For those of you with children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 this means that they can now access Phonics Shed games from home to support with their learning in school. In the meeting next week (Friday 7th October), I will demonstrate how you can access and use these games. In the meantime, you are welcome to experiment yourselves at home.

The easiest way to access Phonics Shed is via Wonde using their emoji password. Once you have logged into Wonde, you can access all our school resources to support your child's learning. For phonics, that means your child can practice the sounds they have been learning in school.

Reading

As most of you will know by now, Bells Farm school has a very strong 'Reading for Pleasure' ethos. You will have seen from our newsletters that we are always trying new things to support children to develop pleasure in reading.

Alongside this, we also have a very well-planned reading curriculum. We all know that regular reading practise enables children to make progress. We would like all our children to be reading regularly at home. This is a part of our homework policy due to the positive impact it has in school. If your child is in Y1, 2, 3 (and Reception soon!) they will be bringing home 2 reading books. One will be at a level which matches their phonics knowledge, meaning they should be able to read it to you. This book will have a sticker on the side. They will then also bring a book from their class library. This is a book to share with someone at home and they may need help to read it. On top of this, they may bring extra books from our school library. We would like your child to read and change their reading books regularly – at least twice every week. Older children will be bringing home longer books so they will need changing less often but they will still need reminding to change them! Please do try to encourage your child to read regularly.

I will be sending further information with ways to support your child's reading comprehension and fluency separate to this letter.

Reading Events

As well as continuing with ERIC in class, whole-school ERIC each month and Read and Relax events, we are also introducing a new event: Book Breakfast. Every week a different class will be invited into school on a Friday morning between 8:15 – 8:45 to spend some time reading in our school library. We know many parents haven't

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visited our library so we are very excited to invite you in to share some quality reading time with your child enjoying books in our library along with a drink and croissant. We do hope you will join us when it is your child's turn:

Date	Year Group
Friday 14th October from 8:15	Year 1 Puffins
Friday 21 st October from 8:15	Year 2 Toucans
Friday 4 th November from 8:15	Year 3 Bluebirds
Friday 11 th November from 8:15	Year 4 Robins
Friday 18 th November from 8:15	Year 5 Kestrels and Year 6 Eagles
Friday 25 th November from 8:15	Reception Swans

Wonde

As a school we have many subscriptions we use in lessons, and ask the children to use at home, to enhance their learning. As we pay for these services, your child has to log in to each application. Wonde is a portal the children can use to access all their school subscriptions, meaning they only need one password.

Each child has an emoji password and QR code to access their Wonde account. This then unlocks EdShed, Times Table Rock Stars and many more apps we use in school. If you haven't received a copy of their password then please let us know, as every child should have a copy for use at home. If you would like more support with how to use Wonde or any of our school apps, we are running a parent workshop on Monday 7th November to demonstrate and support you with access and use. In the meantime, do contact me using teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk if you need support.

Fundraising Fridays

We will be continuing with our fundraising efforts this year with the aim being to use this money to improve the children's experiences in and out of school. Last year we raised an enormous £1,941 which is going towards a new trim trail being installed in October. Here is the full schedule for this term:

Date	Fundraising Event
Friday 7th October 3:30	Cake sale in school playground
Friday 14th October 3:30	Sweet sale in school playground
Friday 21 st October	Autumn disco in school hall
Friday 4 th November 3:30	Uniform Swap Shop (no money needed)
Friday 11 th November 3:30 – 4:30	Read and Relax in school
Friday 18 th November 3:30	Spotty Clothes and Spotty Sale
Friday 25 th November 3:30	Biscuit sale in school playground
Friday 2 nd December 3:30	Pizza sale in school playground
Monday 5 th – Thursday 8 th December	Christmas gift sale in school
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Fayre in school hall

Further details of what the events involve will be sent out as needed. We do hope you will continue to support us with these events.

Kind regards,

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