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Behaviour for Learning: Perseverance

Value Word: Friendship

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 96%

Toucans – 93%

Bluebirds - 95%

Robins – 93%

Kestrels – 93%

Eagles – 98%

Well done to Eagles who won a roll on Classopoly!

A Busy Week

This week has been an extremely busy one in school! Our Year 1 children have done everyone proud while completing their Phonics Screening Checks. Year 4 Multiplication Table Checks are now complete and the children have really persevered and worked hard this year and it really has paid off!

Year 2 have completed their SATs papers this week and were AMAZING! They were absolute superstars! The results for all these assessments will come out in their reports at the end of the year but I can absolutely assure you that every single child has done their very best.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a huge priority for us at Bells Farm and this includes all aspects of ensuring children are safe; at home, at school and out in the community. There are times we will call if your child attends school with an injury to find the circumstances behind how this occurred. This is **not** any judgement on school's part - it is simply our safeguarding duty to ensure we follow up when children present with injuries.

It is really useful if your child has an injury for you to report this to myself or another member of staff on the door in the morning. Children have accidents all the time, and there are often very rational reasons for children to be injured, but we do need to follow up if we haven't been informed by a parent about a mark on their child. I would just like to reiterate that there is no judgement from school attached to these phone calls and often they are just to inform you that we

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have noticed this mark and to ensure you know that it is present too.

Father's Day Sale

Next week we will be holding our Father's Day sale in School. This will work in a similar way to previous Mother's Day sales. Each class will be given a selection of items for the children to choose from between £1 and £5. Children will be allowed to purchase one item on Wednesday or Thursday and then any items that are leftover can be purchased by anyone on Friday. This will allow all children to have a fair chance of purchasing something. Your child should bring cash only for this sale into School next week on Wednesday. Due to items being different prices and not knowing how much each child will spend, this will be a cash only sale.

Year Six Parents

We are currently in the process of sharing information with secondary schools regarding your child. This information is shared based on the school placements list we received from the local authority in March. If your child is no longer attending the school you were originally offered, it is really important that you let us know. We share this information to allow the transition to their new school to be a smooth process but obviously would not want to share information if your child is not attending. Some children have informed us they are attending different schools but we will need this confirmed by yourselves.

We are very excited to be taking our Y6 class on their residential trip to the Pioneer Centre next week. If your child is attending, please ensure they have all the items on the kit list that Miss Edwards provided. I would just like to reiterate that the children should bring old, scruffy items that are almost ready for the bin rather than a whole new wardrobe!

If your child needs to take any medication (whether this is regular medication or one-off medication) this will need to be bought into school on Monday by an adult and a medical form will need to be completed. Children **will not** be permitted to have medication in their rooms so it is really important that you do not pack medication in their cases and that it is handed into school directly. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

I will update you via SchoolComms (app and email) when the children have arrived and then further updates will be available throughout the trip via the school website. Please don't worry – your children will be well looked after by Miss Edwards and Mrs Johnson and myself and Mrs Hudson are also attending for some of the trip.

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It was lovely to meet some new parents who will be joining us in September at our meeting last night, and thank you to those of you who joined us ready for a sibling to begin. We are very pleased to say that our new Reception class is currently now full which is excellent news. We also have a waiting list in school in case there is any movement in families over the summer holidays so please do you keep spreading the word if you have friends of Reception aged children.

We do also have a number of spaces in our Y2 class who are about to move into Y3. If you know anyone who is considering a move to the area, or looking for a change of school placement, please do recommend us - particularly for this year group.

Data Collection

As you know, it is extremely important that we are able to contact somebody in an emergency during the school day. Most of the time we will aim for a parent as the first option. However, if this isn't possible then we will contact the next emergency person that you provided on your form. This is why we ask that we have (at least) three up-to-date contacts for every child in school. This will mean that if there is an emergency situation, we are able to contact somebody who can hopefully contact you or act on your behalf. information regarding who we can contact in an emergency. At least one of these contacts must be available during the school day.

We have had times this term and last, where we have been concerned about a child and unable to contact anybody to pick them up. We will always seek further advice if we are worried, but obviously the best place for a poorly child is at home with a parent who can look after them.

Today, your child will bring home a new data collection form (not applicable for Y6). We would like to ask that you fill this out (a separate copy for each child in school) and return it to school as soon as possible before the end of the school year. This is so we can ensure we have the most up-to-date information about your child and it is something we will do bi-annually from now on. It is important you fill in every part of the form so please come and ask for support if there is anything you are unsure of. We appreciate your support with this.

Miss Hackett's Role

Miss Hackett's role in school is as our Family Support Coordinator. She will often meet with families and offer School Based Early Help. This includes supporting families when they are having

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issues with housing, finances, travel to and from school, childcare and also signposting to other agencies who can help. This is the good part of her job and the part she enjoys the most.

The other part of Miss Hackett's role is that she is responsible for safeguarding and attendance. This often means you will receive a phone call from Miss Hackett if we are concerned about periods of absence that your child has had from school or their attendance in general. This is Miss Hackett's job and she completes this job professionally, kindly and with a smile at all times.

It is often me, as Headteacher, who asks Miss Hackett to complete these calls and follow-ups with parents. I am also the lead DSL in school (Designated Safeguarding Lead) which means it is ultimately my responsibility to ensure all children are safeguarded, at all times, at home and at school. As I am also running the school day to day, and ensuring all children are educated appropriately, I don't always have time to make the phone calls required for us to have clarification around events that may have happened to your child or to follow up on attendance. This is why, at times, you will receive phone calls from Miss Hackett. She is often making these phone calls on my behalf in order for us to fulfil our **legal responsibilities** as a school as well as our duty of care to all children.

I would like to ask that you are respectful during these phone calls from school. We know it is difficult when you are being contacted by school in relation to safeguarding and attendance and that these conversations may be uncomfortable for you as parents. This is not our intention, but it is our legal duty to ensure children attend school and that they are safe when they are in our care but also in your care at home. These calls come with no judgement from school and are often to simply inform you of what your child has shared with us or concerns raised from teachers. These will be shared with you sensitively and with a view to promoting home school relations.

Thank you to those of you who have completed the 'Leave in term time' form available from the school office when taking your child out of school. This form must be completed for all leave taken during term time, no matter how long or short. Not all absences will result in a fine. The form must be completed correctly with clear dates and phone numbers and written in clear block capitals so we can process it easily. It is really important that you are honest when taking your children away on holiday. We do understand why parents take holidays during term time but I have previously explained I am unable to authorise these holidays. Staff time is wasted when parents are not honest about where their children are. Miss Hackett's time is wasted if she has to complete Safe and Well visits for children who are on holiday. Please also remember – it is highly likely that your child (or another child) will tell us that you have been away!

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You will find a full copy of our safeguarding and attendance policies on our school website. We must adhere to these policies and sometimes this involves making uncomfortable phone calls to parents in order for us to do so. I would like to politely ask that if you have any issues with with phone calls you receive from school that you have this conversation directly with me. Miss Hackett may be the face of these phone calls, but she is simply fulfilling her job role. The points of the phone call will have been set by me and therefore if you are upset about the contents of any phone call with Miss Hackett, you must make an appointment to discuss it with me in person.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that all staff in school are simply trying to fulfil their job role and do the best they can for our children. I would like to ask that you respect everyone as they do this. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
15 th – 17 th June	Y6 residential	Letter sent
Friday 19 th June	Reception Class Assembly	Letter sent
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th June	Father's Day Sale	Details above
Friday 19 th June and Friday 26 th June	Ice lolly and Ice cream Sale	Details to follow
Monday 22 nd June	SEN Reviews R, Y1, Y2	Invitations sent
Monday 29 th June	SEN Reviews Y3, Y4, Y5	Invitations sent
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day	Details to follow
Friday 3 rd July	Y1 Class Assembly	Details to follow
Wednesday 8 th July	Sports Day	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 9:15 YR, Y1, Y2 2:00 Further details to follow
Tuesday 7 th July	New Y5 Workshop 9:00 (current Y4) New Y6 Workshop 2:30 (current Y5)	Details to follow Details to follow
Thursday 9 th July	New Y3 Workshop 9:00 (current Y2) New Y4 Workshop 2:30 (current Y3)	Details to follow Details to follow
Friday 10 th July	Summer Fayre No After School Club	Details to follow

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Tuesday 14th July	New Y2 Workshop 9:00 (current Y1) New Y1 Workshop 2:30 (current Rec)	Details to follow Details to follow
Wednesday 15th July	Y6 Party	Details to follow
Friday 17th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly Break up for summer No After School Club	9:05 in school hall
Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September	Teacher Training Days	School CLOSED to all children but open for phone/email queries.
Thursday 3rd September	School Opens	All children from Y1 – Y6 return full time New Reception part time
Monday 7th September	Reception full time	

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