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Behaviour for Learning: Pride
Value Word: Responsibility

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 99%

Puffins – 97%

Toucans – 85%

Bluebirds – 92%

Robins – 98%

Kestrels – 94%

Eagles – 98%

Well done Swans! Your first week in school and you were the best attenders!

Star Assembly

This week was our very first star assembly of the year and I really enjoyed seeing the children, families and staff this morning celebrating these wonderful children:

Y6 – Aysjiah and Elias

Y5 – Jonah and Ebony

Y4 – Ryleigh and K'Mya

Y3 – Lily-Rose and William

Y2 – Evie and Marty

Y1 – Theo and Adam

This week's Star of the School was Anaya from Year 3 for being a true Bells Farm role model.

Well done to all of these fantastic children for setting excellent examples of our learning behaviours.

Well Done Reception!

It feels like our new Reception children have always been with us! They have settled in so well and so quickly. It has been a joy to start to get to know them on the 'big playground' and I know Miss Coghlan is really proud of them too. Well done everyone!

New Reception 2026 Open Days

It will soon be that time of year again when we hold our open days for our Reception cohort next

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year. These will take place on Thursday 6th November at 10:00 and 5:00 and on Friday 7th November at 10:00 so please share these dates with prospective parents. In the front office there are some leaflets with links to our website which we would appreciate you passing on if you have any links in the local community. Please pass them along to anyone you know who owns a business or a community group or any links you may have with local nurseries. We would also like to purchase a banner so if you know anybody who works in this industry, and might be able to offer us a discount on this, please do come and let us know.

School App

The school app is now fully up and running properly. Please ensure all lunches are now booked via the app for the remainder of the term. We understand there have been delays on our part having the app up and running which may have prevented you from doing up to now, which we apologise for. As it is now fully working, the children are no longer having a dinner register in their classroom in the mornings. This means that anyone without a lunch booked will be defaulted to the first option, which we know sometimes causes issues when they go into the dinner hall. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Clubs

You will by now have been notified if you have received a place in one of our clubs beginning on Monday. On the School app we have now updated payments to include payments for these extracurricular clubs. Our normal provision of breakfast club and after-school club are now under the heading of 'wraparound care' to distinguish between the two. If you are booking wraparound care these are the normal facilities run by myself, Mrs Johnson, Miss Jones and Miss Potter that happen every day from 7:45 until 5:30. You must continue to book a place in Breakfast Club or After School Club when you need it as per the policy and agreement.

If you have been allocated one of our extracurricular clubs which begin from Monday, you can make the payment for these clubs on the school app also. This payment can be made weekly as soon as the app has authorised our request. We hope this will be by Monday but will send another message when the payment goes live.

We are looking forward to these clubs beginning on Monday and will be posting some photos of children enjoying them on our website soon. If you have not yet requested a place in a club, you can still do so via the clubs email: clubs@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk and if the club is full, you will be notified when a space becomes available.

Unfortunately, glockenspiel club has been cancelled as not enough children wanted to take part.

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Flu Immunisation

Earlier this week, you will have received information on how your child can take part in the free national flu immunisation program this year. Attached to this email you will find further information to enable you to make an informed decision on whether you want your child to have this protection. As a school we would always recommend children are as protected as they can be against all the upcoming winter bug! Flu can be nasty and make little ones very poorly so please do read the information attached and consent using these details:

<https://www.bchcschoolagevaccs.nhs.uk>

Quoting Letter Reference - 103383-1079

Access Code - 4578

Labels

Teachers have shared that there are still many children in class who don't have their items of clothing labelled. We already have a significant amount of lost property which we are unable to reunite with its brand-new owners as there are no names in them! Lost property will now be kept in the front office so you can go after school to look for anything your child may have lost. Again, I would strongly recommend that you label everything or ask the teachers to do so for you.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding all our children at all points during the school day is our top priority. Those parents who are new to us will not be as familiar with our Arrivals and Collections policy and therefore I would just like to draw attention to a few key facts from that policy in this letter. You can find a copy of the full policy on our school website along with all of our other policies.

- At the end of the school day, children will leave via their assigned door. Children will leave once a member of staff has seen a parent/carer.
- If parents/carers wish to speak to a member of staff, they will need to wait until all the children have been dismissed or make an appointment via the school office.
- It is the policy of the school that no person under the age of 14 years can collect a child without a previous agreement and at the discretion of the Headteacher.
- You must inform the school office if you are going to be late as soon as possible. Children who haven't been collected by 3:35 will be taken to the school office where they will wait and parents will be contacted.
- Late children will go to ASC and parents will be charged for this. This also applies after clubs; any child not collected by 4:20 will be considered late for collection and the same procedures will apply.

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- In the event of a child not being collected by 6:00 Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) and/or the police will be notified of a non-collection and the matter will be handed over to their care.
- In no circumstances should a child be taken by a person not known by the school.

At this time of year, teachers are trying really hard to get to know a lot of new faces! Our policy states that a child will not be released until a teacher has spotted the collecting adult, called the child and then watched them meet that adult. Obviously, as teachers take time to become more familiar with parents, there may be some delay in children reaching you. Please do be patient and respectful of staff during this time. We do hope you understand the safeguarding reasons behind all of the procedures above.

Reminders

- Please send your bull photos to teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for their PE days.
- Class newsletters are being sent home today to share information regarding the curriculum your child will experience this term. Further information will also be available about our school curriculum on the school website from Monday 15th.
- Parent governor elections will begin on Monday 15th. You will receive a letter inviting you to nominate yourself or another parent and explaining the full process.
- Please remember that if your child has a medical appointment (that can't happen outside school time) we can authorise this if we have seen proof of the appointment. This might be an appointment letter, appointment card or even a screenshot of a text message and should be sent to enquiry@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk
- Children with long hair must have it tied back.
- All children should bring a named water bottle to school every day.
- As the weather becomes more unpredictable all children should bring their coat every day.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Monday 6 th October	Y1 Early Reading and Phonics Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 7 th October	Whole school flu (nasal)	Letter sent
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening	Details to follow
Friday 24 th October	Non-uniform day in support of Operation Santa	Details to follow
Thursday 6 th November	New Reception Open Day (2026 cohort)	10:00 and 5:00
Friday 7 th November	New Reception Open Day (2026 cohort)	10:00
Monday 10 th November	Year 4 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 11 th November	Individual photos	Details to follow
Monday 8 th December	Year 5 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Pantomime in school	Details to follow

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