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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Behaviour for Learning: Working with others
Value Word: Peace

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 99%

Toucans – 91%

Bluebirds – 95%

Robins – 98%

Kestrels – 91%

Eagles – 96%

Well done Puffins who won a roll on Classopoly... and the treasure!

Star Assembly

This week we held our very special Star Assembly where we really enjoyed seeing the children, families and staff celebrating these wonderful children:

Y6 – Thomas S and Esmee

Y5 – Kallum and Ethan

Y4 – Zara J and Zara A

Y3 – Isaac and Lojain

Y2 – Rahaf and Khaleel

Y1 – Jaxon and Connie

Reception – Dakota and Umayrah

This week's Star of the School was Emma from Y6 for a real Bells Farm role model! Well done to all of these fantastic children for setting excellent examples of our learning behaviours.

Thank You!

Thank you to those who supported us to support Children in Need today with our cake sale. We raised £182 for them!

Brain Rot Merchandise

As previously mentioned in a parent letter, the online trend Brainrot is inappropriate for children. I would therefore like to ask that parents avoid purchasing merchandise to send into school using

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the images and branding from Brainrot. We do not wish to advertise something in school which we deem to be inappropriate for the children. This includes bags, lunchboxes and drink bottles. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Here is the information shared with parents in a letter in the summer term:

It has come to our attention that there are children in school who have seen Italian Brainrot material. We strongly suggest that parents keep themselves up to date with this trend and be aware that the material is **not suitable** for primary children.

If your child has suddenly started saying random words like “Tralalero Tralala” or talking about cappuccino ballerinas and crocodile planes these phrases are part of a viral trend called Italian Brainrot. It is all over TikTok and YouTube Shorts, and while it might sound like innocent nonsense, there’s more going on beneath the surface.

Italian Brainrot is a meme trend featuring AI-generated characters (like a three-legged shark in Nike shoes or a crocodile fused with a bomber plane), paired with a sing-song voice that sounds vaguely Italian. Kids love repeating the silly catchphrases and watching the fast-paced, colourful videos — they’re chaotic, funny, and feel harmless but in reality are racist and violent.

Please do find out more at [What is Italian Brainrot?](#)

Christmas

Teachers have now been given the song and dance routine their children will be learning for our Christmas performance of Lights, Camel Action at the end of the term. As an inclusive school, we would like to encourage all children to take part in the performance. However, we do understand that some families do not wish for their children to take part in any Christmas related activities. I would therefore ask that those of you who wish your child not to take part in the Christmas performance, Christmas party and other Christmas related events that may happen during the last week of term to put this in writing and send it into school with your child. We would appreciate you doing this as soon as possible so we can make alternative provision for these children involving different tasks when classes are rehearsing and taking part in Christmas festivities.

Clubs

I would just like to remind parents whose children are entitled to free school meals that we can support with the funding of a place at an extra-curricular club. We would never want money to be a factor that stops the children from taking part in an extra-curricular activity and so if this applies to your child and they would like to attend one of our clubs, please do come and have a chat either on the phone or at the beginning or end of the school day.

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Wraparound Care

Please ensure that you book the appropriate slots for wraparound care for your child. This week we have had children attend both Breakfast Club and After School Club who have not been booked in. This causes issues with us for ratios, particularly as at this point in the year we do have four year olds attending and the ratio for four year olds is different. We are having more and more parents leave their children at 3:30 and we then need to send them to After School Club but we haven't accounted for them in staffing. This is unfair on the children who have booked in and the staff who have to step in at the last moment to fill in. Please do ensure you book these clubs via the school app and adhere to the agreement you signed for the use of these clubs at the beginning of the school year. Thank you.

Alongside this, I would like to remind all parents that school finishes at 3:30. Classroom doors are open for five minutes only and then children will be taken to the front office so phone calls can be made at 3:35. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure somebody collects your child promptly each day. Thank you to those of you who always do this and I'm sorry to have to repeat this message!

Raffle Tickets

Next Tuesday I will be delivering a whole school assembly to inform the children of their mission to sell raffle tickets to their family and friends. The children will then bring their plastic wallet of raffle tickets home with them ready to sell. As mentioned in last week's newsletter all children will be sent with raffle tickets but if you are unable to sell them (or don't wish to take part in this at all) please do send them back into school for resale. Once your child has sold their tickets, they can bring the money and the stubs back to school in the plastic wallet and give them to their teacher or hand them to an adult on the door in the morning. Please ensure the information on the ticket stub has been fully completed. We have asked for the name and contact number of the buyer and the child in school they bought them from. The child's name is more important than the other two bits of information so it is vital you record your child's first name and surname initial and year group at the bottom of the ticket stub before returning it to school. We do have a huge range of prizes now for the raffle!

First prize - tickets for two adults and two children for West Midlands Safari Park

Second prize - a gift hamper which includes a remote control car, wireless headphones and a karaoke sound system

Third prize – a Christmas food hamper worth over £50

We also have a VERY large elf toy (sorry!), a football, a collectible edition of Trivial Pursuit and vouchers for Amazon, Smyths, Becketts Farm and many more!

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Walking Home

You may have seen in the local news and media, that there have been some incidents recently regarding children being watched/approached when leaving school. We will be delivering an age-appropriate 'Stranger Danger' lesson in every class next week to ensure the children know how to keep themselves safe.

If your child is in Year 6 and walks home alone, we would strongly recommend you have an extra conversation with them over the weekend about staying safe and that you have some sort of check-in system with them to ensure they have arrived home safely. We don't want to scare the children unnecessarily but we do need to ensure they know what they would do if they were approached in the way children have been in our local area recently.

Uniform Reminders

I would like to remind you (and inform our new parents) that the following information is in our uniform policy:

- Children should not wear earrings to school unless they are small studs.
- Children should not wear nail varnish to school.
- Headbands and bows should be small and preferably uniform blue in colour.
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back at all times

Thank you for your co-operation with this policy.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Monday 17 th November	Reception Maths Workshop	Letter sent
Friday 21 st November	Table Top Sale	3:30 School playground
Monday 24 th November	Year 3 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 28 th November	Family Fun Bingo	Details to follow
Monday 1 st December	Year 2 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 5 th December	Photo Booth	Details to follow
Monday 8 th December	Year 5 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fayre	Details to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Pantomime in school	Details to follow
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Performance 1:30	Letter sent and details to follow

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	<i>Raffle to be drawn following performance</i>	
<i>Friday 19th December</i>	<i>Christmas Performance 9:15</i>	<i>Letter sent and details to follow</i>

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