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Behaviour for Learning: Pride
Value Word: Respect

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Puffins – 97%

Toucans – 97%

Bluebirds – 95%

Robins – 95%

Kestrels – 90%

Eagles – 98%

Well done to Eagles who won a roll on Classopoly!

FUNdraising Fridays Return!

We are delighted to announce the return of FUNdraising Fridays, which have become a much-loved tradition at Bells Farm. Every Friday for the remainder of this term, we will be holding a variety of fun fundraising events that children, families and staff can enjoy together. Funds raised are kept separately from the school budget and are used to provide additional resources, opportunities and experiences for our children that our current budget does not allow us to purchase.

Over the past two years, your incredible support has helped us refurbish our classrooms with new desks and chairs. This has made a huge difference to the learning environment, and we are extremely grateful for all the support our families have shown.

Following consideration of a number of projects, we have decided to use this year's fundraising proceeds to refurbish the children's toilets. This project will improve facilities that are used by every child in school, helping to create a more welcoming, modern and comfortable environment for all pupils. This investment will have a lasting benefit for the whole school community. We do hope you will continue to support us with this.

As part of this exciting project, we will be carrying out as much of the work as possible ourselves to help keep costs down and ensure that every penny raised goes further. If anyone has any skills or connections that may support us with this, we would love to hear from you. Whether you are a plumber, tiler, decorator, tradesperson, work for a company that could offer

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support, or know of a business that may be willing to donate materials or services, we would be very grateful to hear from you. By working together, we can create improved facilities that will benefit all of our children for years to come.

You will find the dates for our fundraising events for this term highlighted on the calendar below. We hope you will be able to join us and support these exciting events.

Our first event takes place **next Friday** with a sale of spooky-themed cakes and biscuits on the playground at the end of the school day. Items will be available from **50p**. Sales tables will be located near the main entrance and in the Year 2 playground area. Payments of **£1 or more** can be made by card, and cash will also be accepted. We look forward to you there!

Autumn Craft Event - Friday 13th November

We are also excited to introduce our very first **Autumn Craft Event**, which will take place after school on **Friday 13th November** in the school dining hall. Families are invited to attend with their child and choose from a variety of autumn-themed craft activities. Each craft activity will cost **£2**, and children can complete one craft or enjoy several activities during the session.

Examples of completed crafts will be on display, and staff will be available to help whenever needed, so please don't worry if crafting isn't usually your favourite activity! We would love for you to come along and enjoy this new experience with your child.

Further information about future fundraising events will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

Parents' Evening - Wednesday 21st October

We are looking forward to welcoming families into school for Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21st October. Appointment times will be sent out on Monday. While we always try our best to accommodate preferred times, it is not always possible to meet every request. If the time allocated is not suitable, please contact Pauline in the school office, who will be happy to discuss any alternative slots that may still be available.

While you are waiting for your appointment, you will have the opportunity to look through your child's exercise books and celebrate the progress they have made since the start of the year. We will also ask all families to complete and sign a new **Home School Agreement**. This agreement is an important part of life at Bells Farm and helps to ensure that school and home work together to provide the best possible support for every child. If completed before your

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appointment, please leave it with the class teacher. If completed afterwards, it can be returned to the school office. Thank you.

Y6 Parents

This is a reminder that any outstanding payments for the deposit for the residential visit should be made as soon as possible as this is **now overdue**. We are expected to pay the deposit by the end of this month and will only be booking the correct number of places. If you have any questions regarding payment or require support, please contact the school office.

We would also like to remind parents of Year 6 pupils that the closing date for secondary school applications is fast approaching – 31st October. Please ensure your application is submitted on time to avoid any difficulties in securing a school place.

Swimming

We have now reached the halfway point in our swimming lessons, and it has been wonderful to see how well the children are doing. They have approached each session with enthusiasm and positivity, and it is clear that they are growing in confidence in the water. The children are developing their swimming skills, listening carefully to instructions and demonstrating excellent perseverance as they take on new challenges. We are very proud of their progress so far and, most importantly, they are thoroughly enjoying the experience! We will have some photos on display during Parents' Evening so you can see just how much fun they are having.

Swimming Kit Reminder: As lessons continue next week, please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit, including a swimming costume or trunks, shoes, a towel and a swimming cap. Long hair must be tied back, and all jewellery should be removed before the lesson. Thank you for your support in helping the sessions run smoothly.

Also, just a little reminder to make the payment for this wonderful experience if you haven't already done so.

Online Safety

At Bells Farm, we are committed to supporting children to use technology safely, responsibly and positively. With generative AI becoming an increasingly important part of the digital world, we would like to keep parents informed by sharing some of the key points from our Bells Farm AI Policy which you will find attached to this newsletter.

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Over the next few weeks, our Digital Ambassadors will be training with Mr Lo to strengthen their understanding of online safety and digital wellbeing. Look out for our Winter Newsletter, where they will be sharing computing successes, helpful online safety advice and tips for families.

A Reminder About Morning Drop-Off

Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to walk their children safely across the playground each morning. Please continue to accompany your child to ensure they are handed over safely and received by a member of staff. This small action helps us maintain a safe and secure start to the school day for everyone.

Reminders

- Your child can wear their **own clothes** to celebrate their birthday.
- Your child must bring a coat with them everyday now please.
- Send an email to clubs@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk if your child is interested in joining Cooking Club (Thursdays) or Drama Club (Tuesdays) after half term.
- Please remember to book your child's lunch via the school app.
- If your child attends Breakfast Club or After School Club please ensure you close the gate when you leave.
- Please complete the following form if you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer:
[Parent Volunteer Interest Form – Fill in form](#)

Kind regards,

Miss Williams

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Thursday 8 th October	Y1 Maths Workshop	Letter sent
Friday 9 th October	Y5 Class Assembly – Harvest KES Orchestra Music Performance	Letter sent In school for Y1 – Y6
Monday 12 th October – Friday 23 rd October	Swimming lessons begin	Details sent and more to follow

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Friday 23 rd October	Spooky Sale	School Playground
Tuesday 20 th October	Open Day prospective parents Sept 2027	10:00 and 17:00
Friday 6 th November	Cake Sale	School Playground
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' Evening	Letter sent
Wednesday 4 th November	Reception Maths Workshop	Letter sent (today)
Tuesday 10 th November	Y4 Maths Workshop	Letter sent (today)
Friday 13 th November	Autumn Crafts	Details above
Tuesday 17 th November	Y5 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 20 th November	Winter Disco	Details to follow
Tuesday 24 th November	Y2 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Thursday 26 th November	Y1 Reading and Phonics Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 27 th November	Family Fun Bingo	Details to follow
Tuesday 1 st December	Y6 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 4 th December	Winter Photo Booth and non-school uniform day	Details to follow
Tuesday 8 th December	Y3-Y6 Theatre Trip	Letter sent
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Fayre	Details to follow Details to follow
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Performance 2:00	Details to follow
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Performance 9:15	Details to follow

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