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Behaviour for Learning: Listening
Value Word: Patience

Dear Parent / Carer,

Star Assembly

This week's special Star Assembly will take place on Friday 20th where we will be celebrating these wonderful children:

Y6 – Dareion and Leah

Y5 – Kane and Finlay

Y4 – Joseph and Matt

Y3 – Anaya and Rishi

Y2 – Oliver and Xiomara

Y1 – Isaac and Paityn

Reception – Dolly and Oscar P

This week's Star of the School is Ryleigh from Year 4 for being a real ray of sunshine and the perfect role model! Well done to all of these fantastic children for setting excellent examples of our learning behaviours.

Egg Technology

It's come around again – time for the children to get creative with eggs and come up with original designs! If you are new to us you can see previous EGGxamples of Egg Technology on our school website: <https://www.bellsfarm.org/egg-technology-2/>

The only rule is to use at least one whole eggshell in the finished product. The children can use paint, glitter, sequins and any other craft material they wish. We are looking forward to seeing what they produce!

The finished models should be brought into school on Friday 27th March at the start of the school day. Please do not send them in before this date as we will be unable to store them in classrooms. When they bring them in on the last day, they will take them to the main corridor and put them on display. We will announce the winners - one from each class, at the end of the school day. The children can then take their works of art back home!

Parents' Evening

Thank you for returning your forms for parents evening – it is wonderful to see we already

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have so many bookings! I would like to remind you that you have until **Monday 23rd March** to return these forms to school. Pauline in the school office is arranging the appointments and will return the slips to you to confirm your appointment time. If you don't receive confirmation, please call the office to check what time you have been allocated – after checking your child's bag first!

Audiebant System

We are having a new audio system installed in school this week. This system will enable us to improve our procedures for a potential lockdown, which all schools are legally now required to have plans in place for. The system also enables regular messages to be given to the children during the school day and to parents at the beginning and end of the day. There is a speaker system internally and externally and we are really looking forward to it improving our timekeeping! Once the system is fully up and running (likely after Easter) teachers will send children out at 3:25 and 3:30 when the announcement is made to do so. This will hopefully be the same time as it is on your phones and smart watches. We hope this new system will ensure that all children are released at the correct time, enabling you to pick them up swiftly.

As part of the system, there will be timed announcements throughout the day. During the morning, our external speakers will inform you of the time so that everyone can be in school by 9:00. At 9:00 doors will be closed and anyone arriving after this time is late and therefore will need to go to the front office where parents will need to sign them in using the Inventory screen. Lessons or assemblies start promptly at 9:00 and so we endeavour to have all children in school by this time. Mr Howell will close the playground gate at 9:00 and if you arrive after this time you will need to walk your child to the front entrance.

At the end of the day, our external speakers will announce that it is home time. The pick up time for Reception and Y1 will be 3:25 and Y2 – Y6 remains at 3:30. At 3:35, doors will be closed following the announcement and all remaining children will be taken to the school office. At 3:40, your child will be placed in After School Club and you will be charged for this.

During the summer term, we will be having a lockdown practice. This is something all children (except Reception) will be familiar with as we have one annually. With this new system of notification in place, it will be a much easier and quicker process. The children will be informed when the practice for lockdown is going to happen and will briefly explained to in an age-appropriate way why we need to have these drills. Reception class will be thoroughly prepared

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by Miss Coghlan - again in an age-appropriate way.

FUNdraising

Thank you for those of you who supported our Mother's Day Sale - we have raised over £250 which is excellent! Thank you to all the staff who donated and sourced gifts to allow the sale to happen.

Thank you also to those who have already visited our Scholastic Book Fair. Your last chance to visit will be tomorrow after school in the spare year two classroom.

On Friday, we will be raising money for Comic Relief by inviting the children to wear **something red** on Friday 20th March. We will have our donation buckets on the doors (front and back) as the children enter, so please ensure they have their £1 ready to pop in the bucket on their way into school.

Helping Families Talk About Online Content: 'You Won't Know Until You Ask'

The government has launched a new campaign called You Won't Know Until You Ask. It is designed to help parents and carers talk to children about harmful or upsetting content they may see online — things like body-shaming, unkind posts, or videos designed to shock. Research shows that many parents have never talked to their child about this, even though many children now have a Smart devices. Many adults say they are not sure what their child is seeing online.

The campaign gives simple, easy-to-use help, including:

- step-by-step guides for safety settings
- quick conversation ideas
- tips for talking about false or harmful information

These small conversations can make a big difference. They help children understand what they see online and know they can talk to a trusted adult. You can find the campaign here:

<https://kidsonlineafety.campaign.gov.uk>

Reminders

- This Friday – bring £1 and wear something red for comic Relief.

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- Our next SEN coffee morning will take place on Friday 20th March at 9:00 with Anna from the Communication and Autism Team and Mrs Hudson and the focus will be on sensory regulation.
- Your child can wear their own clothes to celebrate their birthday. If this falls during a holiday or the weekend, they can choose the closest day to wear them. Please remember this was put in place to replace birthday sweets which are no longer allowed.
- Please remember to book your child's lunch. We have now been through all three weeks of the menus and so it would be extremely helpful if you could talk to your child about the lunches they have enjoyed and book them for the remainder of this academic year.
- Children should not ride bikes or scooters on the school playground before or after school. They have also been reminded this week they are not permitted to play football before school. This has caused issues and injuries previously. Please remind your children of this in the mornings.
- Please remember your child needs a full PE kit in school as PE lessons will be moving outside as the weather brightens (hopefully!). Your child needs suitable outdoor PE clothes and pumps or trainers. It is also important that your child brings their water bottle into school every day.
- Please remember to inform us if your child has a mark on them from an injury they have sustained at home. We always endeavour to do the same when the children have hurt themselves in school. Likewise, please remember to inform us if your child has not had breakfast so this can be provided if needed. We know sometimes children can be fussy in the mornings (and we do not judge when children have not had breakfast) but this can sometimes affect their ability to concentrate in class. If we know your child has not eaten, we can provide breakfast in these special circumstances.
- Please remember to keep your child at home if they have had sickness and / or diarrhoea. They must be 48 hours clear before they return to school to stop any spread.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams

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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day	Wear red - £1 donation
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents' Evening	Details to follow
Friday 27 th March	Egg Technology Bells Farm's Got Talent Break up for Easter	Details to follow Details to follow
Monday 13 th April	Return to school	
Friday 17 th April	Donut sale Year 5 swimming starts	Pre-orders only Details to follow - Fridays
Monday 20 th April	Year trip to West Midlands Safari Park	Letter sent
Friday 24 th April	Family Bingo	Details to follow
Friday 1 st May	Read and Relax	Details to follow
Thursday 7 th May	School closed for polling station	
Friday 8 th May	Pizza sale	Pre-orders only
Tuesday 12 th May	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo	Details to follow
Friday 15 th May	Pro Strike Football Fundraiser	Details to follow
Friday 22 nd May	Cake sale Break up	Details to follow
Monday 1 st June	Return to school	
Friday 5 th June	Summer Disco Year 3 swimming starts	Details to follow Details to follow - Fridays
Tuesday 9 th June	Reception and Y1 trip to Botanical Gardens	Details to follow
Friday 12 th June	Photos in a frame	Details to follow
15 th – 17 th June	Y6 residential	Letter sent – details to follow
Friday 19 th June	Reception Class Assembly	Details to follow
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th June	Father's Day Sale	Details to follow
Friday 19 th June and Friday 26 th June	Ice lolly and Ice cream Sale	Details to follow
Friday 3 rd July	Summer Fayre Y1 Class Assembly	Details to follow Details to follow
Friday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly Break up for summer	Details to follow

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