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Value word for June: Honesty

Behaviour for Learning focus: Perseverance

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 96%

Puffins – 95%

Toucans – 97%

Bluebirds – 94%

Robins – 95%

Kestrels – 91%

Eagles – 92%

Well done to Toucans who won a roll on Classopoly... again!

Hot Weather Reminders

Well, it certainly has been a hot one this week! Although it is supposed to be cooler next week, now seems like the right time to just give a few hot weather reminders to ensure the children are safe and comfortable as they can be during the hot weather when they are in school.

- Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before they come to school on those days when it is needed. This is usually enough to last them for the morning as the latest they would be outside would be 1:15. However, if you would like to send sun cream in with your child then you are able to do so, but they must be able to apply it themselves. Unfortunately, this is not something School are allowed to do which is why we strongly suggest it is applied first thing in the morning before they leave home.
- It is also vital that your child has access to water throughout the school day. This means they must bring in a water bottle with them. This can be refilled throughout the day and they will be encouraged to drink plenty of fluids. This also feels like an opportunity to ask you to please not spend a huge amount of money on a water bottle for your child! We are finding that some children are coming into school with very expensive bottles, which they then get very upset about if they lose or break them. The really large bottles are also discouraged as they simply take up too much room in the

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classroom! The children do have access to water throughout the day and therefore a small bottle that is refillable is perfectly adequate.

- We would also suggest that your child brings in a sun hat to ensure their head is a little more protected.
- They can bring in sunglasses if their eyes are sensitive to the sun.

All these things are obviously in addition to the common sense that teachers will use to judge whether it's too warm for the children to go outside. This week some PE lessons have been shortened or delivered in alternative ways to how they were planned to ensure that the children are not outside for extended periods of time. I would also like to remind you that the children should now have their summer PE kit available in school. This means they must have a pair of shorts and suitable pumps or trainers. Please do trust that we will always make the right judgement call for the children in order to keep them safe.

Staffing

I would like to inform you that a few members of staff will be leaving soon or at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Hill will be retiring from her position in our school kitchen today. She has been an important part of our school community, serving meals with kindness, care and always a warm smile! We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication over her 10 years at Bells Farm.

Mrs Scott (school bursar) will also be retiring at the end of next week. Mrs Scott has been at Bells Farm for 13 years and has been an integral part of our school community, working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth financial and administrative running of the school.

While we are sad to see both of these members of staff go, we are incredibly grateful for all they have done for our school and wish them both a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Miss Gordon (Year 1 teacher) will be leaving us in July to take on a new teaching position nearer to her home. She has been an extremely positive member of the Bells Farm team over her time here and a real joy to have around school, as I'm sure you would all agree. She has made an excellent start to her teaching career and has made excellent progress with the

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children she has taught. She will be very sad to leave but I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best in her new job.

I am very pleased to be able to announce we appointed a new teacher this week who will take over from Gordon in teaching Year 1. Miss Cordiner has experience of teaching in Year 1 and we are certain she will be a capable and caring member of the team.

The staffing plan from September 2025:

Reception – Miss Coghlan, Mrs Sargeant and Miss Potter

Year One – Miss Cordiner and Miss Jones

Year Two – Mr Devaney and Mrs Parton-Harris

Year Three – Mrs Ville (Monday/Tuesday), Mrs Parry (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday) and Miss Parkes

Year Four – Mr Lo and Miss Knapman

Year Five – Mrs Calbreath and Miss Anderson

Year Six – Miss Edwards with Mrs Moore and Mrs Johnson in the mornings

As you will be aware from this list, a number of staff will be moving to different year groups this year which we are very excited about. This will be a wonderful new start and a stabilising factor over the next few years.

In order for you to be able to have the opportunity to meet your child's **new teacher** before September, we have decided to run some creative parent and child workshops at the end of term with your child's new teacher. This will be an opportunity for you to come into school and do a creative activity together, whilst being given the opportunity to meet the teacher and ask any questions you may have or share any important information about your child. We do hope you will be able to attend this new and exciting event.

Coffee Morning

We will be holding our next coffee morning on Wednesday 9th July which is themed around emotion coaching, emotional regulation and sensory needs. Our Educational Psychologist Isabel Gregson and Anna Geraghty from the Communication and Autism Team will both be there and you will have the chance to ask any questions you may have in addition to the information they will share. This coffee morning is open to all members of the school community – your child does not need to be on our SEN list for you to attend and find out more.

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Reminders

- Please remember to book your child's lunch via the school app.
- We hope our Y1 parents can join us for their child's class assembly on Friday 27th.
- Please remember to look on our school blogs for more information about what your child is learning. We also have lots of photos on there for you to see them in action!
- Our ice lolly sale will happen on the main playground at the end of the day today with all items priced at £1.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Wednesday 11 th June, 18 th June, 25 th June, 2 nd July, 9 th July	Year 5 go swimming each Wednesday	Details to follow
Monday 23 rd June	Y5 girls to Kings Norton Girls School	Details to follow
Friday 27 th June	Y2 visit Twycross Zoo Y1 Class Assembly	Details to follow School hall 9:05
Wednesday 2 nd July	Transition Day	Details to follow
Thursday 3 rd July	Sports day	9:15- 3, 4, 5, 6 1.30- Rec, 1, 2
Friday 4 th July	Summer Fayre	Details to follow No ASC or Homework Club
Wednesday 9 th July	CAT and EP Coffee Morning	Details given
Thursday 10 th July	New Year 2 Workshop (current Y1 parents) 9:05 New Year 1 Workshop (current Reception parents) 2:30	Details given
Friday 11 th July	Y2 Class Assembly Reports out to parents	School hall 9:05
Monday 14 th July	New Year 3 Workshop (current Y2 parents) 9:05 New Year 4 Workshop (current Y3 parents) 2:30	Details given

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Tuesday 15 th July	New Year 5 Workshop (current Y4 parents) 9:05 New Year 6 Workshop (current Y5 parents) 2:30	Details given
Wednesday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers' Party	Details to follow
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly Children break up for summer	School hall 9:05
Wednesday 3 ^d September 2025	Children return to school	

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