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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Value word for June: Honesty

Behaviour for Learning focus: Perseverance

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 99%

Puffins – 90%

Toucans – 96%

Bluebirds – 96%

Robins – 92%

Kestrels – 94%

Eagles – 93%

Well done to Swans who won a roll on Classopoly!

Y1 Class Assembly

Today we watched our Y1 superstars perform their class assembly all about pirates. They were incredible! They shared lots of facts and presented them so clearly and confidently. They performed two lovely songs and their dancing skills were amazing! Well done Puffins – you made everyone proud! Thank you to Miss Gordon and Miss Jones for organising such a special assembly showcasing their wonderful children. Thank you to all the parents who joined us, the children really loved seeing you as part of their audience! You can see some photos of them performing on our school website.

Sports Day

The grass is cut, the field is marked out and we are hopeful for good weather on Thursday 3rd July for sports day! **All children** can attend school in their PE kit and remain in it for the day if they wish to on this day.

The KS2 event for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will begin at 9:15. When you drop your child, you are welcome to wait on the school field for it to begin. Each class will be split in half and travel around 8 different events with a teacher. This event will finish with a long race for each class and a parent's race. ... bring your running shoes!

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Reception, Y1 and Y2 will take part in their events in the afternoon. We hope to start by 2:00. Each class will be split in half and travel around 6 different events with a teacher. We will also end with a long race between each class and a parent's race. Please join us on the school field for a prompt start at 2:00 to ensure we have time to complete all the races before the end of the school day. If we do finish early and you only have children in Reception, Y1 or Y2, you are welcome to take them home once they have been inside to collect their belongings. If you have older siblings in school, we will not be able to let them go early as they will still be taking part in lessons. Thank you for your understanding with this.

I would also like to remind you **not** to park at the front of school if you are attending these events. As you are aware, we do not own the land at the front of school and would ask that you are respectful to our neighbours at the Farmhouse by not parking on their land. Bells Close at the front of school is also not to be used for parking. Last year during sport's day there was an incident where a resident could not leave their home to attend an emergency medical appointment because somebody had parked and blocked them in. There is ample parking at the back of school on Brockworth Road or, as we are expecting a nice day, if you live locally, we would strongly encourage you to walk. Thank you for your assistance and corporation with this.

Clubs

Homework Club has now finished for the year. All other clubs will finish on Friday 11th July – there will be **no clubs running in the final week of term** except for After School Club. This is also just a reminder that After School Club **will not** be open on Friday 4th July due to the summer fayre. There is also no After School Club available on Friday 18th July.

Bikeability

Bikeability have let us know that they are providing **FREE** cycle sessions in the school summer holidays all funded by Birmingham council. They are expecting the courses to be very popular so if you are interested do look as soon as you can:

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events?area=birmingham&course=child-group>

Transition

Transition arrangements have already begun in school, with teachers and teaching assistants being released at various points during the school day to go and get to know their new classes. They are also going to observe your child in English lessons, maths lessons and be visiting to read them a story at some point over the next few weeks.

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On Wednesday 2nd July it will be transition day. Most of our Y6 children will be going to their new school on this day. If your child isn't attending their new secondary school, they will attend school as normal and arrangements will be made for them within school for the morning while classes transition.

Transition day for the rest of the school will involve everyone moving up to their new classroom with their new teachers and spending the morning in their environment getting to know each other. The transition process will then continue for the last few weeks in July with teachers popping in and ensuring they know your children as much as possible before the end of the school year. We believe these arrangements will ensure your child is able to enjoy their summer holidays without any anxieties from 'the unknown'.

For the first time, our new Reception children will also be joining us on this morning for a stay, play and chat session with their parents. If you have a sibling in school, please remember to check your letter for your allocated time.

Unfortunately, Miss Cordiner has already committed to taking her current class on a school trip on 2nd July and so will therefore be unable to join us for transition day. She will, however, join us on the 10th July for the whole day. She will spend the morning with our current Reception children and then meet with you and your child at the parent workshop that is planned for 2:00 on that afternoon. There will also be time on this day for Miss Coghlan and Miss Cordiner to work together and discuss each child's needs and plan how to ensure that the transition to a new teacher can be as smooth as possible. On our transition morning, the children will still go and spend time in their new classroom and be with Miss Jones who will also be working in their class next year.

Year 5 will be going swimming on transition day so Miss Edwards will accompany them for this. She will then be arranging a separate time to spend time with them completing some transition activities.

There is a slight change in the time to one of our two of our parent workshops. Unfortunately, these have been timetabled incorrectly meaning the Y3 workshop would happen on a day when neither of those teachers teaching Y3 next year would currently be working! I do apologise for this mistake and do hope the change of date is suitable for you to still join us in school with your child. Year Three's workshop (current Y2 children) will now be on Tuesday 15th July at 9:05 Year Five's workshop (current Y4 children) will be on Monday 14th July at 9:05. I do apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused with other commitments or booking time off work.

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Arrangements for September

Our school app does not allow us to move the children up to their new year group until the new term has started, which will be Monday 1st September. On this day, we will be able to transfer the children onto their new classes which will mean you can book your child's lunch, breakfast club and after school club from then on. Please remember that children do not return until Wednesday, the 3rd September. You will be sent a reminder message on this day informing you that booking is open but I wanted to just confirm this will be the case so you are not worried about booking lunches or clubs when it isn't possible!

If your child has asthma, we will send their inhaler home with them at the end of term. You will then need to complete a new information form stating they still have a diagnosis for asthma and clarifying instructions for administering inhalers in their new class.

If your child has any updated medical information you will also need to provide this to the school office as soon as she can. Please remember you can do this at any point during the school year and should do to ensure we can look after your child's medical needs appropriately.

Our current Year 5 children who will be moving into Year 6, will be allowed to walk home on their own from September when you have completed a consent form to enable them to do so (if you wish to). This letter will be sent out in the first week of term so all Y6 children should be collected by a parent until you have provided this written consent and returned it into school.

Bikes and Scooters

I would like to ask that you don't leave bikes or scooters at school overnight. There have been several occasions this week where this has happened in the Reception/Y1 area for bikes and scooters. This is an issue as the front gates are open to the public first thing in the morning. I have had to bring them inside the foyer for safety. The children have also been reminded by staff this week that they should not be using them through the main school playground. Thank you for your support with this.

Summer Fayre

We are looking forward to inviting you to join us for our Summer Fayre on Friday 4th July from 3:30. We are hoping to be able to hold this event on the school field but will await closer forecasts before making the final decision!

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We will be having a selection of stalls, games and a range of treats too. On the day, please bring as much change as you can. Most games and items will be between 50p - £1 and it would be very helpful to not have to change too many notes.

Fundraising

Please remember we will be holding our ice cream sale on the main playground at the end of the day today. We have a range of lollies and ice creams all priced at £1. We will also have tip tops for sale priced at 50p. Thank you to all of those who supported this event last week – we made over £70! To try and reduce the queue this week, we will split across several areas of the playground where there is just one choice at each table. This will mean your child can wonder around and choose before having to queue and should also mean you get served more quickly. Thank you again for supporting us with these sales. As I have previously mentioned, we are using the funds to improve the classroom environments. Reception is currently awaiting new chairs and will then be finished – it looks amazing! I will put some photos on the school website (when the chairs are here) of the finished product. Over the summer holidays we are hoping to do the same for our Y6, Y5 and Y4 classrooms from these funds. We will then roll this out to our other classrooms as soon as we have the funds to do so.

Reminders

- We have an awful lot of lost property again! We will be putting anything without a name that hasn't been collected on a stall at the summer fayre so please do come and check before then if you want it returned.
- Come and join our next coffee morning on Wednesday 9th July which is themed around emotion coaching, emotional regulation and sensory needs from the Educational Psychologist and Communication and Autism Team.

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

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Wednesday 2 nd July	Transition Day	Details to follow
Thursday 3 rd July	Sports day	9:15- 3, 4, 5, 6 2:00 - 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 5 Workshop (current Y4 parents) 9:05 New Year 4 Workshop (current Y3 parents) 2:30	Details given
Tuesday 15 th July	New Year 3 Workshop (current Y2 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 rd September 2025	Children return to school	

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