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Bells Farm Primary School
Bells Farm Close, Druids Heath
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Tel: 0121 675 8666
Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Behaviour for Learning: Independence

Value Word: Tolerance

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 93%

Puffins – 96.3%

Toucans – 91%

Bluebirds – 94%

Robins – 94%

Kestrels – 95%

Eagles – 96.0%

Puffins won another roll on Classopoly!

Year 2 Class Assembly

This morning we started our day in a very joyful way watching our Year 2 children perform their class assembly about stories. They have clearly learned a lot about Little Red Riding Hood and confidently acted out the story for us. It was wonderful to see how clearly they spoke and I think we all enjoyed the wonderful songs they shared! We all said a huge well done to our Y2 children and a big thank you to all the Y2 staff for a thoroughly wonderful start to the day.

Letter from Bridget Phillipson

We had some very good news in school this week, when we received the attached letter from the Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson regarding our amazing results at the end of the last academic year. We were in the top 10% of schools nationally, achieving well for disadvantaged pupils. This is a significant achievement and wonderful to be recognised in this way. We are very proud of the education that we continue to provide for all children who attend Bells Farm.

Parking

This week I had a visit from West Midlands Police to complain about the behaviour of parents parking across resident's drives in Bells Close. This is something I have consistently reminded you of and yet continues to be a huge issue – now leading to the police being sent into school. The police shared that a number of parents continue to park across the drives belonging to residents and to block access to the road. They have said this is totally unacceptable.

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The police asked me to consider closing the front entrance as a measure for reducing parental parking. This is something I will have to reconsider if parking issues continue and I continue to receive complaints from residents. I am aware that many parents live just across Bells Lane and it would be unfair on those parents who are walking their children to school to close the front entrance. However, we will have to reconsider this as an option if parents continue to choose to block the drives of residents and the entrance to the Farmhouse.

Please use Brockworth Road if you drive your child to school. It won't make your journey any longer as you can cut across the playground to get to the front entrance if that is where you drop and collect your child.

Book Breakfasts

All the dates for the upcoming Book Breakfasts this term, are now on my calendar below. Year 4 had theirs at the beginning of the term and I understand it was immensely enjoyed by all who were involved.

We have planned these dates out early in order to enable you the opportunity to arrange for somebody to attend this special event with your child. Class letters will be sent out three weeks in advance and must be returned in order for us to provide the right resources. We do hope you enjoy this opportunity to come to school and spend some valuable time reading and exploring books with your child.

Reminders

- We do currently have a number of school spaces in our Year 2 class and so if you know anyone who would like to come and join us, please do spread the word amongst family and friends.
- If you are late collecting your child from school they will be placed in After School Club and you will be charged for this. If you are late collecting from ASC, you will receive a fine. It is vital parents contact ASC as soon as you know you will be late. It isn't fair on staff or children when this happens unexpectedly. Call the school number 0121 675 8666 and choose extension 212.
- If you have received an invitation for an SEN review from Mrs Hudson, please return your slip so that we know who to expect.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams

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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Wednesday 4 th February	Y3 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
10 th and 11 th February	SEN Reviews – YR, Y1, Y2, Y3	Appointments sent
Monday 23 rd February	School closed for children – Teacher training day	
Tuesday 24 th February	School reopens for children Y2 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Thursday 26 th February	Y2 History Workshop	In school
24 th and 25 th February	SEN Reviews – Y4, Y5, Y6	Appointments sent
Monday 2 nd March	Year 4 Class Assembly 3:00	Details to follow
Tuesday 3 rd March	KS2 History Workshops	In school
Friday 6 th March	KS2 History Workshops	In school
Tuesday 10 th March	Y6 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly 9:05	Details to follow
Thursday 12 th March	Y1 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Monday 16 th March	Scholastic Book Fair in school	Mon-Fri
Tuesday 17 th March	Y5 Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Tuesday 24 th March	Reception Book Breakfast	Details to follow
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents' Evening	Details to follow
Thursday 7 th May	School closed for polling station	

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