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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Behaviour for Learning: Perseverance
Value Word: Friendship

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 96%

Puffins – 97.3%

Toucans – 89%

Bluebirds – 97.9%

Robins – 90%

Kestrels – 92%

Eagles – 94%

Well done to Bluebirds who won a roll on Classopoly!

Summer Fayre – Friday 10th July

Here is a list of activities your child will be able to take part in if you are joining us from 3:45 next Friday:

Bouncy castle £3 for five minutes (siblings under five allowed)

Fun run £3 for five minutes (siblings under five not allowed)

Snacks, ice lollies and drinks £1

Hook a duck 50p

Beat the goalie 50p

Teacher topple 50p

Rabbit throw 50p

Chocolate hoops 50p

Basketball shootout 50p

Tattoos 50p

Nails 50p

Tombola £1 for five tickets

Teddy tombola £1 for five tickets

Sales (toys, books, uniform, jewellery) Items priced between 20p and £3

Please try to bring as much change as possible as we will only have limited floats in school. You can purchase tokens using the card machine from me on the back door each morning (or pay for the inflatables) and I will have bags with me on the field during the fayre if you wish to purchase

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more. You can also send in £3 for your child to use the inflatables during the school day if you prefer to do so. The fair will go on until around 5/5:30 depending on how busy we remain.

Year 1's Class Assembly

We had a real treat on Monday afternoon when our Y1 Puffins shared a huge amount of information with us about minibeasts in their class assembly. They did extremely well considering this was rearranged following the madness with the weather last week. We had a wonderful time listening to their facts, listening to them sing and watching their amazing dance moves! Well done Year 1 – your jokes made everyone laugh!

Spanish Club

Unfortunately, I have had to make the decision to cancel Spanish Club for next year. The club costs school £40 per week and having only received interest from two children this means it isn't sustainable moving forward. I am sorry to do this as I know the children have really enjoyed it and learned so much. We are currently looking into whether we can arrange for Spanish to be offered as a lunchtime club on the day our French teacher is in. I will update you on this in September.

Upcoming events

Today after school, we will be holding an ice cream/ice lolly/tiptop sale on the school playground at the end of the day. You will be able to pay for items on card (minimum £1 payment) or with cash. The sale will happen on the main school playground just outside the spare Y2 classroom. I'm sure your children will lead you in the right direction!

Staffing

Miss Nicholls (Reception Teaching Assistant) will be leaving us at the end of this year. Miss Nicholls is a qualified teacher and so will be leaving to take up a teaching position. She has had a positive impact during her time at Bells Farm and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well.

Pauline will be taking on a new role in September which combines her office role with that of School Bursar. We think this will be the perfect support for school and parents as Pauline will now know the answers (once fully trained) to all finance questions! Please be patient while she settles into her new role. This will also mean you may see Mrs Lloyd in the school office for some of the week who will also be able to help with office queries.

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Sports Day

The grass is cut, the field is marked out and we are hopeful for good weather on Wednesday 8th 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. It is vital they bring a water bottle!

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 (in mixed teams this year) with a teacher. We are taking away the long race at the end this year as it is never very popular with the children after they have taken part in so many events. We will also be replacing the parent's race with a different sort of race (top secret currently – no practising required!) so you will still need your trainers!

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. 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. You will need to go from the field back through the main corridor in school and out to the front entrance while you wait. We will open the gates early so that you can collect your children from their normal classroom door. 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. You are more than welcome to wait on the school playground. 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 Friday, I had the police in again regarding a complaint made against school. Residents have reported poor parking and behaviour (aggressive, shouting, poor language) from parents. In response, they have said they will be sending PCSOs to monitor the situation and that parents are liable for any damage caused when residents attempt to but cannot get off their own drives. Many residents have CCTV and if behaviour escalates these events could be viewed as a criminal offence. 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 cooperation with this.

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Year 6 Events

Our Y6 leavers assembly will be on Friday 17th July at 9:05. Each child may have a maximum of 4 guests attend. We will record the dress rehearsal/performance and put it on our YouTube channel for you to share with wider family and friends. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will watch the dress rehearsal as it will give us more room in the hall for parents on performance day. If siblings want to watch it again on the Friday, they will be given the option to do so.

The party is on Wednesday 15th July and you will have received further information from Miss Edwards regarding this. Please remember to return your reply slip to Miss Edwards about arrangements for the day.

Reminders

- * Parent workshops begin next week for you to do an activity with your child's new teacher – all dates are on the calendar below. Please ensure you return the slip telling us whether you will attend (or not – it is important we know this too) so we can ensure we have enough resources.
- * All children must be bringing a water bottle into school every day.
- * Children can bring some cream into school to apply themselves at lunchtime if you would like them to.
- * Please remember to return your data slips to the school office. It is really important we have as many of these back as possible to enable us to update our records.
- * Extra-Curricular Clubs (lego, homework, culture, multiskills etc) end next week. There are no Extra-Curricular Clubs in the last week of term. After School Club will continue as normal until Thursday 16th July. All children must be collected on Friday 17th July at 3:30.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams

Dates for your Diary

- * Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Tuesday 7 th July	New Y5 Workshop 9:00 (current Y4) New Y6 Workshop 2:30 (current Y5)	Letter sent Letter sent
Wednesday 8 th July	Sports Day	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 9:15 YR, Y1, Y2 2:00 Details above

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Thursday 9 th July	New Y3 Workshop 9:00 (current Y2) New Y4 Workshop 2:30 (current Y3)	Letter sent Letter sent
Friday 10 th July	Summer Fayre No After School Club	Details above
Tuesday 14 th July	New Y2 Workshop 9:00 (current Y1) New Y1 Workshop 2:30 (current Rec)	Letter sent Letter sent
Wednesday 15 th July	Y6 Party	Letter sent
Friday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly Break up for summer No After School Club	Details above
Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Days	School CLOSED to all children but open for phone/email queries.
Thursday 3 rd September	School Opens	All children from Y1 – Y6 return full time New Reception part time
Monday 7 th September	Reception full time	

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