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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Behaviour for Learning: Pride
Value Word: Respect

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 98%

Puffins – 99%

Toucans – 86%

Bluebirds – 96%

Robins – 99%

Kestrels – 100%

Eagles – 97%

Well done Kestrels – the perfect 100%!

Bulls in the City Farewell Event 2025

Don't miss your final chance to see the herd! As the Bulls in the City art trail comes to a close, there is one last opportunity to see the full stampede together – for the first and only time!

They are holding a Farewell Event at Millennium Point on 10th – 12th October between 10am and 4pm, where all 128 beautifully designed bull sculptures – large and small – will be gathered in one place.

This special ticketed event offers you the chance to:

- Admire every bull up close
- Browse and buy official trail merchandise
- Enter our fundraising raffle
- Find out more about the auction finale

The event runs 10am to 4pm each day.

Adults – £6 each, Child (2-17 years) – £3 each, under 2s – free, family (2 adults and up to 3 children) – £15 <https://bullsinthecity.co.uk/events/farewell>

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Term Time Leave

It is really important, as per our attendance policy, that you complete a form requesting leave for a holiday. As you will be aware from my previous communications, I am unable to authorise these holidays under the new framework 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance', but you **must still inform us** if your child is going away. We always appreciate parents being honest with us and it is important your child knows it is ok to talk about where they have been. Please remember that children will often tell their teachers and friends when they have returned from holiday – regardless of whether they are supposed to or not! If you feel you have 'exceptional circumstances' and that the holiday should be agreed, you will be required to provide evidence of these circumstances as I am required to share this with the Chair of Governors before authorising any term time leave.

Term time leave forms are available from the school office. I hope you will be understanding of the refusal letter you receive in response to your holiday request. As I have informed you before, this is a standard letter and I'm aware it can sound quite serious but does have to be shared with you.

I would like to remind you that school does strongly recommend that you try, wherever possible, to avoid taking a holiday in term time. I have previously shared with you our attendance policy which sets out the reasons why taking children on holiday during term time can be extremely harmful to a child's education. Every time a child misses a day in school, that is valuable learning that will likely not be covered again. Children with poor attendance struggle to learn new concepts due to being in and out of school.

A holiday taken for an extended period of time, can impact children educationally even more than ongoing poor attendance. A week away will mean they have missed at least one lesson for each of the foundation subjects, which have been carefully and sequentially designed and planned. For English and maths, it often means they have missed a whole unit of work which will need to be caught up in order that for them to build on for future units. This causes huge issues for teachers, teaching assistants and other children in the class who have to lose time with the teacher so that these gaps can be filled.

I do understand, as I have said before, that as a parent it is extremely difficult to afford a holiday during the school holidays. This is a frustrating system we are all in but I do hope you will take into account the reasons above when deciding whether to take a holiday during school time.

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Reminders

- Remember to return your parents' evening letter.
- Year 5 will be performing their class assembly on Monday 6th at 3:00. Please send in any donations of food (fresh, tinned or packets) for us to give to the Farmhouse.
- Children whose parents have consented will be given the flu vaccine on Tuesday 7th.
- If your child has received an award of any sort outside of school you can send details to teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk in order for them to share with the school during Star Assembly.
- Please update the school office if you change your phone number, or one of your emergency contacts changes theirs. It is important we have three options we can try for each child in case of emergency.
- All children must have the correct PE kit in school and be wearing their school uniform, including school shoes, every day.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Monday 6 th October	Y1 Early Reading and Phonics Workshop Y5 class assembly	Letter sent 3:00 in school hall
Tuesday 7 th October	Whole school flu (nasal)	Letter sent
Monday 13 th October	Year 6 Maths Workshop	Letter sent
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening	Letter sent
Friday 24 th October	Non-uniform day in support of Operation Santa	Details to follow
Thursday 6 th November	New Reception Open Day (2026 cohort)	10:00 and 5:00
Friday 7 th November	New Reception Open Day (2026 cohort)	10:00
Monday 10 th November	Year 4 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 11 th November	Individual photos SEND Coffee Morning	Details to follow
Monday 17 th November	Reception Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 24 th November	Year 3 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 1 st December	Year 2 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 8 th December	Year 5 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Pantomime in school	Details to follow

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