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Behaviour for Learning: Listening
Value Word: Patience

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 91%

Puffins – 96%

Toucans – 92%

Bluebirds – 98%

Robins – 95%

Kestrels – 95%

Eagles – 99%

Well done to Eagles who won ANOTHER roll on Classopoly!

NSPCC – Phone Guidance

With more choice than ever and rising concerns about safety, phone ownership can raise important questions for families, including:

Is my child ready for a phone?

How do I keep my child safe?

What's the right approach for our family?

Are children and phones a good mix?

Every child is different, and the decision about when to introduce a phone is down to the parents or carers – and should be based on your child's individual needs, maturity, and circumstances. While there is no one-size-fits-all answer, it is important that you weigh the pros and cons, understand signs of readiness, and set up healthy habits from the start. Click here to read further guidance from the NSPCC: [Children, phones and online safety NSPCC](#)

Parents' Evening

The date has been on the school calendar for a while now but this is just to confirm that Parents' Evening will happen on Wednesday 25th March. You will receive a separate letter about in next week. Please remember if you have more than one child in school you must return your request slip ASAP so we can allocate slots together. Please be as flexible with timings as you can. I'm sure you can understand the organisation of this is very difficult!

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Staffing Updates

Mrs Sabir has decided to resign from her position as HLTA at Bells Farm which she has held since 2017 (and she also taught here previously to that!). Her final day at school will be Wednesday 18th March. Over that time, she has worked across the whole school and has had a range of positions in school. We would like to thank Mrs Sabir for her time at Bells Farm and the support she has provided in her range of roles. I know you will join me in wishing her all the best in her next adventures.

We will not be replacing this position in school so some timetables may change after the Easter break so we can ensure all classes are adequately covered. We will inform you of these changes (mainly to PE days) shortly.

Mrs Moore popped into school this week and it was lovely to see her looking so well. Thank you to those parents who enquire about her. When I told her about this, it really did mean a lot to her. She may pop in and out over the next few weeks during the school day so the children may see her around. I will keep you informed of any further news as we have it.

Fundraising

Unfortunately, today's Family Quiz has had to be cancelled. The quiz has already been written and so we will try and rearrange it for some point in the summer term. I would like to assure parents that it is not a scary quiz! I have things prepared like guessing the teachers from their baby photos, guessing where photos have been taken in the school building, guessing popular music songs that will appeal to adults and children as well as an emoji round. I promise there will be no SATs questions, History tests or anything similar tested! I hope this reassures you and that you will join us when we rearrange - watch out for the date soon.

Next week in school, we will be holding our Mother's Day sale as per the details in my letter last week. Your child can bring £1, £2 or £3 to purchase a gift for an important person in their life. Gifts will be on a first come, first serve basis. The children will be allowed to purchase one gift on Wednesday and Thursday, and can then return for further gifts (stock allowing) on Friday if they wish to.

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be joining will be arriving in school next Friday March 13th. This will be run as it has in previous years from the spare Year 2 classroom, which can be accessed from the gate in the main school playground. Your child will be able to take you to the right place. All children will be taken by their class teacher to visit the Book Fair on Monday 16th during the day. If there are certain books you are looking to buy, you may want to come early

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in the week as popular titles do tend to sell out quickly. The prices of some books are reduced (particularly for multi pack books) but many books are charged at full price with school receiving a percentage of the sale from each book to spend on new books. Last year we managed to get to buy over 40 new books for our class libraries from the money generated at the Book Fair. Children can bring their WBD voucher to be given £1 off any book. We do hope you can join us.

Reminders

- Reception Swans have started up their Muddy Monday's again now. Children will need to bring back their waterproofs and wellies into school for Monday 9th March.
- Year 3's Mother's Day Assembly will be on Wednesday 11th March. Please join us in the school hall from 9:00 to watch your child's performance.
- Thank you to those parents who are now consistently booking their child's lunch – it really does make a huge difference. Once we get to the end of next week, your child will be able to tell you which meals they have enjoyed from our three-weekly menu. Please then book your child's meals for the remainder of the term.
- Attached to this letter, you will find some information from the Communication and Autism Team about a Parent/Carer Workshop themed around anxiety.

Kind regards,
Miss Williams

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Tuesday 10 th March	Y6 Book Breakfast	Letter sent
Wednesday 11 th – Friday 12 th March	Mother's Day Sale	Details to follow
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly	9:00 in school hall
Thursday 12 th March	Y1 Book Breakfast	Letter sent
Monday 16 th – Thursday 19 th March	Scholastic Book Fair	Details above
Tuesday 17 th March	Y5 Book Breakfast	Letter sent
Wednesday 18 th March	Reception Book Breakfast	Letter sent
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day	Wear red - £1 donation

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Wednesday 25 th March	Parents' Evening	Details to follow
Friday 27 th March	Egg Technology Bells Farm's Got Talent Break up for Easter	Details to follow Details to follow
Monday 13 th April	Return to school	
Friday 17 th April	Donut sale	Pre-orders only
Friday 24 th April	Family Bingo	Details to follow
Friday 1 st May	Read and Relax	Details to follow
Thursday 7 th May	School closed for polling station	Pre-orders only
Friday 8 th May	Pizza sale	
Friday 15 th May	Pro Strike Football Fundraiser	Details to follow
Friday 22 nd May	Cake sale Break up	Details to follow
Monday 1 st June	Return to school	
Friday 5 th June	Summer Disco	Details to follow
Friday 12 th June	Photos in a frame	Details to follow
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th June	Father's Day Sale	Details to follow
Friday 19 th June and Friday 26 th June	Ice lolly and Ice cream Sale	Details to follow
Friday 3 rd July	Summer Fayre	Details to follow
Friday 17 th July	Break up for summer	

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