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Behaviour for Learning: Pride
Value Word: Respect

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Puffins – 91%

Toucans – 95%

Bluebirds – 95%

Robins – 96.1%

Kestrels – 96.4%

Eagles – 95%

Well done to Kestrels who won a roll on Classopoly!

Year 5's Harvest Assembly

This morning, Year 5 treated us to a truly wonderful class assembly centred around the theme of Harvest. The children spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and maturity, sharing important messages about gratitude, generosity and support. Their singing was perfectly uplifting for a Friday morning! It was clear how much effort had gone into preparing and performing such a meaningful assembly. A huge thank you to Year 5 and the staff who supported them in creating such a memorable class assembly.

Morning Entry Arrangements

Thank you for your patience and support as we have introduced our new morning entry arrangements. We appreciate that walking children across the playground may be less convenient than previous routines, and so we are very grateful for the positive feedback and understanding many families have shown.

These arrangements have been introduced to help keep all children safe and secure as they arrive at school. To support this process, a member of staff will be positioned at the corner of the school building each morning. It is important that your child is walked onto the school premises by a parent. Thank you for supporting us with this.

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Swimming Lessons

Yesterday, I held an assembly with the children to explain how swimming lessons will work over the next two weeks. The children responded really positively, and taking the time to explain the arrangements has helped many of them feel confident and excited about the experience.

Attached to this email you will find:

- A summary of the information shared in assembly.
- Photographs of the changing facilities, showing the privacy arrangements for different age groups.
- Images of the swimming pool and the ladder children will use to enter the water.

Throughout each lesson, children will be fully supported by both school staff and our qualified lifeguard instructors. A member of school staff will collect the group from class, supervise changing, accompany them to the pool, remain with them during the lesson, and return them to get changed before taking them back to class. This consistency will help ensure that every child feels safe, supported and confident.

Please note the following important reminders:

- Children must arrive on time on their swimming days.
- Children should bring the correct swimming kit.
- Any child in the first swimming group must be poolside and ready to swim by **9:10**. If your child is in the first group, you will have received a separate notification.
- Please send children in clothing that can be changed quickly and independently. For the next two weeks, children may wear plain navy or black joggers or navy or black leggings on their swimming days.
- Please do not send children in tights on swimming days, as these can significantly slow changing times.

To keep lessons running smoothly, children have a 15 minute changing window between sessions, so your support with appropriate clothing is greatly appreciated.

Donations of Spare Swimming Kit

We are also building a supply of spare swimming kit in school. As swimming is part of the National Curriculum and all children are expected to participate, spare items can be extremely helpful.

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If your child has outgrown any of their swimming costumes or swimming trunks/shorts we would be very grateful to have them donated. We are also collecting spare towels and swimming hats. Donated items can be sent into the school office or handed in at the door.

Arrivals

It is important that families arrive before 9:00 when the school day starts. Once the 9:00 announcement has been made that all doors and gates are closed, you will need to sign your child in at the front office. All parents arriving after 9:00 will be directed to the main entrance, where children must be signed in by parents.

We understand that this can feel frustrating if you arrive only moments after 9:00. However, doors do open from **8:50**, providing a ten-minute window for children to arrive, settle into class, complete their morning activities and begin the day calmly alongside their peers.

We kindly ask all families to make every effort to arrive as close to 8:50 as possible. This helps ensure a smooth start to the day for your child and avoids unnecessary disruption to learning.

Coat Reminder

This week brought our first cold and rainy weather of the school year, and we noticed that a number of children arrived at school without a coat. From next week, please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day.

At Bells Farm, we aim to provide outdoor play opportunities whenever it is safe to do so. This means we will take the children outside if it is raining just a little, wearing their coats and hoods. Fresh air, exercise and time with friends are important parts of children's wellbeing and help them return to class ready to learn. When the weather is wet, children without coats may need to remain indoors, as it would not be appropriate for them to spend the afternoon in damp clothing. A coat each day will help ensure children can enjoy outdoor play comfortably and safely.

Behaviour and Attendance Policies

Attached to this week's newsletter you will find shortened versions of our **Behaviour Policy** and **Attendance Policy**.

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We share these each year to ensure all families understand the expectations and procedures that help our school run successfully. These are two of the most important policies for parents and carers, as they set out the responsibilities we share between home and school.

If you are new to Bells Farm, or if your child has recently joined us, please take a few moments to read these documents carefully.

Reminders

- Remember to complete the form your child brought home for Parents' Evening and return it to school as soon as possible.
- Please support our election for a new parent governor by using your vote. You can either complete the ballot paper by following this link to Microsoft form: [Ballot Paper](#) or you can collect a ballot paper from the school office to complete.
- Send an email to clubs@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk if your child is interested in joining Cooking Club or Drama Club after half term.
- Please remember to book your child's lunch via the school app.
- If your child attends Breakfast Club or After School Club please ensure you close the gate when you leave.
- Please complete the following form if you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer: [Parent Volunteer Interest Form – Fill in form](#)

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Thursday 8 th October	Y1 Maths Workshop	Letter sent
Friday 9 th October	Y5 Class Assembly – Harvest KES Orchestra Music Performance	Letter sent In school for Y1 – Y6
Monday 12 th October – Friday 23 rd October	Swimming lessons begin	Details sent and more to follow
Tuesday 20 th October	Open Day prospective parents Sept 2027	10:00 and 17:00
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' Evening	Details to follow
Wednesday 4 th November	Reception Maths Workshop	Details to follow

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Tuesday 10 th November	Y4 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 17 th November	Y5 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 24 th November	Y2 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Thursday 26 th November	Y1 Reading and Phonics Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 1 st December	Y6 Maths Workshop	Details to follow
Tuesday 8 th December	Y3-Y6 Theatre Trip	Details to follow
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Details to follow
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Performance 2:00	Details to follow
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Performance 9:15	Details to follow

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