



SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: Safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us. If you have any concerns that a child is being harmed or is at risk of harm, or if you receive a disclosure, you must inform a staff member immediately.

Newsletter

Enjoying our learning... aiming for excellence.

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to the November edition of the Bells Farm newsletter. It's been the usual busy start to the second half term, but never too late to say thank you again for the great turn-out for parents' evening and our Foundation Play, stay and chat sessions. We are still receiving questionnaires from you and we will be publishing the results on the website next week. We have had an overwhelming collection of positive thoughts about the education at Bells Farm and, as ever, we thank you for your continuing support for our home school partnership.

Just a few key reminders:

- Please make sure your children get a good night's sleep and go to bed at a suitable time. The dreaded "I'm a Celebrity..." season has started and the late bedtime is really showing in many of our older (and some younger) children. I know that some parents have opted to record this programme so that children can watch it at a suitable time. If it is your choice that they watch the programme, this is good advice, but please ensure that parental control is always exercised as the programme is not

designed for children – and is certainly on too late for most of them to comfortably get the recommended sleep of 9 – 11 hours per night.

- If your child has been physically sick on a school morning or the night before, please ensure they stay at home for the day. We want to limit the spread of any bugs and we do not want your children to come to school continuing to feel ill and having to go home early.

- Some home readers have been sent back to school in a very poor condition. Could you please ensure that the children treat the books with respect, as they are costly to continue replace, and we want to ensure that all children have access to good quality reading matter.

- The Christmas Fayre is rapidly approaching! If you are interested in running your own stall, please give your name and the nature of what you intend to sell, to Mrs Hatfield in the front office. The cost is £5 per stall, and payment should be made before the fayre begins. Also, if you have any bottles or soft toys to donate to the fayre, please bring them to the front office.

Year 2 at City Kitchen Live See photos on our website!



Promoting diversity and equality

Bells Farm Primary have taken part in a year long project to look at and promote diversity and equality in school. The project has now come to an end and we are pleased that through the work undertaken we have been able to demonstrate our commitment to creating an inclusive environment. We will continue to work and develop this area further over the forthcoming year.



Year 2 Maths Workshop

Just a reminder, there will be a Maths workshop for you to attend on Friday 30th November at 9:05. It will involve your child teaching you everything they have learnt about multiplication and division. We look forward to seeing you.

Year 5 and 6 residential trip - July 2019

Please let your child's class teacher know if they can attend the residential trip next year in July. It's a wonderful opportunity to experience time away from home, in a very safe and fun-filled environment. We'd love everyone to take part!

Special Needs information on the school website



SEN reminder – Any information around Special Educational Needs can be found on our dedicated SEN tab on the front page of our website. Our Special Needs Co-ordinator in school is Mrs Knipe and if you have any questions or queries please contact her via the school office. Parents can also access information about Birmingham’s local offer around SEN through the following link https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50034/birminghams_local_offer_send

Macmillan fundraising



£269.73 raised. Thank you to everyone for your help and support.

Trades people required!!

The Foundation stage are looking for trades people like gardeners, builders, electricians, plumbers to help develop their outdoor area. Please speak to Mrs Hill or Ms Andrews.

School Planner

Date	Event
Tuesday 27th November	Reception class eye test
Friday 30th November	Y2 Maths workshop 9.05am
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.30pm info to follow
Thursday 13 th December	Foundation nativity 9.15am
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas carol concert 9.15am Christmas lunch
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term - 3.15pm finish
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 24th December – 4th January	
Monday 7 th January	Children return to school

Autumn Disco

We all had a super time! Thank you to all parent volunteers, TA's and teachers who helped out! Thank you to Sainsburys at Longbridge for their kind donation of apples for the apple bobbing activity. We raised £273 for school fund.

Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 7th December 3.30 – 5.30pm All welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Skoolbo website

Due to changes by Skoolbo, the website is no longer offered free to schools so unfortunately we will not be using Skoolbo in school anymore. For further information, please speak to Mr Baddhan.

Children in Need

We raised £181.95 for Children in Need - thank you for your donations.

Cross Country success

Our cross country team recently completed 1200 metres. Lucas (Year 5) finished in first place - well done Lucas!



Whole School Attendance

97.1%
Target 96%

Current Value Word

FREEDOM

After School Clubs

3.15pm- 4.15pm

Mon Football - Year 5-6
Computing - Year 1-2

Tues Computing - Year 3-6
Basketball - Year 4-6
Lego - Year 3-6
Choir Year 4-6

Wed Multi Skills – Year 1-2
Art - Year 3-6

Thurs Hockey - Year 4-6
Film Club - Year 5-6
Outdoor Club - Year 4-6

Friday Lego - Year 4-6

Value Words This Term

Perseverance
Tolerance
Freedom
Thoughtfulness

Safeguarding

Our school's child protection officers (Designated Safeguarding Leads) are:

- Miss McClelland
- Mrs Butterworth
- Mrs Knipe
- Miss Hackett
- Mrs Johnson
- Mr Johnston
- Mr Baddhan

