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Newsletter

Enjoying our learning... aiming for excellence.

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to the Bells Farm November newsletter. It really has been all go since we came back after the half term break. The Autumn term disco was a tremendous success thanks to our new fundraising team of staff and parents. Likewise, one of our new "Reading for Pleasure" activities, the Relax and Read was such an enjoyable occasion for the



children and staff, curling up with a good book in their pyjamas. The school fund is growing – over £600 raised from these two events and more to come!

School library

We have been so pleased with the children's reactions to the refurbished



school library and the success of the book lending scheme. Donations of children's books in good condition are always welcome when you get around to any clear outs at home. Please keep reminding children to return their books on time so that we can continue this service.

School fund reminder

As previously notified, we are asking each family for a contribution of £5 into the school fund for us to be able to continue to run the after school clubs from January. Thank you to those of you who have already done this. When we allocate places in clubs in January, this will be on the condition of payment of £5 per family. This covers the year and will enable us to continue to make the clubs work. Thank you for your understanding.

Goodbyes!

After chalking up many, many years between them, we are saying goodbye to four members of staff on 29th November



– Miss Patsy Maynard, Mrs Helen Jones, Mrs Sally Johnson and Mrs Sam Green. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all four members of staff for the tremendous service they have given to the school – they will be missed by staff and children alike! Miss Maynard has been school caretaker since 1990, so has certainly been at the heart of Bells Farm for almost 30 years. For this reason, we are saying goodbye in a special assembly

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We're going paperless!



From 6th January all letters & newsletters will go email only. Please ensure you have provided the school office your up-to-date contact details.

Reporting a child's absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please telephone school on 0121 675-8666 and inform the office staff or leave a message ideally before 9am. If your child's illness lasts for more than one day, you must phone school daily and inform us why your child is still absent. If your child's illness lasts longer than 48hrs and you have not already done so, we advise you to seek medical attention. Parental illness is NOT an excuse for children not attending school. Children must attend school every day unless they are ill.

Special Needs help and support

A reminder that the school website has a special tab which provides

information about SEN and the



support we provide in school. Please take a look and see what Bells farm has to offer

If you have concerns about your child's learning and think that they may have SEN issues please make an appointment to speak to the class teacher in the first instance or speak to the SENCo - Mrs Knipe.

on 29th November, attended by the family and friends of the leaving members of staff. Unfortunately we are only able to accommodate a limited number of people on the day due to the capacity of the hall so this will be by invitation only.

Parking

Please be mindful of the pressure on parking on Bells Farm Close in the morning and always keep the children's safety at the forefront of your mind. We are still receiving concerns from parents and children about speed and carelessness shown by some drivers in the morning. Likewise, please do not park on the zig zag lines on Brockworth Road – there is plenty of parking further down the road.

Lateness

Unfortunately, a few parents are consistently late picking their children up after school. I would like to remind you that habitual lateness without contacting the school beforehand to provide a reason is unacceptable – both to your children who have to wait around for you without explanation and to the staff who wait with them. As per school policy, your children will be taken to the after school club from 3.25 pm and you will be charged if you have not provided a valid reason for lateness as a "one-off" occurrence. Thank you to the vast majority of you for whom this has never been an issue.



At a glance

Whole School Attendance

97.6%

Target 96%

Current Value Word

THOUGHTFULNESS

After School Clubs

3.15pm- 4.15pm

Mon	Football - Year 5-6 Computing - Year 1-2
Tues	Choir - Year 4-6 Film Club - Year 3/4/5 Computing - Year 3-6 Hockey- Year 4-6
Wed	Basketball - Year 4-6 Football - Year 3-4
Thurs	Outdoor Club - Year 5-6 Multi-skills - Year 1-2
Friday	Lego - Year 4-6 Library Club - Year 3-6

Dinners, Trips & Clubs

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Safeguarding

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

- Mrs Butterworth
- Mrs Knipe
- Miss Hackett
- Mr Johnston
- Mr Baddhan
- Chair of Governors:
Ms Hughes



Christmas Fayre fundraising

The Bells Farm Christmas Fayre is fast approaching (6th December) and we would like to offer our children the chance to wear various fun items in return for donations towards the fayre.

Friday 29th November

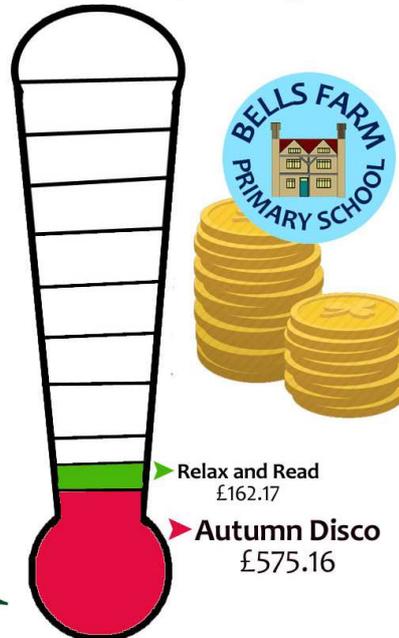
- Bring in toiletries (Bath bombs, body spray, body wash, etc.)
- Children can come in school shoes, bring in slippers to wear

Friday 6th December

- Bring in an item of chocolate
- Your child can wear a Christmas headwear (santa hat, tinsel hat etc)

All items to be worn with school uniform. These fundraising events are optional for the children and they do not have to take part if they don't wish to.

Fundraising total so far



School Planner

Date	Event
Tuesday 3rd December	Reception class eye test
Wednesday 4 th December	Whole school nasal flu vaccination
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 11th December	Foundation Nativity 9.10am
Thursday 12 th December	School closed for Voting
Thursday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol concert 9.10am – all welcome • Christmas lunch • Christmas Jumper Day – free non uniform day
Friday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term • Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation – more info to follow
HOLIDAYS MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER – FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY	
Monday 6 th January	Return to school