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Newsletter

Enjoying our learning... aiming for excellence.

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to the September edition of the Bells Farm newsletter. We are now approaching the end of the month and it has been a very busy one as the children settle very well into their new classes. As well as welcoming all of Reception class and our new starters in Nursery, it has been lovely to greet our new in year starters – Dora and Maarya in Year one, Blessed in Year 2, Maharnab and Nashe in Year 3, Tibet in Year 5, as well as Sneha who started in the summer term, and Farhan in Year 6. They have made a great start to their new school lives and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow and learn at Bells Farm. I am also happy to report that attendance and punctuality has got off to a great start – with attendance close to 98% last

week. An excellent start to the year! Thank you to all of you who have completed the paperwork for your children as they start. Can I make another plea to those of you who have not yet returned your consent forms. This may be an oversight but it is really important if you want to see any images of your child celebrating their work on the website. If you have any worries or concerns please make an appointment to see Mr Baddhan our ICT Operations Manager who also shares responsibility for Data Protection and Privacy with Mrs Butterworth. The termly planner can be viewed on this newsletter. We will keep you informed about other dates as they arise, and ensure that you have a paper copy of the first newsletter of each term so that you have a new planner to hand.

Welcome to our new look newsletter!

We've undergone a makeover for our newsletter - a slimmer and sleeker design for this year. We hope you enjoy reading and finding the information you need. For any suggestions or feedback, please email newsletter@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Coffee Morning takes place on Friday 28th September 9-10.15am in the school dining hall. Cake and a drink £1. All welcome. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Children will be able to buy one cake each at playtime for 20p.

Musical.ly changes to Tik Tok

A note for parents that the social media app



Musical.ly has now changed to Tik Tok. The popular app for lip singing (lip sync) has been purchased by a Chinese company called ByteDance and in August they removed the Musical.ly service, but before doing so they transferred all user accounts into an app called Tik Tok. More on our website.

Year 3 Trip

Year 3 will be going on a trip to Sarehole Mill on the 10th October to learn about the Stone Age.

Volunteers

– We Need You!



It is the time of year where we ask for your help in supporting our school. Whether it is for an hour or a morning/afternoon, your support will be appreciated.

Some of the ways volunteers can help in the school are:

- Reading
- School events
- Fundraising events
- Trips and visits
- Gardening
- Coffee mornings/afternoons

If you are interested then please leave your details at the front office and Mrs Jones will contact you. We look forward to hearing from you and your generous offer of help!

No dogs allowed!

A reminder no dogs are allowed on the playground.



School Planner

Date	Event
Friday 28 th September	Macmillan coffee morning 9.00 – 10.15am
Tuesday 2 nd October	Y6 transition meeting for parents 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 10 th October	Y3 trip to Sarehole Mill
Wednesday 17 th October	Y5 Harvest Festival 9am
Wednesday 24 th October	School photos
Thursday 25 th October	Parents Evening
HALF TERM 29th October – 2nd November	
Monday 5 th November	Return to school Reception to Y5 nasal flu vaccination
Thursday 8 th November	Reception 2019 open morning 9.30-11.30am School disco 4.00-5.30pm info to follow
Friday 16 th November	Children In Need – dress up spotty
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
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 24th December – 4th January	
Monday 7 th January	Return to school

School Council Meeting

School councillors met last week. It was lovely to re-introduce ourselves and welcome Miss Dainter to the team. The councillors were certainly more confident and ready for business. The councillors still want to keep an eye on litter and ensuring there is none. This tied in nicely with Miss Dainter's main role of ensuring we are an eco friendly school.

Old shirts needed!

If anyone has any old large shirts that you no longer need, could you please send them in for Year 5 to use for painting please. We're a messy bunch and we're a few shirts short!



Year 6 Reminders

PE days are Monday and Thursday. Homework: children must read every day for 15-20 minutes. Mathematics and comprehensions are set on a Friday. Comprehensions are due in by the following Tuesday and Mathematics to be completed by the following Friday.



At a glance

Whole School Attendance

97.9%

Target 96%

Current Value Word

PERSEVERANCE

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

