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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We do hope that you have managed to enjoy some family time over the recent extended Bank Holiday. We have had a full start to the term.

Steven Lenton, author and illustrator of several children's books, spent the whole morning with the children in key stage 1. The children were inspired by his workshops and particularly enjoyed the interactive quiz.

We are so delighted to be able to welcome visitors back into the school again as we understand the importance that these enhanced curriculum opportunities have on our children's engagement and enthusiasm for their learning. We are always interested to hear from any parents (or grandparents) who have a special hobby, interest etc and might be interested to come in to school to deliver an assembly or work with a specific class, so please do get in touch if you interested.

Senior lecturer in History at ARU, Mr Sean Lang, has visited year 4 children twice recently, delighting them with his knowledge and artefacts relating to their topic on Anglo Saxon.

The children benefit enormously from the recent code club for upper key stage 2 children, which was generously organised and delivered by one of our parents.

As we are now able to all come together for whole school assemblies, the children have been inspired recently by Mr Tony Collet, who has encouraged many of our children (and staff) to take part in the fabulous community **Sawston Fun Run on May 8th**. As we are beneficiaries this year of this charity event, we are hoping for an even bigger turn out from The Bellbird community than ever, either as a supporter or a runner!

Reverend Kathryn Waite, met with the whole school recently as part of a Spring assembly. Rev. Waite has only previously been able to work with individual key stages, so this was another lovely opportunity for her and the children too. We realise that many of our children have never had the chance to take part in these special whole school assemblies, but one would never know from their excellent behaviour!

We have been working together with our parents recently to encourage safe parking around the school roads, especially during drop off and pick up times, so we were really pleased to have this work supported recently by a visit from a member of the South Cambridgeshire PCSO service. He was able to further advise us and road users of alternative parking options in order to keep these roads clear and safe for our children, many of whom now either bike or scoot to school.

Our choir have been working incredibly hard over the last few months, to learn a number of songs, supported by Mrs Collins and Mrs Irons. Despite being postponed at least once already, finally the children will get to perform their songs at the O2 arena tonight in the 'Young Voices' concert. We wish them all the luck and cannot wait to hear all about it.

As always, do look on the diary page at the end of the newsletters for upcoming events for this term.

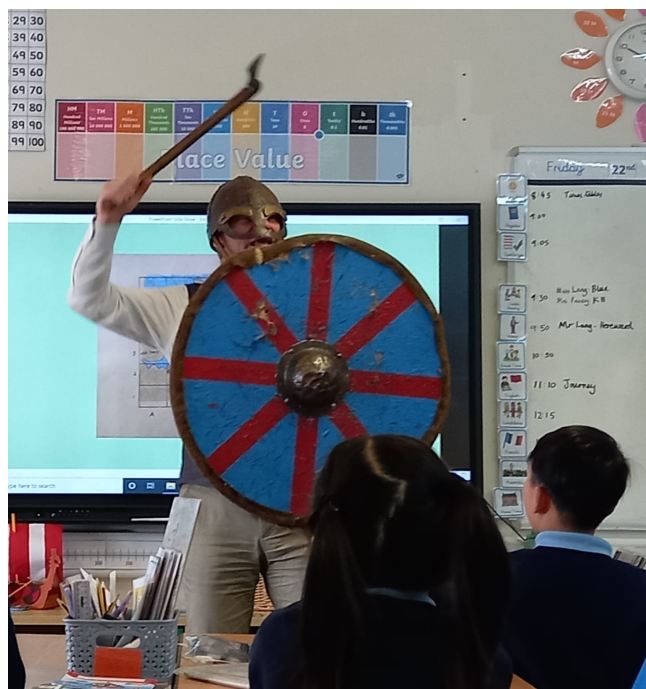
Mrs Kendall & Mrs Pentney | Headteachers

A supportive visit from South Cambridgeshire PCSO



Author/ Illustrator
Steven Lenton
inspiring key stage
one

Historian Sean
Lang in full Anglo
Saxon regalia





Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Friday 29th April	Bank Holiday (extra for Jubilee)
Monday 2nd May	May Day—Bank Holiday
Friday May 6th	Young Voices Concert at O2
Mon 9th—Thursday 12th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 27th May	‘Picnic and Proms’ Jubilee celebrations (Parents invited for picnic and afternoon - more details to follow soon)
Mon 30th May—Friday 3rd June	Half term holiday—School closed
Wednesday 8th June	Evening presentation for new Reception Parents
Thursday 17th June	8:45—9:30am Books and Biscuits for Fathers Day celebration. All dads welcome!
Wednesday 29th June	Whole school ‘move up’ morning
Tuesday 5th July	6pm Y6 Performance to parents
Wednesday 6th July	Sports day KS1 am KS2 pm
Thursday 7th July	6pm Y6 Performance to parents
Wed July 13th—Fri 15th July	Y6 Residential trip
Thursday 21st July	Last day of term