

The Bellbird Primary School

20th May 2022

Newsletter No.15

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the warmer weather in the last few weeks although as I write it is raining. The children have certainly enjoyed being outside and playing with their new skipping ropes which have been funded through our sports premium. It has been lovely to see and hear a range of skipping games and songs, you may be able to share a few with your children from your childhood!

Being outside has also been useful as we have been able to check our plans for the Jubilee next Friday. We are all really excited about this opportunity to come together as a community and mark such an important historic moment. You have received a letter this week detailing our plans. Please ensure you read the letter carefully if you are planning to come. Whilst we want to have a fun and celebratory afternoon, safety of the children is our priority and our staff will be working with you to ensure this. The children are excited about their decades and we are looking forward to researching them as we have our Jubilee focus next week. Do share with your children any memories you have of The Queen and historic moments throughout her reign so far.

It has definitely been a term for coming together, I have had so many conversations with parents about how it has been such a pleasure to get together with others again and we have been able to do this in so many different ways. Young Voices is an excellent example of this and we were absolutely delighted to be able to take our Year 4, 5 and 6 choir children to the 02 on Friday 6th May to perform with approximately 6000 other children. It was most definitely a feeling of positivity and togetherness that filled the 02 as the children sang. I am sure I wasn't alone in my feeling of immense pride for our wonderful children. They absolutely sang their hearts out and their behaviour was exemplary. It was lovely to see all the parents in the audience, we were able to identify you all as you waved and tweeted as you came in! A special thank you must go to Mrs Collins and Mrs Irons who have worked so hard with the choir to get them ready, to the adults who came with the children on the day and to FABS who subsidised the cost of the trip and provided us with the banner that helped parents spot us and let everyone know that The Bellbird Primary School choir were soaring to success at the 02!

Fast forward just a few days and on Sunday 8th May many of our children (and a few staff!) joined in on the Sawston fun run. Another example of a great community event that brings people together. It was lovely to see so many children joining in and enjoying the event. We spotted a few faces in the Cambridge Independent <u>click here to see</u> and are sure there will be a few more in the next edition of the Sawston Scene. So many creative and fun outfits! Well done to everyone that ran.

You may have notice the beginnings of a small workplace on the school field this week. We are delighted to share that we have been able to fund a studio room in this space for use for our ongoing work with children on their well being. We are working with Cambridge Garden Studios on this project who have been rigorous in ensuring they can work alongside the smooth running of our school and everything that happens in it.

We are very proud of our Year 6 children who last week completed their KS2 SATs assessments. These are formal assessments that are the culmination of the children's work across their primary school curriculum. They conducted themselves calmly and positively with a really positive attitude. Well done!

Finally, the Summer term is always a busy one so do take the time to look at upcoming key dates overleaf. There are some general school ones but also some FABS dates which include more opportunities to get together at Fun Friday and the Summer Fair. Details of both events will follow from FABS.

Best wishes Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney

Date	Event
Friday 27th May	Jubilee celebration afternoon: see separate letter for details
Monday 30th— Friday 3rd June	Half term—school closed
Wednesday 8th June	Evening presentation for new Reception parents
Friday 10th June	FABS Fun Friday (FABS event)
Thursday 16th June	8.45—9.30am Books and Biscuits for Fathers Day. All Dad's welcome!
Wednesday 29th June	Whole school moving up morning (new class information shared for next year)
Friday 1st July	Summer Fair (FABS event)
Tuesday 5th July	6pm Year 6 performance to parents
Wednesday 6th July	Sports day KS1 am KS2 pm
Thursday 7th July	6pm Year 6 performance to parents
Friday 8th July	Year 6 Leavers party (FABS event)
Wednesday 13th July-Friday 15th Ju- ly	Year 6 residential trip
Thursday 21st July	Last day of term



Jubilee preparation! We really hope the good weather stays with us.

Young voices was absolutely amazing!





Mrs Kendall with some Sawston fun runners!