



24th June 2022

Newsletter No.17

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. It seems unbelievable that as I type we are marching on towards the end of term with only four weeks to go. We have seen the summer weather finally arrive over the past few weeks. On some days it has definitely felt a little too hot for school. We have been so proud of the children despite the heat they have managed their emotions well and responded to their teachers tweaking of the timetable to keep them safe and cool.

We held our Father's Day 'Books and Biscuits' event on one of the warmer days. Thank you so much to all the Dads who were able to attend. It was a lovely event and the children were delighted to have you in school to show you where they spend their school days. It was lovely to see children reading with parents but also showing them some of their other areas of learning that they are proud of. This included role play, topic work and lots of work on display. We are sure you were very proud of your children as we are.

At school we celebrate the children's successes daily along with our weekly celebration assembly. We also talk with them about being ambassadors for our school when they venture out in groups. Year 4 have been excellent ambassadors for the school on their weekly swimming trips of late. They are walking through the village sensibly and safely. Similarly School Council were excellent ambassadors when we headed to the Challis museum after school last week. We had a wonderful time having the museum exhibits, including the special Jubilee exhibition, shared with us by our Chair of Governors, Dr Tim Wreggitt and Mrs Rosie Phillips. We are very grateful for their time. Mrs Phillips commented on the children's excellent behaviour and engagement. We are hoping the children will be able to write a piece for the Sawston Scene about their trip for the next edition so watch this space!

As the term comes to an end there are lots of events to look forward to. Sports Day is on Wednesday 6th July with KS1 in the am and KS2 in the pm. Further details to follow separately, however, we are delighted that parents can come to watch these events. Whilst we are talking about sports day and PE in general can we remind parents and carers of the importance of the children wearing **a plain t shirt and shorts** for PE rather than branded items which can be a distraction. A white or light blue top and blue or black shorts are expected along with a jumper or longer tracksuit bottoms when the weather is colder in the autumn and winter. Many thanks for your support with this.

As a South Cambridgeshire school we were very lucky to receive excellent support and guidance from the Local Authority and other Headteachers in the area when the pandemic was at its height. Whilst this high level support has now withdrawn we are still kept up to date and are aware that covid cases have been increasing over the last weeks in South Cambs. At The Bellbird we have also had a small number of cases. Thank you to everyone for maintaining their vigilance and ensuring that, when unwell, children stay at home to avoid infecting others. We can assure you that our staff are being equally vigilant in order to protect the children and each other. These actions are ensuring that numbers stay low in our school at the present time so we thank you for your support moving forwards.

Key dates are overleaf along with some lovely photos of a few things that have been happening in school over the last few weeks. Do take a look at the photos and make sure you have the dates that apply to you in your diaries. In particular I would like to highlight Friday 1st July which is the FABS Summer Fair. As always the team are working incredibly hard to bring you a wonderful afternoon/evening at The Bellbird. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Best wishes
Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney

Date	Event
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
Wednesday 13th July-Friday 15th July	Year 6 residential trip
Wednesday 20th July	Year 6—leavers assembly
Thursday 21st July	Last day of term Year 6 leavers party



School council loved their visit to the Challis museum and gardens. The special Jubilee exhibition was excellent.

We even met the Queen!



Gardening club has started and the children are having a wonderful time.

Thanks to all the Dads who came to Books and Biscuits. The children loved having you in school to share their learning.

