



The Bellbird Primary School

October 21st, 2022

Newsletter No. 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term we have had and despite some covid cases within our staff and pupils, we have managed to get back to many of our normal face to face events. The children have been working so hard and already making super progress in their learning, and understanding of new routines in their classes.

Last week we hosted the Year 6 English Challenge with 10 different teams taking part. We were delighted to enter 2 teams, who did a fabulous job and worked together so well. They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.



Gardening club has been very popular and productive with our children. Thanks to Mrs Foster and Dr Wreghitt for organising this. Last week the children harvested the fruit of their labours, which included carrots, spring onions and potatoes as well as planting wheat ready for next year.



We have had our first, class assembly for parents this week with our year 5 children showcasing their fantastic singing of sea shanties, new versions of Shakespeare and creative artwork. The children also enjoyed the opportunity to share their work with parents back in the classroom afterwards too. Thank you to the parents for attending this and please note, as per the calendar dates, all classes will do a sharing assembly over the course of the year.

As part of their Caribbean topic, the year 2 children have been up to the village college to attend a specially designed workshop by the year 9 pupils. They learnt about the different types of steel pan drums, had the opportunity to play on the drums and were treated to a performance by the SVC pupils. A very enjoyable experience for all concerned (see photos below)

After half term, we will be holding our parent consultations. Thank you for signing up for a slot. This is just a reminder that the after school sessions on **Tuesday** will be on **zoom** and the morning session on **Thursday** will be held in the **school hall**. The links for the zoom meeting will be sent out on school comms on **Monday 31**st **October**. Please be aware that unfortunately schools no longer have access to unlimited time on zoom so each session lasts for **only 40 mins**. before being cut off. Once a 40 minute session has ended, the same link can be used to re-join the waiting room. Teachers will try their best to coordinate the 'breaks' to tie in with the brief time between parent meetings. As a parent, you need to be aware that you may just need to click on the link again if you find that you are not able to join your teacher at the allotted time. We are hopeful that this does not cause too many disruptions to our virtual parent consultations. We do hope that you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 31**st **October**.

Mrs Katie Kendall & Mrs Rebecca Pentney | Headteachers





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Autumn term dates	Events
11th October	Flu vaccinations: round 1 (information will follow)
18th October	Year 5 Sharing Assembly: 9.10 – 10.00am
31st October and 1st November	Urban strides dance workshops (details to follow)
1st November	Parents consultation on zoom 3.50 – 7.00pm
2nd November	Presentation and tour for New Reception parents September
	2023: 9.15 am
3rd November	Parents consultation at The Bellbird 8.00 – 11.00am
11 th November	FABS event
	KS1 Disco 5 – 6pm
	KS2 Disco 6:30 – 8pm
28th November	Flu vaccinations: round 2 (information will follow)
7th December	Presentation and tour for New Reception parents September
	2023: 9.15am
9 th December	FABS event
	Mini Christmas fair 3:30 – 5pm
13th December	Reception sharing assembly: Nativity (time tbc)
14th December	Carol service at St Mary's church
	9:30—YR & Y6
	10:30—Y1,2 & Doves
	1:30—Y4,5 & Swallows
15th December	Reception sharing assembly: Nativity (time tbc)
19th December	Carols Around the Tree KS1 and parents: 9.30 – 10.00am
20th December	School Christmas Lunch
21st December	Carols Around the Tree KS2 and parents: 9.30 – 10.00am
Spring term dates	Events
Week beginning 23rd January	Year 4 bikeability (details to follow)
9th February	Year 4 sharing assembly: 9.10 – 10.00am
15th March	Mothers Day event in school am (details to follow)
21st March	Year 3 sharing assembly: 9.10 – 10.00am
24th March	Reports out to parents
28th March	Parent consultations 8.00 – 11.00
30 th March	Parent consultations 3:30 – 7.00

Summer term dates	Events
Week beginning 8th May	Year 6 SATS week
25th May	Year 1 sharing assembly: 9.10 – 10.00am
9th June	Sports day times tbc
28th June	Year 6 pupils Induction day at Sawston Village College: all day
29th June	Year 6 Induction evening at Sawston Village College: pupils and parents 4 – 7.30pm
11th July	Year 2 sharing assembly: 9.10 – 10.00am





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Photos from the Year 2 trip to Sawston Village College













