



12th May 2023

## Newsletter No.15

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy few weeks in school but I am going to share our pride to open our newsletter this week. Our year 6 pupils have had their SATs this week, you may have seen discussion of them in the media. We are so proud of how our year 6's have conducted themselves this week. They have ensured they are at school on time (probably with some help from you!) and have given their absolute best in every test they have undertaken. In this they have shown their resilience, their determination and their positivity. Definitely signs that they are ready for secondary school. We would also like to thank the whole school team as SATs are a team effort and everyone has worked whether directly or indirectly this week, to make sure things have gone as smoothly as possible.

Whilst we are congratulating our children, I am delighted to share that last Thursday our Year 5 team competed in the Cambridgeshire maths challenge. The atmosphere in the hall was tense with brains working hard whilst parents looked on. We are delighted to share that following all their hard work our team came 1st out of 13 schools and will be progressing to the final. Fantastic work!

Speaking of fantastic work, I do hope your child stuck to their commitment to help out at home as part of our Coronation celebrations. The children had some very clear ideas of how they would help at home from washing up to taking care of pets, I hope you had a brief break! We had a fabulous day in school on Friday and some special visitors kept appearing! We were able to come together as a school in the morning to learn about our King as well as finding things to look out for in the Coronation, a first in our children's lifetimes. We also took time to consider when King Charles III might be a Bellbird Superstar and the children showed they had considered this carefully with a range of wonderful reasons why we could award him with this special achievement. The Bellbirds are winging their way to Buckingham palace and we will be sure to let the children know if we get a response. We hope you enjoyed the historical day at home on the Saturday as well as the celebrations over the weekend. We know the Sawston fun run was well attended by staff and families and today we celebrated all those who took part.

Next week is mental health awareness week and whilst our PSHE work will be ongoing as normal, I thought it was an opportune moment to share with you the Action for Happiness May campaign which focuses on meaningful moments which can support our wellbeing if we slow down and reflect. I very much enjoyed listening to a favourite piece of music in the car on my way to work this morning as an example. Do use the calendar attached with this newsletter with your children and if you are interested look at future months using the web address:

<https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar>

You can set a challenge to try to complete a mindful moment each day or you can simply dip in and out as your schedule allows. They are a lovely way to spend focused time with your child and/or family.

A final reminder to ensure your child is punctual and arrives at school before the gates are closed at 8.55am. This really can have a positive impact on how your child is able to start the day, fully aware of any plans that are routine and any changes that the teacher may share. If your child is late, you may need to wait at the office with them briefly while the office team ensure they are correctly registered and that we have the right lunch information. Thank you for your support with this.

**Best wishes**

**Mrs Clayton and Mrs Pentney**

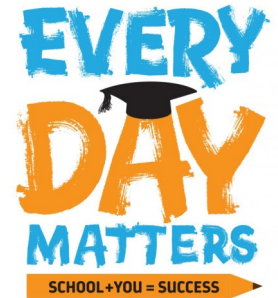


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## Newsletter No.11

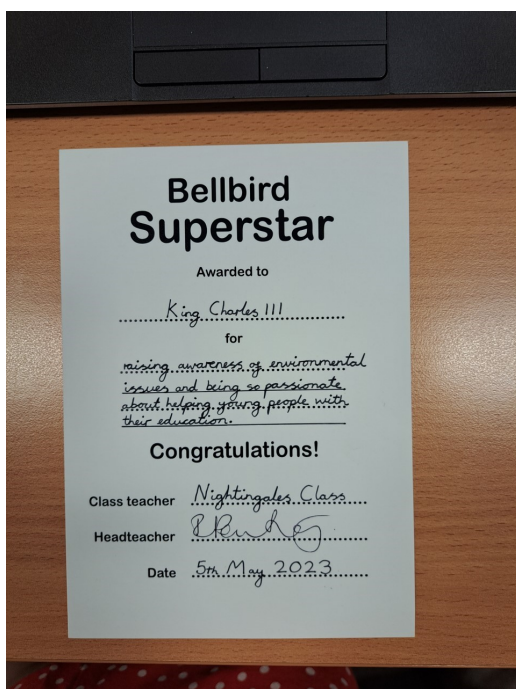
### Attendance:

We continue to monitor individual pupil attendance as we know attendance at school directly correlates with positive educational outcomes. Our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.8%. Thank you to all those parents and carers who are ensuring their children are at school on time and ready to learn. Thank you also to those parents and carers who contact us in a timely manner when their child is unwell, this supports our attendance tracking from a safeguarding perspective.



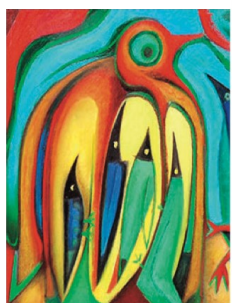
Wellbeing is a focus at all times at The Bellbird as this beautiful and helpful display reminds us.

Some special guests that kept appearing throughout last Friday!



Nightingales Bellbird Superstar for King Charles III. Just one example representing all our classes who gave a Bellbird Superstar to the King to mark his Coronation and his ongoing work for our country.





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Date	Event
Monday 15th - Friday 19th May 2023	Year 2 SATs week
Wednesday 17th May 2023	Reception Vision Screening
Friday 19th May 2023	FABs Bingo Event
Thursday 25th May 2023	Year 1 sharing assembly and class visit (9.10-10am)
Friday 26th May 2023	FABs Disco
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023	HALF TERM
Monday 6th-Friday 15th June 2023	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Friday 9th June 2023	Sports Day (times tbc)
Monday 12th - Friday 17th June 2023	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (Year 2 PSC retake)
Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th June 2023	Year 6 PGL Residential
Thursday 15th June 2023	Music concert for choir and instrumentalists
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd June 2023	Arts Week
Wednesday 21st June 2023	Early Intervention Family Advisor workshop for parents
Wednesday 28th June 2023	Year 6 pupils Induction day at Sawston Village College: all day
Thursday 29th June 2023	Year 6 Induction evening at Sawston Village College: pupils and parents 4 – 7.30pm
Friday 7th July 2023	Year 5 Sawston Village College taster morning
Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th July 2023	Evening performances of Year 6 Production
Tuesday 11th July 2023	Year 2 sharing assembly and class visit (9.10-10am)
Wednesday 12th July 2023	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 19th July 2023	Last day of term

Details of the later events will be shared once they have been finalised.

Term Dates 2023-24	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Term Starts [first day of school for children]	Monday 4th September 2023	Thursday 4th January 2024	Monday 15th April 2024 [May Day - 6th May]
Half term	23rd-27th October 2023	19th-23rd February 2024	27th-31st May 2024
Term Ends [last day of school for children]	Wednesday 20th December 2023	Thursday 28th March 2024	Thursday 18th July 2024
Professional Days (School closed to children)	Friday 1st September 2023 Friday 17th & Monday 20th November 2023		Friday 19th & Monday 22nd July 2024