



## Newsletter No.19

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As the term draws to a close there is a real buzz in the school. Lots is happening for all of the children as we move towards the end of another school year and look towards the next. Please do read the attached letter which further explains our class mixing plan and the educational reasons behind this. Thank you to all of you who have shared your thoughts on this new development.

Just this week alone in school; year 6 have had final rehearsals for their play and created some amazing props and scenery; year 1 visited the pond area and used watercolour pencils to do observational drawings of duckweed, year 3 and 4 continued to develop their swimming skills with some amazing long distance swimming, reception children 'flew' to India and Italy, year 5 were involved in an exciting art project, year 2 visited the Challis house gardens, we had a visit from our school improvement advisor, another visit from Governors to review an area of our school development plan and continued work with the maths hub to develop mastery. In addition to this, we have also welcomed new children and families with our reception transition events. As you can see both staff and pupils have been very busy!

### CHUMCATS: Supporting conflict resolution



We are delighted to share with you a video of our CHUM CATS approach to helping children manager their friendships. We shared an outline of the approach with you sometime ago but hope that this video will be supportive. It explains the approach in more detailed and gives some valuable advice on how you might find it helpful at home. It has been wonderful to watch, listen and model this approach with the children and they continue to build, reflect and develop their use of it. Consistency can be really powerful and comforting for our children so we hope you find it helpful.

A very big thank you to Mrs Lovewell for not only developing the CHUM CATS approach, but for producing this video for you all! [CLICK HERE TO WATCH!](#)



**CHUM CATS**  
Conflict Resolution Plan



- C**- Calm Down
- H**- Hear (listen to the other person's point of view)
- U**- Understand (empathy- put yourself in their shoes)
- M**- Make a plan 
- C**-Compromise (my way, my way- our way) 
- A**-Apologise (say a meaningful sorry)
- T**-Take turns (sharing- timers etc)
- S**-Speak (to a trusted adult)



### Premier kick challenge

As the Men's Euros began we were celebrating the children's fundraising and kicing abilities. We are delighted to share that we raised £200 for the Children's Society. This was a charity chosen by our school council who (having taken feedback from their classmates) discussed a number of charities agreeing that this was the one they would like to support on this occasion. Children chose the Children's Society as our charity and they have raised an impressive £200 for them. They said: *Thank you for your email and thank you so much to everyone at The Bellbird Primary School for your generous fundraising donation. Thank you for choosing to support The Children's Society, please know how grateful we are for all of your incredible support.*

In addition, we raised £1976.50 for the school. School council were also consulted on what this should be spent on to benefit the whole school. They agreed they wanted to purchase outdoor and indoor play equipment to enhance their play experiences. We have a lovely long list from them which we will work to purchase ready for use in the autumn term! Thank you for all your support of this fun event and well done to all the children for taking part.



### **Gardening club**

Dr Wreghitt and Mrs Foster continue to run gardening club with success every year. The year 2 children who attend have been enjoying growing wheat, beans, carrots and beetroot in their plot in the school allotment as well as looking for mini-beasts. This is a lovely way to learn about growing and the cycle of soil to table. The wheat always makes it to our harvest festival bread in the autumn term so do keep your eyes peeled for the full circle moment!

### **Safeguarding**

A reminder that now the hot weather has arrived to ensure children continue to have a hat, suntan lotion already applied and a bottle of water on arrival to school each morning. To support the children this week as it has been particularly hot, we have put up, our new gazebos that FABS very kindly purchased for us. These have given the children some additional shade when they have needed it at break times.

### **FABS Summer Fair**

We are always grateful to FABS for all their fundraising for the school which fund items we can't afford within the school budget (such as the previously mentioned gazebos). They also recently purchased our new 'Buddy bench'. It is lovely to see it being used; for some quiet time or an opportunity to find someone new to talk to and maybe play with. Do ask your children if they have used it yet.



A reminder that the FABS Summer Fair is next Friday, please do support by attending and, if you can, volunteering to help as well. Email FABS at [bellbirdpta@gmail.com](mailto:bellbirdpta@gmail.com) to let them know if you can offer any time to run a stall or help in any other way, they will be delighted to have you on board!

**We hope you continue to enjoy the remainder of the Summer term and that the warmer weather stays with us.**

**Best wishes**

**Mrs Emma Clayton and Mrs Rebecca Pentney**

**Diary dates:**

<b>Week beginning</b>	<b>Diary dates</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July: Year 6 production evening Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July: Year 6 production evening Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July: Year 6 induction day at Sawston Village College Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 induction evening at Sawston Village College Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July: Year 5 Sawston Village College Taster morning Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July: FABS Summer Fair Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July: Reception trip to South Angle Farm
8 <sup>th</sup> July	What a wonderful world curriculum week (Geography and music focus) Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> : Year 6 Residential trip to Norfolk Lakes Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July: Year 2 sharing assembly Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> : What a wonderful world sharing day (following week of activities) Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> : Reports to parents
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> : KS2 Balloon debate Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> : Leavers BBQ Year 6 Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> : Leavers assembly Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> : Staff training day NO SCHOOL
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	SUMMER HOLIDAYS BEGIN NO SCHOOL

**Summer term closes Thursday 18th July**

**Professional Day** Friday 19th July (no school)

**Professional Day** Monday 22nd July (no school)

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