



## Newsletter No. 2

**Dear Parents, Carers and Children,**

It's been another really busy couple of weeks at the Bellbird. Our reception children have joined us full time and school is busy and full of learning. It's been really nice to be able to walk around school and get into some classrooms to see so much purposeful learning. Please keep an eye out on communications from school for any information that you might need.

### **Reward System**

This year we have decided to streamline our reward system to make it clearer and more valuable to the children. All children are divided into 4 houses: Oak, Willow, Apple tree and Silver Birch. Children will receive house points when they demonstrate our aims and values in school. At the end of each term, the winning house will have a special "treat" to celebrate their success. Children will no longer receive sticker charts, however they will still receive a book when they achieve their Bellbird Superstar certificate. We believe that this system will help our children value the benefit of working for others, through the house point system, but also have personal reward for their outstanding achievements with their Bellbirds.

To build on this we will also be doing some more work on our aims and values so the children know what behaviours we are looking for. At the Bellbird we aim to be:

**B**alanced and kind: we are **balanced** when we approach any new situation, we are curious and not judgemental which helps us to be **kind** individuals who feel happier because of how we behave;

**I**ndependent: we aim for **independence** from adults in our learning because it helps us to build confidence in our abilities;

**R**espectful and responsible: we **respect** each other, our resources and environment taking **responsibility** to make the right choice for ourselves and others;

**D**etermined: we show **determination** to do the best we can even when things are hard, we use support when we need to and are proud of the progress we make;

**S**afe and supportive: we support others to feel **safe** with our words and actions and use CHUM CATS to **supportively** resolve our differences to support each other.

**Key dates for your diary:**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Flu Vaccinations

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Reception Phonics and Maths Parents Evening @ 4:30pm – 5:15pm

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 2 English Meeting for parents/carers @ 4pm – 4:45pm

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 1 English Meeting for parent/carers @ 4pm – 4:45pm

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual and Sibling Photos

**Fabs:**

The Friends of Bellbird School are looking for new volunteers to help support them in raising money for the school. In recent years they have raised money for swimming lessons, workshop visits and Year 6 leavers events. If you have any time to spare to either join the committee or volunteer at the events FABS throw, please get in touch.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'M. Brough', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Matt Brough  
Interim Headteacher