



**The Bellbird
Primary School**

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The Bellbird Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks at The Bellbird and looking ahead at the next few weeks, it is going to get even busier! In school, Year 4 did their class assembly and all of the feedback shows they did a marvellous job! Year 1 visited Shepreth Wildlife Park and members of the public commented on their fantastic behaviour and how they did the school proud. As always, reading has been at the heart of children's learning and I have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to see some fantastic lessons in action. Recently, Mrs Dix and Mrs Waddingham conducted some pupil voice to find out exactly what the children of the Bellbird think. I am delighted to say this feedback was overwhelmingly positive!

Tilly the Therapy Dog

We are delighted to inform you that we have registered for Pets As Therapy visits, which can help to give pupils opportunities to increase their confidence and sense of well-being. Every Wednesday, starting on the 4th December, Tilly, a 10-year-old Labrador who has passed her therapy training with flying colours, will be in school for an hour working alongside children.

We have space for a small number of pupils to participate in the visits and, if we feel your child might benefit from such an experience, we will correspond with you directly to gain consent. Tilly will work under the close supervision of the PAT Dog's owner, Sue, and a member of the school staff. Tilly will remain on the lead and under control at all times. A member of school staff will lead the sessions and will be present throughout.

We are so pleased to welcome Sue and Tilly to our school community.

Upcoming Events

As Christmas get nearer, the school calendar continues to fill up. Please check the key dates for your diary section at the bottom of the newsletter for a comprehensive list of all things school and Christmas. Please note the change of timings for some classes during the Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church. This was to ensure staffing levels are correct for all three services.

Feedback

We have added a new way of you feeding general information back to us. At the front of school and in the office there is now a QR code which gives you the opportunity to leave general feedback. This is for generic positive and negative issues and we would ask that you still speak to your child's class teacher about individual concerns. As always, members of the Senior Leadership Team are around at the beginning or end of the day for queries.

Key dates for your diary:

Event	Date
Reception Visit to St. Mary's Church	Thursday 5th December
FABS Quiz Night	Friday 6 th December (See Poster for Details)
KS2 Choir Performance (St Andrew's Church, Cambridge)	Saturday 7 th December
Reception Nativity Performance	Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th December @ 9:45am
FABS Winter Fair	Saturday 14 th December (See Poster for Details)
Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church (Parents/Carers Invited)	Tuesday 17th December Yr6 + Reception – 9.30 – 10am Yr1 + Yr 2 + Swifts – 10.30 – 11am Yr 3 + Y5 + Nightingales – 1.30 – 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day (+ Christmas Lunch)	Wednesday 18 th December
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December
Spring Term	
Staff Inset Day (School Closed to Children)	Monday 6 th January
School Reopens to Children	Tuesday 7 th January
Year 5 Class Assembly	Thursday 13 th February @ 9:15am
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 27 th March @ 9:15am
Year 1 Class Assembly	Wednesday 21 st May @ 9:15am
Year 2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 8 th July @ 9:15am

Kind Regards,



Mr Matt Brough
Interim Headteacher

