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| **Dear Parents and Carers,** It has been a fun-packed and exciting week here at school! The highlight was undoubtedly our fantastic Sports Day – see below. The energy and enthusiasm from all the children made it truly special. It was also wonderful to welcome so many fathers, cherished family members, and friends into our classrooms today for our Father’s Day visit – thank you for joining us and making the occasion so memorable. Have a lovely weekend, and fingers crossed for some sunshine!    **Summer Sports Day at The Bellbird**  It was wonderful to see so many parents and families on Tuesday, enthusiastically cheering on the children as they participated in a range of exciting events. The day was a fantastic showcase of their skills, teamwork and determination. From sprints and to classic fun activities, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Congratulations to Willow House on their well-deserved double victory in both the EY, KS1 and again at the KS2 events! A heartfelt thank you goes to all the teachers and teaching assistants whose hard work made the day possible, with special thanks to Miss Eames for her excellent organisation of the event.  **Year 6 Production – What’s the Crime, Mr Wolf?**  We are delighted to announce this year’s Year 6 production, What’s the Crime, Mr Wolf?, a witty and whimsical courtroom drama set in the heart of Fabletown. Under the watchful eye of Lord Feathers of Eiderdown, the Forest Court brings charges against the infamous Mr Wolf. With a colourful cast of characters, including Johnny Mole (secret agent), the Three Little Pigs, and Red Riding Hood, this clever tale will keep you guessing – are our favourite fairy-tale figures really who they appear to be?  **Performance Dates:**  Wednesday 9 July at 6:00pm  Thursday 10 July at 6:00pm **Venue:** Main School Hall **Running Time:** To be confirmed, but approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes  Each family will be allocated **two tickets** for their child’s performance. Once these allocations have been confirmed, additional tickets may be available upon request. Younger siblings will have the opportunity to watch the performance during school hours.  **Please note:** All Year 6 children are required to attend both performances and **must be collected by an adult** at the end of each evening.  Further details regarding costumes and arrival times will be shared in due course. We are very much looking forward to showcasing the talents of our Year 6 pupils in what promises to be a thoroughly entertaining production.  **Teaching Assistant Vacancies – Join Our Team!**  We are excited to announce that we have a number of Teaching Assistant (TA) vacancies available at our school from September 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a dedicated and supportive team, working to make a real difference in the lives of our pupils.  Whether you have experience in the role or are looking to begin a new and rewarding career in education, we would love to hear from you.  To find out more and to apply, please click on the following link: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/135132/EDV-2025-BPS-28795>  **Application deadline: Thursday 26th June 2025**  We look forward to welcoming new members to our school community!  **Y6 Athletics**  The Athletics competition on Wednesday 11th June was a series of track and field events that 10 year 6 children had to complete. These events included: howler throwing, long jump, a 75m sprint and a 600m run. There were many other schools participating so there was some fierce competition! Overall, it was a brilliant experience and one I won't forget!  Olivia Woods  **The Importance of Good Attendance at School**  At The Bellbird Primary School, we are dedicated to supporting every child to reach their full potential—both academically and socially. One of the key factors that contributes to a child’s success is regular attendance at school. Children who attend school consistently not only make stronger academic progress, but also develop more secure friendships, build greater self-confidence, and feel a stronger sense of belonging within the school community. While missing the odd day might seem harmless, these absences can quickly add up and create gaps in learning. For instance, a child who misses just one day every two weeks will have lost an entire term’s worth of education by the end of their primary school years.  Frequent absence from school can result in:   * Gaps in understanding essential concepts in literacy and numeracy * Reduced confidence and increased anxiety about catching up * Challenges in maintaining friendships and feeling part of the class * Fewer opportunities and reduced outcomes in the long term   We would also like to remind all families that holidays during term time ***cannot be authorised***. Such absences significantly disrupt children’s learning and undermine the consistency that young pupils need to flourish.  We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, arrives on time, and is ready to learn. By working together, we can provide all our pupils with the strongest foundation for future success.  If you are experiencing difficulties related to attendance, please speak with Mrs Klimke. We are here to listen, support, and work with you to find positive and constructive solutions.  **SEND Coffee Afternoon​: Supporting Neurodivergent Children​** Transitions – “Warming up for school and cooling down after school.”​  📅 Thursday 19th June​ 🕒 Arrival from 1:50pm | Start at 2:00pm​ ☕ Relax with a coffee and connect with other parents & carers.​ 🎓 Topic: Warming Up for School & Cooling Down After School​ Helping neurodivergent or potentially neurodivergent children transition smoothly before and after the school day.​  🧠 Led by: Jenny Lowey –Senior SEND Specialist Teacher.​ Jenny will share practical strategies and ideas during a short presentation, followed by a friendly Q&A session.​ RSVP using the Forms link by 17th June. We have space for 14 families.  <https://forms.office.com/e/QFibSYeFdh>  **Join the Friends at Bellbird School (FABs) and make a difference!**  As our school’s parent-teacher association, we’re a dedicated team of parents and staff committed to organising fundraising events and supporting school activities. Our mission is to unite children, families, and the wider community through exciting events while raising funds for essential resources and learning opportunities. Thanks to our fantastic volunteers, we’ve enhanced the school library, hosted author visits and theatre performances, funded swimming lessons for Years 2, 4, and 6, and installed a new PA system in the school hall. If you’d like to get involved, leave a message for Mr. Andy Irons at the school office or speak with the School Leadership Team at the gate—we would love to welcome you to the team!  **Calling All Parents – We Need Reading Volunteers!**  At The Bellbird Primary School, we believe that reading is the foundation of all learning – it unlocks imagination, knowledge, and confidence. This is why we are committed to helping every child develop strong reading skills as early as possible.  However, with increasing demands on teachers’ time, we need your support to ensure each child receives the attention they need while learning to read. Could you spare an hour or two each week to listen to children read?  You do not need any special training – just a love of books and a willingness to encourage our young learners as they develop this vital skill. Whether you are able to come in weekly or only from time to time, your involvement could make a significant difference.  **Why volunteer as a reading helper?**  Support children as they gain confidence and improve their reading ability  Make a meaningful and positive contribution in the classroom  Become a valued part of the school community  If you are interested or would like further information, please contact [Teacher/Office Name] at [email address/telephone number], or visit the school office.  Together, we can help every child become a confident and capable reader. Thank you for your support!  **Join the Fun at Cambridge City Football Club – June 18–22!**  Cambridge City Football Club is excited to invite you to a fantastic line-up of community events! From Wednesday 18th to Sunday 22nd June, the club will be buzzing with activities for everyone to enjoy. Highlights include a lively bingo night, a refreshing beer festival, and a brain-teasing quiz night – and that is just the beginning! For full details, please see the attached flyer. Do not miss out on this great opportunity to connect with the community and enjoy a week of entertainment.  **National College guide What Parents and Educators Need to Know – Zepeto**  ZEPETO is a hugely popular social app where users create custom avatars to explore virtual worlds, play games and chat with others. With millions of active players worldwide, it offers an engaging digital experience – but not without its concerns, especially for younger users.  ZEPETO’s vibrant world of custom outfits, interactive spaces and daily challenges might appeal to children – but those same features come with risks. From unfiltered chats and stranger danger to the temptation of in-app purchases, there’s plenty for parents to be aware of.  We’ve created this free guide offering parents and educators an overview of the associated risks of ZEPETO and what you can do to keep young people safe when having fun online.  **Key dates for your diary:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Event** | **Date** | | **Early Years Trip – South Angle Farm** | Thursday 3rd July | | **Year 2 Class Assembly** | Tuesday 8th July @ 9:15am | | **Y6 Production** | Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July – timing above. | | **Yr 6 Leavers Party** | Mon 21st July 4.30pm - 6pm Parents volunteers needed, please email us if you can help | | **Y6 Leavers’ Assembly** | Tuesday 22nd July from 2pm on Tuesday 22nd July. 2 adults per child. | | **Final Day of Summer Term** | Tuesday 22nd July | | **Staff training (inset) – no childcare provided** | Wednesday 23rd July |   **Have a good weekend,**  **James Puxley, Headteacher.** |