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Newsletter No. 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your help and support with dressing up outfits for our ever popular 'Roald Dahl' Day.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, as did the adults, and it was a fantastic 'kickstart' to our learning, as each class will be studying a different text by Roald Dahl over the next few weeks.

The enormous fundraising efforts by so many families who either made donations or took part in the sponsored walk over the Summer, has been very appreciated. As you know the money has gone towards refurbishing the outdoor area of Reception children. If you have not seen it yet, do go around and have a look as we are really delighted with it and the children are enjoying having so much space to play on and use for learning.

A huge thanks goes to FABS too who made an extremely generous donation towards this project whilst also funding the beautiful new 'Rainbow' benches in the playground. They have really brightened up our outdoor area.

FABS are always interested in recruiting new people to their merry band of helpers, as they are already planning a wealth of lovely events for the year ahead, so if you are interested do come and join the AGM next Wednesday or catch one of the members in the playground.

We are looking forward to setting up our Parent Forum group again with the first meeting in October (see diary dates). Look out for an email from the current chair, Kimberley Campbell, soon with more details.

This is a group of parents, staff and governors who work together to make The Bellbird the best it can be. Last year we discussed and reviewed homework, parent consultation format and birthday celebrations amongst other topics, so if you are interested in becoming involved do come along to the first meeting. You will be very welcome.

Our new Reception children have settled in very well to school life and are now staying all day. They are quickly learning the systems in the dinner hall too and have delighted us all with their super table manners and excellent appetites—no hungry tummies in the afternoon for them! Thank you to parents for supporting us with the slight change in format of picking up at the end of the day.

Do remember to pass on any messages to me at the gate each morning so that I can quickly pass the information on to your child's teacher—this saves you time having to wait at the gate for the teacher to be free and gives me the excuse to go and visit the children each day!

Already the diary dates are filling up, so do have a look and put them in your diaries too so that you don't miss out!

Many thanks
Mrs Kendall | Headteacher



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 26th September	3:30pm Meet the teacher—Wrens & Robins
Friday 28th September	4—7pm FABS event—Fun Friday
Tuesday 2nd October	4:30—6pm Y6 English Challenge
Wednesday 3rd October	HARVEST Festival at the URC KS1—9:30am KS2—11am
Thursday 11th October	6pm Parent Forum meeting
Friday 12th October	9:15am New Reception Parent Open Morning
Monday 22nd October— Friday 26th October	HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 30th October	8—11am Parent consultations
Thursday 1st November	3:40—7pm Parent consultations
Saturday 3rd November	FABS event Fireworks Night
Friday 16th November	9:15am New Reception Parent Open Morning
Friday 16th November	FABS event for KS2—details TBC
Friday 23rd November	FABS event for KS1—details TBC
Saturday 1st December	1—4pm
Wednesday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 7th January	First day of Spring term