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Newsletter No. 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all of our families. We do hope that you have all enjoyed a restful, family holiday break. As always, after a break, the children have returned with renewed energy and enthusiasm to their learning and so we look forward to another successful term ahead.

Already this week the children have been inspired by a wonderfully professional performance of Jack and the Beanstalk and next Monday our younger children will have the opportunity to work with the author/illustrator Alex Deacon.—see letter from Mrs Hines for more details.

These opportunities undoubtedly have an impact on our children; already this week children have been visiting me to share examples of the improvement in their own writing, of which they are tremendously proud!

Over the course of this term, teachers will be planning other opportunities to inspire our children such as trips, visitors etc., so do keep an eye out for the diary dates.

Topic webs and homework menus which will be available on the website next week are an excellent way to discover more about what learning is taking place in your child's class. If there is any topic that you have a particular knowledge or expertise in, please do contact your class teachers to let them know. We love to have visitors!

As the PE lead, Mr Gilmore has purchased and organised a whole new set of playground equipment for use at breaks and lunch times. He delighted everyone in Assembly this week by demonstrating some excellent skipping skills, whilst explaining the rules and showing the different equipment. We are proud of our Year 6 pupils who are taking on leadership roles to oversee the use of the equipment whilst also teaching some of the games to the younger children. We look forward to safe, happy and respectful playtimes.

The Reception children are now joining the rest of KS1 pupils for morning break time too, so they will also have the chance to enjoy the new equipment.

It is the chilly season and already we do have some coughs and colds around so please do remind your children to catch a sneeze in a tissue, bin it and wash their hands, which we encourage at school. Plenty of fluids can also help us keep well and hydrated so making sure your child has a water bottle each day can really help. Thank you.

We were reassured to be informed this week that our Pupil Admission Number for Reception in September 2019 will remain at 60, and not be reduced to 45, so thank you very much for all of your support with this, especially to those parents who submitted letters to the Adjudicators Office.

Many thanks
Mrs Kendall | Headteacher

An exciting opportunity to work at The Bellbird Primary School

Full-time Midday Supervisor for The Bellbird Primary School.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Term time only 11.45am to 1:15pm each week day. The role includes set up, lunchtime and then clearing away.

We are seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to join our team.

We are looking for professional, polite and confident team players

As a school lunchtime supervisor, your tasks during the meal would include:

- helping children who are in difficulties, for example with cutting up food
 - encouraging good table manners
- making sure behaviour does not become too boisterous

After the meal you would:

- supervise children in the playground (or in the hall or classroom in wet weather)
 - stop any dangerous behaviour
 - deal with any quarrels or fights
 - comfort children who are upset
 - deal with minor injuries such as cuts, grazes and bruises
- sometimes organise games

Skills, interests and qualities

To be a lunchtime supervisor you should have:

- enjoyment of working with children and the ability to control and supervise them
- patience
- the ability to stay calm in an emergency
- good communication skills
- a reasonable level of fitness

the ability to work as part of a team

Please phone 01223 833216 for an application pack or alternatively email at office@thebellbird.cambs.sch.uk

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 7th January	1st day of Spring term
Monday 14th January	Author visit Alex Deacon
Thursday 17th January	Parent Forum 6pm
Friday 1st February	FABS event : KS1 & KS2 discos 5 pm & 6:30 pm
Thursday 14th February	Last day of Half term
Friday 15th February	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 18th February — Friday 22nd February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 25th February	School open
Friday 1st March Change of date	FABS event : Bingo 7—10pm
Friday 29th March Change of date	MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8am
Friday 29th March	School Reports out
Tuesday 2nd April	Parent Consultations 8 am -11 am
Wednesday 3rd April	Parent Consultation 3:45 pm — 7pm
Friday 5th April	Easter Breakfast for children
Friday 5th April	Last day of Spring term

Term dates 2019/2020

Due to some confusion over the CCC published holiday dates for 2019/2020, we have had to review and make slight changes to our school dates for that year. Please do look on the website to check the new dates before you book holidays.
Thank you

Parking

After receiving a letter from a local resident who was unable to park in her own street, despite the street being marked as 'Resident Access Only', I would like to request that parents are mindful of this when parking vehicles at morning and after school drop off/pick up. Thank you for your support.