



4th October, 2019

## Newsletter No. 2

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a very busy past few weeks so I'll try to identify just some of the highlights for you here!

Term kicked off with an inspirational visit from author Nicola Davies, followed by an enjoyable dressing up day to celebrate the wonders of the British wildlife. Both events have resulted in some excellent written pieces of work, especially poetry.

The Harvest assemblies this week were such joyful occasions. The children's singing, in KS2 particularly, nearly did raise the rafters in the Sawston Free Church. It was wonderful! The confidence of our children, whilst presenting their individual pieces, was a delight to see. We were very grateful indeed for the very generous contributions from our families and of course the wonderful bread baked by our year 2 pupils as part of the KS1 wheat project. All of the food was taken to the foodbank at John Huntingdon's Charity by FABS members, where it will be used to support our Sawston families.

With the return of Mrs Collins, our music lead, we see the return of the choir and she has been delighted with the numbers and enthusiasm of children wishing to take part. I know that she already has some lovely ideas for upcoming events, so do look out on the website calendar and diary dates for details soon.

The new reception children have well and truly settled in now and will be joining us all for the Friday assembly next week (Friday 11th October). They are having regular opportunities to meet with their Y6 Buddies, who are delighted with these roles of responsibilities.

Also at next Friday's assembly, we will be officially handing out the badges to our newly elected school council representatives and Y6 House Captains. These opportunities for the children enable them to develop their leadership skills and encourage responsibility for others.

The year 6 children had a visit from a very fluffy friendly dog, Sheba, and her owner at The Blue Cross, who gave a very informative talk on how to behave responsibly and respectfully around animals.

Of course last Friday was our official Opening Ceremony attended by Warwick Davis and his daughter Annabelle. All of the children had the chance to see them during our assembly and many managed to catch a 'selfie' or an autograph too. Warwick was an inspirational speaker for our children and his responses to the excellent questions posed by the school council were awe inspiring. We are proud to be fundraising for their charity, Little People UK, this year. I feel a few Harry Potter and Star Wars themed activities coming on....!

If you do not yet follow us on Twitter, why not sign up (its easy—you don't need to tweet!) as we regularly tweet photos of the events taking place each week.

### Vacancies

With the ever increasing need for places at our After School Club, we are looking to recruit 3 new part time members to our team: either 6 or 9 hours a week (3—6pm/ days are negotiable)

If you are interested, please email Mrs Harrison on [flash@thebellbird.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:flash@thebellbird.cambs.sch.uk) for more information and an application pack.



# Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 16th October	4pm Y6 English Challenge—interschool
Mon 21st—Friday 25th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 29th October	4—7pm Parent consultations
Thursday 31st October	8—11am Parent consultations
Thursday 28th November	6pm Parent Forum
Friday 6th December	9:15—10:30am Y1 Christmas Craft activities - parents invited
Saturday 7th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10th December	Y3 Christmas Production 6pm
Tuesday 12th December	Y3 Christmas Production 1:45pm
Monday 16th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
Wednesday 18th December	2pm Christmas Carol Concert at school—parents invited LAST DAY OF TERM