



Newsletter No. 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are flying through the second half of the autumn term here at The Bellbird. We can't believe that December is just around the corner.

School is a wonderful place to be at the moment, there is so much happening. Our Year 6's completed their Bikeability this week and we have received reports of their excellent behaviour. We have talked with the Year 6's about their role as ambassadors for the school and it is great to get feedback about them being just that!

On Thursday this week we had a whole school zoom assembly to share the results of the Handwriting Competition for 2020. It was a pleasure to share the results for overall winner and most improved in each class. Congratulations to all our winners! Letter formation and consistent size were particular strengths for the younger children. In the older children's writing it was great to see letter joins and individual style beginning to develop. The assembly was a joy. The sense of pride the children had in each other was wonderful to see. There was lots of clapping and genuine looks of delight as winners were announced. Thanks to Mrs Hines for all her organisation of this event.

Moving on to the fast approaching end of term. We are excited by the range of Christmas activities and events for the children.

In particular, the children can look forward to;

- *Craft activities with a Christmas theme in each class.
- *Classroom door decoration (do look out for photos on twitter).
- *Christmas card making (as mentioned previously no cards to be sent from home, all children will receive a card which has been made and then quarantined in school). KS2 will also be making a Christmas card to send to school children in France.
- *Christmas parties for each class (dates and dress code will follow nearer the time).
- *Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 15th December. This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day when children can wear their festive themed clothing (if they don't have a jumper a t shirt or festive equivalent is absolutely fine)
- *Finally, we are positive that we will be having a 'special Christmas visitor' at some point over the last few weeks. The children have really been 'soaring to success' this term so it is definitely well deserved. We are sure they will let you know who it is! Thank you to FABS for their support with this.

A special thank you must go to Mr Foster and Mrs Baslington who have put up our Christmas trees at the front of the school. They look absolutely fabulous!

Despite a very challenging year we are looking forward to ending the term with a warm festive glow!

Best wishes,
Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney