



Newsletter No.11

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all enjoying this lovely weather which is set to continue. It has been great to see everyone enjoying the spring sunshine.

Year 4 certainly took advantage of the sun with their Anglo Saxon story telling session on Monday this week. There was some great story telling, some beautiful music and a fabulous fire pit to really help the children relax and engage in this special time. Year 2 enjoyed their Great Fire of London Day last week, a wide range of experiences were had, learning new crafts looked fun but the medical cures did not! We have a number of school trips in the coming weeks and months and we hope for good weather but know it isn't guaranteed. Staff have received update training on the organisation, and health and safety aspects of educational visits in the last few weeks and we are looking forward to getting out and about with the children.

As the weather gets better we are sure the children will be spending more time outside but we know for the older children who have phones, these will still be in use. We have been contacted by a number of parents over the last month regarding friendship problems relating to comments or chat on social media outside of school. In particular WhatsApp and Tiktok have been mentioned numerous times. It is very difficult for the children to manage these issues and they have on occasion filtered in to school and learning time. The minimum age requirement for WhatsApp is 16 and for Tiktok is 13. We understand the social pressure children and their parents are under but these age limits are there to protect children and help them access social media when they are emotionally mature enough to do so. If you have questions or concerns about these apps you may find clicking the following links useful: [WhatsApp](#) and [Tiktok](#).

Today we have celebrated Comic Relief, raising money for those beyond our school community. A fun way to help others. Many thanks to all of you for your generous support of today and the purchasing of red noses. Do head to our school twitter account @bellbirdprimary to check out some fabulous photos! In addition to today's fun, we are very proud of a group of our Year 5 children this week. Emily, Aneesha, Mariam, Aedan and George worked together to hold a bake sale on Thursday after school. Their aim was to raise money for Comic Relief and also Voices, a Ukrainian charity supporting children impacted by war. Further details of both can be found at their websites clicking the links here: [Comic Relief](#) and [Voices](#). We are sure you will join us in saying a very big 'Well done!' to this team, we are very proud of them. They worked hard to bake and organise themselves, ensuring ingredients of the bakes were displayed to keep everyone safe. They have shown that they can make a difference and contribute positively both nationally and internationally with their fundraising. A spectacular amount of money has been raised which we will share in our KS2 celebration assembly next week. Many thanks to all of you who purchased from their stall, it was lovely to see so many of you there.

As we begin to look towards the Summer term we start to think about transition, many dates and details will follow, but along with the usual photos overleaf you will find a list of transition dates for Sawston Village College. These will be useful for Year 5 and 6 parent's diaries. We are pleased to let you know that the Village College are able to resume their transition events for year 5 as well as year 6 this year. The taster day is an exciting opportunity for the year 5's as they prepare for year 6 and beyond. The Summer term brings many exciting events for everyone at The Bellbird including celebrating and learning about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. More details will follow but special thanks must go to Mrs Collins and Mr White who have begun to map out an exciting week for us all following input from our key stage teams.

To end our email, a request to ensure you are not blocking driveways if you are picking up from school in a car. We have had a request from a school neighbour to share this message as their driveway has been blocked on a number of occasions. Please park safely and carefully to support our wider community.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend in the sun.

Best wishes
Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney



**The year 5 bake sale on Thursday.
Thank you for your support!**

Three of our fabulous



Music and story telling around the firepit for some Anglo Saxon relaxation in Year 4!



Year 2 learning about The Great Fire of London with a range of activities from the time.



Ouch! Imagining what medical procedures may have felt like in 1066!

Year 5 and 6 Transition dates: further details will follow

Date	Transition Element
March 1st	SVC Places Offered to current Year 6 pupils
March 28th	Primary school visits begin this week to include a question and answer session with Year 6 pupils.
April 19th	Pupil Questionnaire distributed to all Year 6 pupils - Friendships/ Language Choice/ Likes/Dislikes
May 5th	Groupings / Class development begins
June 20th	Year 5 Taster Days to begin - Continue through the rest of the term
Wednesday 29th June	Year 6 Induction Day at SVC
Thursday 30th June	Induction Evening - Online/ In person TBC