

July Issue



THE BELLFIELD BULLETIN



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that this is the last newsletter of the year — it seems to have passed in no time at all.

I have been reflecting on yet another outstanding year at Bellfield! There are so many positives to feel proud about but nothing more puts a smile on my face than seeing our children happy, positive and enjoying their learning. They are an absolute credit to us!

This week, we say a fond farewell to our year 6s, as they get ready to begin the next stage of their education in September. They have all been amazing throughout their time at Bellfield and, despite being the largest class we have ever had, they have supported each other and really let their personalities show. We know they will go on to be really successful young people.

I would like to express my thanks to you for the support you have shown us throughout the year — I truly believe we have got it right here and by working together, we can provide the best for our children.

I also want to thank all of the staff at Bellfield for their tireless hard work — they really have made it an exciting, enjoyable year.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming our children back to school on **Tuesday 4th September**.

Mr Mills

Goodbye

As mentioned in the transition letter sent to parents a few weeks ago, we are saying farewell to some of our staff this year, as they retire or move on to other roles.

Mrs Wilson, who has worked at Bellfield for over 17 years will be leaving us to pursue other interests, once she has spent some time with her young grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all and we wish her well for the future.

Mrs Cowper and Mrs Latus have decided to take retirement so we wish them all the best with the extra time that they will now have on their hands.

Finally, we are also saying goodbye to Miss Maslin as she moves across to one of our HCAT schools to take up her first teaching post. We hope she looks back on her time at Bellfield with fondness and happy memories!

Finally, on another note, Mrs Massam, who was married earlier this year but decided to keep her surname to avoid confusion, will begin using her married surname of Mrs Smith from September.

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Sporting Success

On Friday 6th July, some of our year 5/6 children went to Longhill for the afternoon to compete against them in football and netball. They all had a wonderful time and showed great sportsmanship.

On Friday 13th July, some of our children went to Hymers College for the National finals. We took part on both tri-golf and orienteering. All of our children did brilliantly but a special mention must go to Madison and Ethan from class 6, who came first in the year 6 orienteering competition, which means that they are the best in the COUNTRY!

Yet again, it has been a very successful sporting year for Bellfield and our children have had the opportunity to take part in so many sporting competitions.

On Wednesday 18th June, Ms Cowap and her Sports Leaders attended an awards ceremony at The Mercure Hotel in Willerby, where they were presented with 3 awards (the most any school had won). A huge well-done to Jonathan, who won Sports Leader of the Year!

I would like to thank Ms Cowap and her Sports Leaders: Jacob, Madison, Jonathan and Gemma who have really driven the sports agenda in our school.

We look forward to what next year holds for us.



What's been happening in school?

Even though the month has been relatively short, there has been so much activity within school.

This month, our classrooms have opened up again to welcome parents to experience learning alongside their children. We would love to hear your feedback on this and whether there is anything we can do differently/better next year. If you have any suggestions, email them to our administration staff:

admin@bellfield.hull.sch.uk titled: **'Feedback from Parent Open Afternoons'**

We had our annual Summer Fair on the afternoon of the 9th July, where so many parents/carers attended. Through events like this, we are able to raise much-needed funds for the school, which then go towards reducing the costs of visits and providing other opportunities free of charge. Thank you so much for your support — we raised a huge £628.

Well done to our class 5 and 6 children who organised the Fair alongside their teachers and other adults.

On the 6th July, we celebrated HCAT becoming 5years old, with a buffet lunch. HCAT now consists of fourteen primary schools and 1 secondary school, with Withernsea Primary School the latest school to join our family.

Class 6 performed their leavers play to the school and to parents and I have to say, it is the best I have seen so far in the school — they have certainly set the bar high!

10 of our children from classes 5 and 6 took part in the first ever 'Pupil Conference', which was both organised and run by children from our HCAT schools. They loved being involved and told us that this is something they will remember for the rest of their lives!

Finally, this week, our children moved up to their new classes and spent time getting to know their new teachers. We will organise 'meet the teacher' events in early September so you can ask any questions or raise any concerns you have then .

Visits

What a busy month for visits! All of our classes took part in their attendance trips, which they have worked so hard to earn over the last year.

Reception and class 1 went to William’s Den and had a fabulous time! The weather was very kind to them and they came back exhausted.

Class 2 spent the morning at Monkey Bizness, tiring themselves out. They were ‘buzzing’ when they got back to school in the afternoon!

Classes 3 and 4 spent the morning ‘zapping’ each other at Lazer Quest, followed by some bowling.

Class 5 went to Gravity and Rock Up — from the look on their faces on our twitter, they had an amazing time (and so did Mrs Hoyle!)

Class 6 visited Odeon cinema for a complete movie experience (including popcorn). They watched ...and came back informing me that my namesake was eaten by a dinosaur!

In addition to our attendance visits, classes 3 and 4 spent the morning of the 4th July at Kingswood Academy as part of our STEM week. They loved working in a laboratory with bunsen burners and chemical elements and could really see what is on offer to them at secondary school.

Finally, our House winners (Robins) spent the day at East Park taking part in a whole range of activities as a reward for their collective teamwork over the last half-year.

We know that visits are a key part of our children’s learning and we always try to keep costs as low as possible for parents however, with the rising cost of transport, we may need to ask for a little extra next year.



Attendance Matters

Can I please remind you that all term-time holidays will be unauthorised and that if your child is absent for 10 sessions (5 days) or more, we will refer you to the Local Authority, who may choose to issue a fine.

Over the course of an academic year, a single week of absence (10 sessions) can result on over 10hours of lost learning. This is learning time that can never be recovered.

Overall whole-school attendance for the year: 95.6% (up from 95.4% last year)

Overall attendance by class for the year can be seen below. Well done to Class 4, who met out target of 96%!

We are so successful at Bellfield in so many areas but attendance seems to be our stumbling block. Please make every effort for your child to attend school on time, everyday as this will continue to be one of our priorities next year.

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.6%	95.6%	95.4%	95.4%	96.0%	95.8%	95.6%

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Important Dates

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| Friday 20th July | - Children break off for Summer |
| Monday 3rd September | - Staff Training Day |
| Tuesday 4th September | - Children return to school |

Want to keep up to date with what is going on in school? Visit the 'calendar' page of our website which, from September, will be updated on a weekly basis to show what is happening in school.

School Places

If you know of anybody who is looking to get their child(ren) into Bellfield, please get them to contact the school. We currently have spaces for September in classes 3 to 6.