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Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a busy first term draws to a close, we have lots to celebrate here at Bellfield. Just recently, the national schools' performance tables were released by the Department for Education and I am thrilled to tell you that we are ranked 7th out of 71 Hull primary schools for our outcomes at Key Stage 2. This is a remarkable achievement and has only been possible through the hard work and determination of our children and staff.

In addition, we have recently received a short inspection from Ofsted, to check on the quality of education we are providing. Under the current inspection framework, schools that are graded 'Good' (as ours is) receive a one-day inspection every four or five years. There are three possible outcomes from this inspection:

- (1) The school could be deemed as having excellent capacity to be an 'Outstanding' school and this would be recognised with a letter recommending a Section 5 (two-day) inspection to verify an 'Outstanding' judgement; or
- (2) The school could continue as a 'Good' school; or
- (3) The school has not made enough progress since the last inspection therefore could move down to 'Requires Improvement' or even be placed in 'Special Measures'.

As soon as we have received the official outcome of the inspection, we will notify parents/carers.

Mr Mills

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Your Opinion

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended our 'Parent Forum' this month. The comments and suggestions you made will be acted upon by the school in a bid to make our school even better.

Remember, there are many ways you can provide feedback to us, either through the website, at the Parent Forum or simply by popping in and speaking to a member of staff.

Did you know?

Hull City Council has just agreed to increase the cost of a school meal from **50p to £1** from **7th January 2019**.

This means that if you pay for school meals, you will now need to provide £1 per day.

Children in Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 are still entitled to a free universal school meal.

Sporting Success

This month has been unusually quiet for sporting competitions. Our KS2 girls took part in a football competition at Goals and worked as such a great team — showing the true spirit of Bellfield.

Class 5 boys also took part in a football competition at Goals and showed great promise. They competed against some other HCAT schools and showed true grit and determination — well done!

We continue to invest heavily in our sporting offer and Ms Cowap has been working incredibly hard 'behind the scenes' to organise clubs, events and competitions. Every school in the country receives a 'Sports Premium' - an amount of money that the school must use to improve sport, health and well-being. This money has to be targeted and we have to justify how we have spent it. You can see our areas for development in our 'Sports Premium Strategy', which can be found on our website under 'Our School' - 'Additional Funding'.



What's been happening?



What another busy month for our children and staff. Christmas has certainly taken over in our school, with our Foundation Stage nativity and our Y5/6 Christmas production. I have to say, watching our children perform with confidence really fills me with pride. We invest significantly in our curriculum to ensure that our children leave Bellfield confident, ambitious and resilient and these traits shone through in all of the performances.



Classes 3 and 5 visited Hull Minster for a traditional Christingle service and to learn about the history of Christmas.

The whole school visited St. Michael's Church to take part in a special Christmas service from Reverend Maggie. Sadly, she will be retiring in February and we will miss her popping in to our school and leading some of our special assemblies.

Key Stage 2 classes spent a day working with the Woodland Trust, planting trees and bushes around our school grounds to ensure a long-lasting 'green space'.

Classes 5 and 6 showcased all of their work on WWII with a well-attended 'street party'. The food was superb and they looked after our many guests with courtesy and respect.



We had our termly 'parent coffee' morning, where our educational psychologists provided some training to parents.

Foundation Stage invited parents in for a day of crafts and the turnout, as always, was excellent — thank you!

The whole school took part in national Christmas Jumper Day, where we managed to raise £185. This money was spent on gifts for Hull Children's Hospital, to show that we are thinking about them during this festive season. The gifts were very well received so thank you to all that donated.

Finally, this week we have had our BEAMS celebrations, class parties, school Christmas dinner and carols around the tree to bring this term to a close.

Keeping you informed

As part of our Ofsted visit, parents were given a link to 'parent view', which is an online questionnaire enabling you to anonymously give your views on different aspects of our school. Thank you to the 31 parents/carers who took the time to complete this. This has raised some concerns for us as a school:

- (1) 19% of you feel that pupils at our school are not as well behaved as they could be;
- (2) 22% of you feel that our school does not deal effectively with bullying;
- (3) 19% of you feel that our school is not well led and managed;
- (4) 22% of you feel that we do not respond well to the concerns you raise;
- (5) 19% of you feel that you do not get enough information about your child's progress.

As I am sure you can appreciate, this is disappointing news for our school, especially as we strive to work in partnership with our parents/carers.

As a Senior Leadership Team, we will be looking into some of these claims to ensure that we have followed our policies and procedures effectively and that parents/carers have been involved.

Superstars

Although there have been many superstars this month, the following children have really stood out with their learning and attitude:

Nur — **Beck S** for fantastic number work and recognising his numbers 0-10!

Rec — **Leah W** for always being outstanding and for her efforts in writing this term!

Class 1 — **Evee K** for growing in confidence in every subject!

Class 2 — **Louie C-H** for always accepting a challenge and putting in 100% effort!

Class 3 — **Charlie W** for having a fantastic attitude to learning!

Class 4 — **Riley S** for always trying his best in everything he does!

Class 5 — **Sophie C** for giving 100% at all times and in everything she does!

Class 6 — **Kaitlin F** for always being such a good ambassador for the school!



Attendance Matters

Our attendance target for this year is **97%**.

This term, we awarded 59, 100% certificates to children who have not had a single day off this term — an amazing achievement. All pupils with 100% for the term were entered in to a prize draw for a chance to win several Hull City items, including a singed shirt, a signed ball and tickets to a football match.

With your continued support, I am confident that we will be able to meet (or even exceed) our 97% target for the year.

Attendance for December: **95.6%** - **not quite at our target but we appreciate there has been a lot of illness this month. Please continue to support us and let's hope we can get it back up to at least 97% in January.**

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.6%	95.2%	97.1%	95.9%	96.6%	95.8%	91.1%

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Important Dates

All of our important dates and key events are now shown on our website under the 'calendar' tab.

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| Thursday 20th December | - Break of for Christmas |
| Monday 7th January | - Children return to school |

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of any benefits and have not already done so, we would urge you to apply for free school meals. Not only does this cover the cost of lunches for your child(ren), for each child in receipt of free school meals, the school receives £1320, which can then be spent on resources.

Please contact the school office for more information.