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Tuesday 30th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and made lots of memories as a family.

As you will be aware, this half-term is very short (only 4 weeks and 2 days in fact) and there is lots to fit in.

This letter will update you on some of things that are happening this half-term, as well as a few reminders that we like to give at the beginning of each term.

Year 6 and Year 2 National Curriculum Tests (SATs)

Our class 6 children will be taking part in their SATs in the week beginning 13th May 2019. They have been working exceptionally hard all year and this is their chance to show how brilliant they are. If you have a child in class 6, we would encourage you to send them to breakfast club during this week, where we will be putting on bacon and sausage sandwiches for them, as well as the usual cereal and toast (Mon-Thurs).

On the Friday of that week, they can come in their pyjamas or onesies for a 'pyjama day'. They may also bring in a sleeping bag or bean bag etc. if they wish. In the past, we have found this to be a lovely, relaxing end to what can be a stressful week.

We should receive the results of the tests around 6 weeks after.

Class 2 will sit their tests in the week beginning 20th May 2019. Unlike the year 6 tests, these are non-statutory, which means that we do not report the results to anybody and use them only to inform our own teacher assessment.

Enrichment Visits

I am aware that class teachers have been busy trying to organise enrichment visits/visitors in order to capture the children's interest in their new topic. As has always been the case at Bellfield, we aim to provide lots of opportunities for children to take part in a wide-range of activities, which will give them invaluable experiences. Part of the cost is subsidised by the school but we are not in a position to meet the full cost without charging parents. I know this is unfortunate and I appreciate that times are hard for everybody in the current climate of austerity. However, if we did not charge for these enrichment activities, they simply would not be able to go ahead and our children would lose out.

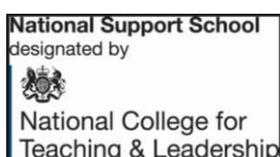
Outstanding Payments

I apologise for this sounding like a demand but there is currently over £350 owed for school dinners. Unless your child is entitled to free school meals, can you please ensure that you send £1 with your child to cover the cost of their school lunch. Alternatively, you can send them with a packed lunch.

If you are aware that you have an outstanding balance, can you please make contact with the school office as soon as possible to organise for this to be paid off. We always try to be very accommodating but we cannot continue to allow this to be the norm.

Safety

Can I please ask that you remind your children not to ride bikes and scooters on the school site. The safety of our children and families is very important to us and there have been some very near misses recently due to people riding bikes and scooters carelessly. In addition, the adventure trail is not to be used before or after school as there is no





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staff supervision available to monitor it. Finally, yesterday morning, a small plastic jar of nicotine oil (used to fill vaping devices) was found on the playground. Needless to say, if any of our children had picked this up and swallowed the liquid, it could have been very dangerous. Can you all please be extra vigilant – if you see something out of the ordinary – report it to a member of staff.

New Mobile Classroom and Minibus

You will have seen that the new mobile classroom is now in place and it looks brilliant. We spent many years trying to get funding to demolition the old building, which was unusable and a health and safety risk. Our plan is to equip the new classroom with a kitchen area so that it can be used for the very popular cookery club as well as becoming a community room for parents/carers to meet.

You may have also seen that we have finally received our own school 16-seater minibus. The idea of having a minibus is to reduce transportation costs for visits. Our partner school, Longhill, also have a 16-seater bus therefore, when we put them together, we can transport a whole class without having to pay for private coach hire.

Vacancies

We are looking to appoint two lunchtime supervisors to join us from September 2019. The posts will involve working with our Nursery children, monitoring them during their lunch hour and upholding the values and ethos of the school. Working hours will be 11:30am-12:30pm Monday-Friday, term-time only and fixed term for a year in the first instance. If you, or anybody you know of may be interested in joining us, please contact Mrs Osborne in the school office for more information and an application pack.

Important Dates

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| Monday 6 th May | – Bank Holiday – school closed |
| Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May | – KS2 SATs |
| Monday 20 th – Thursday 23 rd May | – KS1 testing |
| Friday 24 th May | – School Closed for Training Day |

Finally, we are proud that we have such a supportive community here at Bellfield and we thank you for sticking with us (through some tough times).

If you have any concerns involving our school or our children, please make contact with a member of staff, who will always be willing to listen.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr S. Mills
Head of School

