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Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year.

It is hard to believe that we have been back at school for over four weeks already. There has been so much going on in school, some of which is outlined later in this newsletter.

Thank you for your early support — It really does make a huge difference when we are all working off the same page to make our children's school days happy and successful.

Can I please remind you that the adventure equipment on the playground is out of bounds before and after school. This is to ensure that our children are safe so please support us with this. In addition, we do not allow ball games on the playground either.

We have had several reports from parents/carers about some of our older children using inappropriate language and boisterous behaviour whilst on site before school starts. We have spoken about this with classes however, we would appreciate it if you could re-iterate our expectations of what is and is not acceptable.

Our Parent consults will be taking place in this month and we encourage you to book an appointment early. As previously, consults will run over the course of the day so there is lots of flexibility. The purpose of this first consultation is for class teachers to learn about your children from the extensive knowledge you have of them. It is too early in the term to talk about their progress but class teachers will share with you some early targets that you can support with at home.

Mr Mills

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Governors

It is the role of the Governing Body to challenge and support the school so that your children get the best school experience. We currently have one vacancy for a parent governor to join us.

If you are interested in applying, or want to find out more about what the role entails, please make contact with the school.

Electronic Payments

We are currently exploring the possibility of becoming a 'cashless' school. Many of the other schools in our area have already gone down this route and we are keen to hear what our parents/carers think.

We will be sending out a short slip to get your views on whether you would be in favour of it so please help us by responding.

Sporting Success

Although we are yet to take part in any sporting competitions, our children have been immersing themselves in a whole-range of physical activities.

Classes 5 and 6 have started their boxing lessons with all of class 5 aiming to be awarded their bronze medal by the end of the course. For class 6, they are working towards their silver medal.

Class 2 have begun their yoga lessons and classes 3 and 4 have been working with football coaches to improve their 'dribbling'.

Our Sports Ambassadors have already started to use and develop their leadership skills by organising some lunchtime clubs for our younger children.

And finally.....if you are not already aware, this year Bellfield was awarded the School Games Platinum Award for its work around sports — only the second school in Hull to receive this

What's been happening?



This month has already been exceptionally busy!

In the first week back, we had a whole-school 'RP day' where we came together to build relationships and learn about one another. Classes created their own emblems to represent their community.

We supported two charity events this month: Jeans for Genes and McMillan Coffee Morning. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity, donating both money and cakes/buns. All of the money raised will now be used to make a real difference for these charities.



Class 5 have had an extremely busy month undertaking their 'Bikeability' training, learning all about how to ride safely on the road. Well done to all of them! They also visited The Humber Bridge to make sketches as part of their art work. In addition, they have visited the KCOM Stadium on a number of occasions to learn literacy and maths through sport.

Classes 1 and 2 visited the city centre and the Streetlife Museum to support their learning. They had a brilliant day and came back with lots of information to share.

Classes 3 and 4 visited the city centre to support their work learning about the city of Hull. Again, they had a great time and found out lots that will help them with their learning.

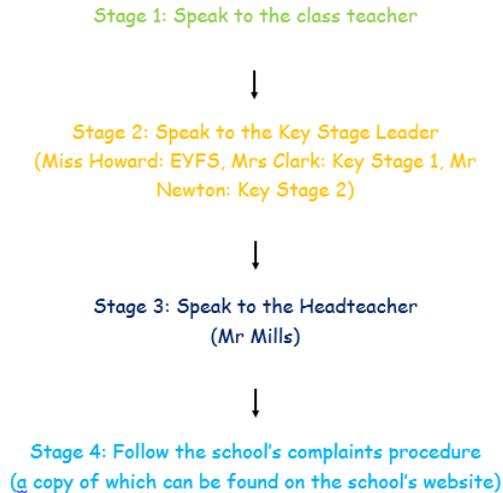
Classes 5 and 6 visited Hull Maritime Museum to help them with their learning about Hull's fishing history.



And not to forgot....children in classes 5 and 6 spent 3 days away from home on our annual residential — this year at Butlins. From the photo's on our Twitter feed and the stories they came back with, they had an amazing time and one which will stay with them! Thank you to Ms Cowap, Mr Newton, Miss Howard, Miss Balmer and Mrs Dixon for giving up their own time to facilitate this experience for our children.

If you have a concern

Parents/Carers may have concerns from time to time about their child/other children in the school. In order for you to get the most efficient response from the school, we would ask that you follow the below flow chart to hopefully resolve any concerns/issue.



We understand that sometimes you may not be happy with things that have happened in school. If this is ever the case, we ask that you bring it to our attention so that we can address your concern and move forward together.

Ultimately, we both want the same thing — which is to ensure our children are safe and happy at school and that they receive the best education possible. Decisions are always made in the best interests of all children and so that our school can continue to be as successful as it is.

I appreciate that when you come to school to raise a concern, you want answers to your questions. The best way to get those answers quickly is to follow the flowchart on the left as often, class teachers may already know about the situation.

Superstars

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

Nur — **Freddie B** for having a go at everything, settling into Nursery and being helpful at all times!

Rec — **Summer C** for always being the best that she can be and being an overall Bellfield Ambassador!

Class 1 — **Daisie R** for always putting 100% into everything she does!

Class 2 — **Mason T** for an amazing start to class 2!

Class 3 — **Darcy A-M** for being all round superstar and working to the best of her ability!

Class 4 — **Georgie S** for always setting a perfect in class and always trying her hardest!

Class 5 — **Dylan H** for having excellent determination and growing in confidence!

Class 6 — **James H** for having a consistently positive attitude and approach to his work!



Attendance Matters

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

Our current whole-school attendance for the year is: **95.1%**

As a reminder to parents/carers, as per our policy, **all requests for term-time holidays are unauthorised**, unless they meet one of the three 'exceptional circumstances'. In addition, any holiday equating to 10 or more sessions (5 school days) will be referred to the Local Authority, who may choose to issue a fine to parents.

It is really important that children are in school every day so that they can receive the best of what we offer.

Attendance for September: **95.1%**

Well done to class 3—our attendance winners for September!

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.1%	96.5%	94.6%	98.4%	95.8%	94.6%	96.4%

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Our aim at Bellfield Primary School is for all children to be confident, enthusiastic and happy individuals who are brave and ambitious in all that they do.

Our restorative approach will enable children to become inclusive team players and problem solvers who treat each other with respect and empathy.

We will provide an engaging curriculum designed to prepare children to be resilient whilst on their journey to becoming successful adults.

Here at Bellfield Primary School, all children will be championed and encouraged to be the best they can be.



Important Dates

All key dates and events can be found on the 'calendar' tab on our website.

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| Monday 7th October | - Class 4 parent consults
- School photographs
- Class 5 at KCOM for 'Run With It' |
| Tuesday 8th October | - Class 1 parent consults |
| Wednesday 9th October | - Class 5 parent consults |
| Thursday 10th October | - Class 3 parent consults |
| Monday 14th October | - Class 5 at KCOM for 'Run With It' |
| Tuesday 15th October | - Reception parent consults |
| Wednesday 16th October | - Class 6 parent consults
- Reception — Class 6 flu vaccinations |
| Thursday 17th October | - Class 2 parent consults
- Cross-country competition |
| Monday 21st October | - Class 5 at KCOM for 'Run With It' |
| Wednesday 23rd October | - Halloween Disco
- Break of for half-term |
| Tuesday 5th November | - 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.