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Issue



## Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head in to one of our busiest months, it has been lovely to walk around our school and see our children well-focused on their learning. I have been so impressed looking through their books at the pride they take in their work — they really do live up to our high expectations.

As the cold weather firmly sets in, can I please remind parents/carers to send children to school in appropriate clothing, including a winter coat and hat and scarf if possible. In addition, some PE lessons will continue to be outdoors so children will need jogging bottoms and appropriate footwear with them.

Thank you to those of you that provided feedback on moving to a cashless system in the form of 'ParentPay'. Overwhelmingly, the responses were exceptionally positive and 98% of you would support us moving to this system. As such, we have already started the process and hope to have this up and running for when we return in January — keep an eye out for further information soon!

We have finally managed to total up your kind donations for all of the charitable days we have taken part in since September: Children in Need = £319.84; Jeans for Genes = £140; McMillan Coffee Morning = £243.55 and Poppy Appeal = £123.70. That is a huge £827.09 that you have given in support — WOW!

Mr Mills

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## Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Brown, who donated some resources from his work place for our foundation stage area. This will allow us to continue to improve our indoor and outdoor areas.

We also want to thank our parents/carers, who contributed to our shoe box appeal. If you follow us on twitter, you will see how grateful [Hull4heroes](#) were for your many kind donations. They will now be sent out to members of the armed forces working outside of our country.

We regularly share what we are doing in school on our Twitter page so, if you don't already, please do follow us [@BellfieldPS](#)



## Sporting Success

This month, some year 4 boys took part in our first football competition of the year. They scored some 'cracking' goals and worked so well together as a team.

This was followed by a Key Stage 2 girls football competition. They showed great teamwork and determination and did us proud!

Thank you to the parents/carers that were able to attend and support the children. Also, thank you to Ms Cowap, who organises for our children to attend competitions.



## What's been happening?



November was an extremely busy month, with so much going on:

Class 5 and 6 had a special visitor join them for an afternoon. Jes Parkin is the author of the Tommy Ellis books, which class 5 and 6 have as their mentor text this term. She spoke to children about her inspiration for writing and held some mini-workshops to get them excited about writing.

EYFS had a brilliant day out at Play Avenue and they came back full of excitement. It is the first time we have visited here and we will definitely be looking to return in the future.



Class 4 (and some children from class 5 and 6 too) completed their swimming at Woodford Leisure Centre. Well done to all of them for their determination!

Rufus the Robin popped in to school to see us and welcome our children in to school. This was part of the citywide initiative called 'Every Day Counts', focusing on regular attendance. You may have seen lots about this on social media. All of our children with 100% attendance for November have been entered in to a draw to win £250, as well as numerous other prizes. For more information, visit: <http://www.hull.gov.uk/articles/every-day-counts>.



Class 5 completed their final session at the KCOM stadium as part of their 'Run with It' project. It is the third year we have taken part in this and takes learning outside of the classroom.

Children (and some staff) came to school dressed in their pyjamas for Children in Need.

Some children from across Key Stage 2 gave up their Saturday to travel to York and take part in a dance festival. From the feedback I have been given, they were truly amazing and brought a tear to many eyes. A big thank you to Miss Balmer, Ms Cowap and Miss Howard for making it possible!



Finally, we had some visitors from NSPCC in school to take to children about how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they ever felt unsafe.

## Staffing Update

Last week, I held interviews for a Deputy Headteacher at our school and I am thrilled to announce that Miss Howard was successful. Having spent 18 years working at Bellfield, she knows our school, families and children exceptionally well and showed real passion and desire to continue to give our children the best we can. There will be no change to the day-to-day running of the school but it does mean that when I am not in, Miss Howard will lead the school.

Our school leadership team therefore consists of: **Mr Mills (Headteacher), Miss Howard (Deputy Head), Mr Newton (Assistant Head) & Mrs Clark (Key Stage 1 leader).**

As you will be aware, Mr Hackford leaves us at the end of this term for pastures new. We have been working hard to find a replacement and held interviews this week. I am pleased to say that Miss A. Swatman will join our team in January. She has previously worked at Paull Primary and Easington Primary and I am sure you will make her feel very welcome. I will be sending out a separate letter to parents/carers of children in classes affected by the changes.

A big thank you to some of our school councillors: Harriett, Phoebe and Wiki, who did a great job in helping me interview.

## Superstars

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

Nur — **Harry S** for improved confidence and participating in all group and class activities!

Rec — **Lola W** for her amazing star performance in the Christmas Nativity!

Class 1 — **Thomas M** for trying really hard in all subjects and showing exemplary behavior!

Class 2 — **Brax W** for his expert mathematical understanding and support of others!

Class 3 — **Louie C-H** for being extremely resilient at all times, no matter what the challenge!

Class 4 — **Charlie W** for excellent reading!

Class 5 — **Aiden H** for always being an amazing mathematician!

Class 6 — **Keirran S** for having a great attitude to learning and being an active participant!



## Attendance Matters

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

Our current whole-school attendance for the year is: **95.8%**

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 November: **96.2%**

**Well done to class 1 — our attendance winners for November!**

Rec	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
94.1%	97.5%	97.4%	97.0%	96.6%	94.2%	96.7%

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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.

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## Important Dates

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

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| <b>Wednesday 4th December</b>  | - EYFS play to parents: 10:00am and 1:30pm (ticket only)<br>- KS2 girls Futsal competition                            |
| <b>Thursday 5th December</b>   | - Class 1 'This is Me' T-shirt afternoon (parent session)   |
| <b>Wednesday 11th December</b> | - KS2 indoor Kwik-cricket competition   |
| <b>Monday 16th December</b>    | - whole-school church visit (9:00am)  |
| <b>Tuesday 17th December</b>   | - Class parties for classes 1-6 (pm)  |
| <b>Wednesday 18th December</b> | - Y5/6 play to parents: 10:00am and 1:30pm (ticket only)  |
| <b>Thursday 19th December</b>  | - Christmas jumper day & school Christmas dinner<br>- Carols around the three (pm)<br>- <b>Break of for Christmas</b> |
| <b>Monday 6th January</b>      | - <b>Children return to school</b>  |

## 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.