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Issue



## *Message from the Head*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new half-term. We have already started with a 'bang' with our 'One World Week'. Children have loved learning about different countries and cultures across the world and this is something that will happen each term to broaden our children's awareness and understanding.

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This week, we had to cancel the class 1/2 visit to York. We do not cancel visits lightly however, when we book visits, we have a cut-off point for cancellation if we have not received payment from parents/carers. Unfortunately, on this occasion we had a large number of missing payments and the school is unable to cover this cost. We always try to give as much notice as possible where payments are required from parents/carers so that it does not come as a surprise to you. All visits are subsidised by the school so that the actual cost of transport and entry fees passed on to you are kept as low as possible.

We try to get at least one visit per class in each term and there will be further opportunities for children to take part in out-of-school learning. It is so important that children get to experience learning beyond the classroom so I ask that where there is a cost, you support us with this.

As you will already know, this will be my last half-term at Bellfield so I will certainly be trying to make the most of it, spending lots of time in classrooms and around the school with the children. I will be working closely with Miss Howard this half-term so that there is a smooth handover before my departure but if you have any worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.

Mr Mills

## *Anti-social Behaviour*

It has been brought to my attention that some children from our school are behaving in an anti-social way outside of school.

Some of you may think that it is not our business what children get up to outside of school but we really care about our children making good choices. If you are aware of any incidents that involve children from our school, please do make us aware, as our expectation is that they represent our school well, regardless of where they are.

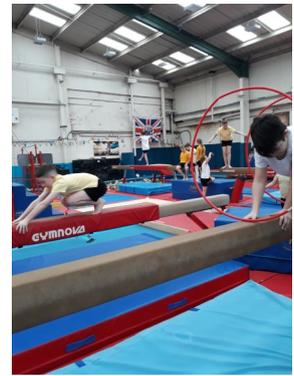
We are also often able to speak to other parents on your behalf and have access to other agencies such as the community policing team if we need them to be involved.

## Sporting Success

At the beginning of February, we finished our gymnastics sessions at Aspire. The children had a wonderful time, learnt lots and some were even head-hunted as future stars!

This week, children in key stage 2 have started their badminton sessions with Paul and are loving it so far. Lots of learning and patience taking place.

Our netball team played their first competitive netball match this week losing 4-2 to Ings Primary. They worked brilliantly together and were unlucky to



## What's been happening?



Even with half-term in the middle, we have had an extremely busy, eventful February!

We held our KS2 movie night in early February and it was a huge success with over ninety children attending.

The RNLI came in to school to KS1 about how to stay safe around water and tell them a little but about their jobs. Some children even got to try on some of their kit!

We launched our first 'reading shop' where children could spend the 'stars' they have earned for reading at home at least 4 times per week. There were lots of prizes to choose from and the children loved being rewarded for their efforts at home. Please continue to encourage your child to read on a regular basis.

We came back this week and launched our 'One World Week'. Each class has been given a country to focus on, learning about the culture, population, location and uniqueness of them. Our aim is that this will be a termly event so by the time our children leave us in year 6, they will have a good understanding of a wide range of countries and cultures from across the world. They have loved researching, designing, drawing, cooking and celebrating all they have learnt.

Our IT monitors attending a special experience held at the C4Di building on the Marina. They excelled in their presentation and returned to school with a 'coding robot' as a prize — amazing!

Northern Dance came in to school to work with some of our children after they were so impressed by our dancers that attending York — they wanted to come and work with us for free!



## General Updates

You may have seen a new face in our office. This week, we welcomed Miss Collier, who has started with us as an Admin Apprentice. She will be spending the year with us and will be the first point of contact at our front office.

We have also welcomed Miss Talbot to our Nursery class. She will be working Mondays and Tuesdays to replace Miss Howard, who will be spending more time working alongside me in preparation for next term.

As a result of some feedback from our school councillors and staff, we have changed our lunchtime routines. We now have designated areas for children to play in, with access to lots of play equipment to keep them busy. We also now offer an indoor colouring option in the mobile classroom from half past twelve each day. So far, the children have responded really well but we know there is still room for improvement. We have ordered playground dividers, which should be with us shortly. This will allow us to separate our younger and older children and prevent many of the bumps we find happen at lunchtime.

As you will be aware from the media, coronavirus is a form of flu which, when contracted, can spread easily. We are provided with regular updates from the Department for Education and we continue to act on the advice provided by them. We will continue to keep you informed about this.

## Superstars

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

Nur — **Parker H** for really hard work during phonics sessions!

Rec — **Summer C** for always being a great ambassador in everything she does!

Class 1 — **Zoe S** for an excellent attitude in maths this month!

Class 2 — **Frankie T** for her mature attitude to learning and always striving to improve!

Class 3 — **Jessica P** for her amazing attitude to learning and working hard in maths!

Class 4 — **Ziva P-L** for showing excellent resilience in maths!

Class 5 — **Henley W** for always giving 100%!

Class 6 — **Sia W** for working really hard to improve her maths skills!



## Attendance Matters

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

Our current whole-school attendance for the year is: **95.5%**

As a reminder to parents/carers, as per our policy, **all requests for term-time holidays are unauthorised.** If they amount to 10 sessions or more (5 school days) then we will refer the matter to the Local Authority, who may choose to issue a fine (unless the absence meets one of the 3 exceptional circumstances as listed on our leave form)

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

Attendance for February: **95.3%**

**Well done to reception class — our attendance winners for February.**



Rec	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
96.9%	95.9%	94.5%	93.1%	96.4%	94.7%	96.0%

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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.**

<b>Wednesday 4th March</b>	- HCAT Boccia / Dodgeball competition (pm)
<b>Thursday 5th March</b>	- World Book Day
<b>Monday 9th - Thursday 13th March</b>	- Class 6 Mock SATs week
<b>Monday 9th March</b>	- School nurse to visit class 5 (am)
<b>Tuesday 10th March</b>	- IPC children at The Guildhall (pm)
	- SATs information session for Y6 parents (3:30pm)
<b>Thursday 12th March</b>	- Nursery local area walk
	- Class 5 visit to Bishop Burton
<b>Monday 16th March</b>	- Class 3 parent consults
<b>Tuesday 17th March</b>	- Class 4 parent consults
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>	- Class 6 parent consults
<b>Thursday 19th March</b>	- Class 2 parent consults
<b>Monday 23rd March</b>	- Class 1 parent consults
<b>Tuesday 24th March</b>	- Reception parent consults
<b>Thursday 26th March</b>	- Class 5 parent consults
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	- Biathlon championships (am)
<b>Saturday 28th March</b>	- FRESH Dance event
<b>Tuesday 31st March</b>	- Panathlon competition
	- £5 Blossom celebration event
	- HCAT school council (pm)

## 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.