

Bellfield Primary School

30th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we quickly approach the start of December and the countdown to Christmas I would like to say a massive 'WELL DONE' to the whole school community for its commitment to keeping each other safe. We have been so lucky over these last few weeks to keep our school community going and that is testament to the hard work of everyone in order to keep safe and stay strong. We are not out of the woods yet, and I hope that we can long continue to remain open to all year groups. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for your support at home last week in regards to 'Road Safety.' All classes have now had a talk and the KS2 classes have all been on a walk around the local area to put these skills into practise. We take road safety very seriously as your children's safety is of top priority. I ask that you please follow the rules of the road when you are arriving and leaving school, we have had several parents concerned about cars pulling up on the yellow zig-zag lines and some cars speeding off from school. Please take every precaution in order to keep our whole school community safe.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this Christmas season is going to be different. I thought it best to remind you all of these important dates.

Date	Event
7 th December	Class Christmas crafts will go on sale – all children will be making one decoration for you to purchase. All monies will go towards the school fund and be used towards improvements around the school. You will need to log into your Parent Pay account from 10am on Monday and request the item. The class teachers will be putting a photograph of the item/s for sale onto Seesaw this week so you can see what it is that you will be purchasing.
14 th December	EYFS will be recording a short nativity for you to enjoy. This will be posted on your Seesaw accounts – we were very saddened to think the children would not be able to do their annual Christmas Concert for you, so this is the best alternative. We get to dust off the tea towels and angel costumes!
17 th December	Christmas Party day – children will be able to come dressed in party clothes for the day. (Therefore they DO NOT need to wear school uniform on this day) The classes will be having a party, in their bubbles and enjoying many fun Christmas activities.
17 th December	Christmas dinner day – all children welcome to stay and enjoy the school Christmas dinner. Staff will also enjoy eating their Christmas dinner with their class bubble. You should have already reserved your dinner
18 th December	Final day and Christmas Jumper/Elf outfit day. We are asking that pupils come in their Christmas jumpers or dressed as an elf!! We will all have a FUN last morning with lots of Christmas cheer.
Tuesday 5 th January	School will reopen for all pupils



Christmas Cards

We would really like as many Christmas festivities to continue as possible. You will hopefully have seen the message that went out on Friday about sending Christmas cards. Here is the message that went out.

Good afternoon,

We have had many people asking about Christmas cards this year. We ask that if your child wishes to bring a Christmas card in that these are only given for children within their class bubble. Also, please send them in on a Monday and Thursday ONLY. Cards will be given out on the following Monday and Thursday so that they will have had at least 48hrs in between being brought in and given out.

We thank you for your support and understanding,

Miss Howard

Christmas cards can be sent in from Monday 30th November, with the last day for bringing cards in on Monday 14th December.

Reminder of Covid procedure

It is vital that we work as a community to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Therefore, we would like to remind you how to help us keep our school community safe.

- 1) If anyone in your household has symptoms your child **MUST NOT** attend school – until a negative test is confirmed
- 2) If anyone in your household is waiting for a test your child **MUST NOT** attend school – until a negative test is confirmed
- 3) If you have been contacted by track and trace and told to isolate your family your child **MUST NOT** attend school
- 4) If you are isolating, due to track and trace or a member of the household having a positive test, you must isolate. If during this isolation period, your child or another member of the family develop symptoms you must isolate for a further 14 days from the onset of the symptoms. Your child **MUST NOT** attend school.
- 5) If your child has been in contact with anyone who has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 then your child **MUST NOT** attend school

If you are in any doubt, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. **DO NOT** send your child in if you are in any doubt, ask the school first. You can always bring your child later in the day if we advise that this is possible.

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We understand this is a challenging time but please be assured that if we have any confirmed cases, you will be informed. We understand that sometimes things are posted on social media and this is not always accurate information. We will always inform you of any cases and what your child/ren need to do in order to keep safe.

Home learning

If your child has to stay at home for any reason, Covid-19 or non-covid related illnesses, then the class teacher will provide work for your child on Seesaw.

The government have issued guidance to schools in ensure that we are continuing to provide high quality learning for pupils who have to isolate and that this learning should, where possible, be online. As a school we have used Seesaw as our online learning platform since the first lockdown, with great success. We were amazed with the quality of work completed during lockdown and we know that you will continue to support your child with their learning, if needed.

Work will be set on your child's Seesaw account and be acknowledged by their teacher. Please note that this will be at some point during the day as staff are still in school teaching classes and therefore work may not be acknowledged until after the school day. Pupils will be given feedback and ways forward where needed. Please encourage your child to complete all work, they are not on holiday if they are isolating and need to try to continue with their education. We have seen that some children who have been off school, and not completed work, have struggled on their return to know what is happening in their class bubble. If you need any further guidance or support with work that is set, please contact the class teacher as normal.

Friday afternoon Closure reminder

As you are aware, our Trust, (HCAT) issued a letter to all of its school to inform us that we will be closing on a Friday afternoon. The priority is to keep schools open for as long as possible so that children's education is not disrupted any further and as you know, safety is our top priority.

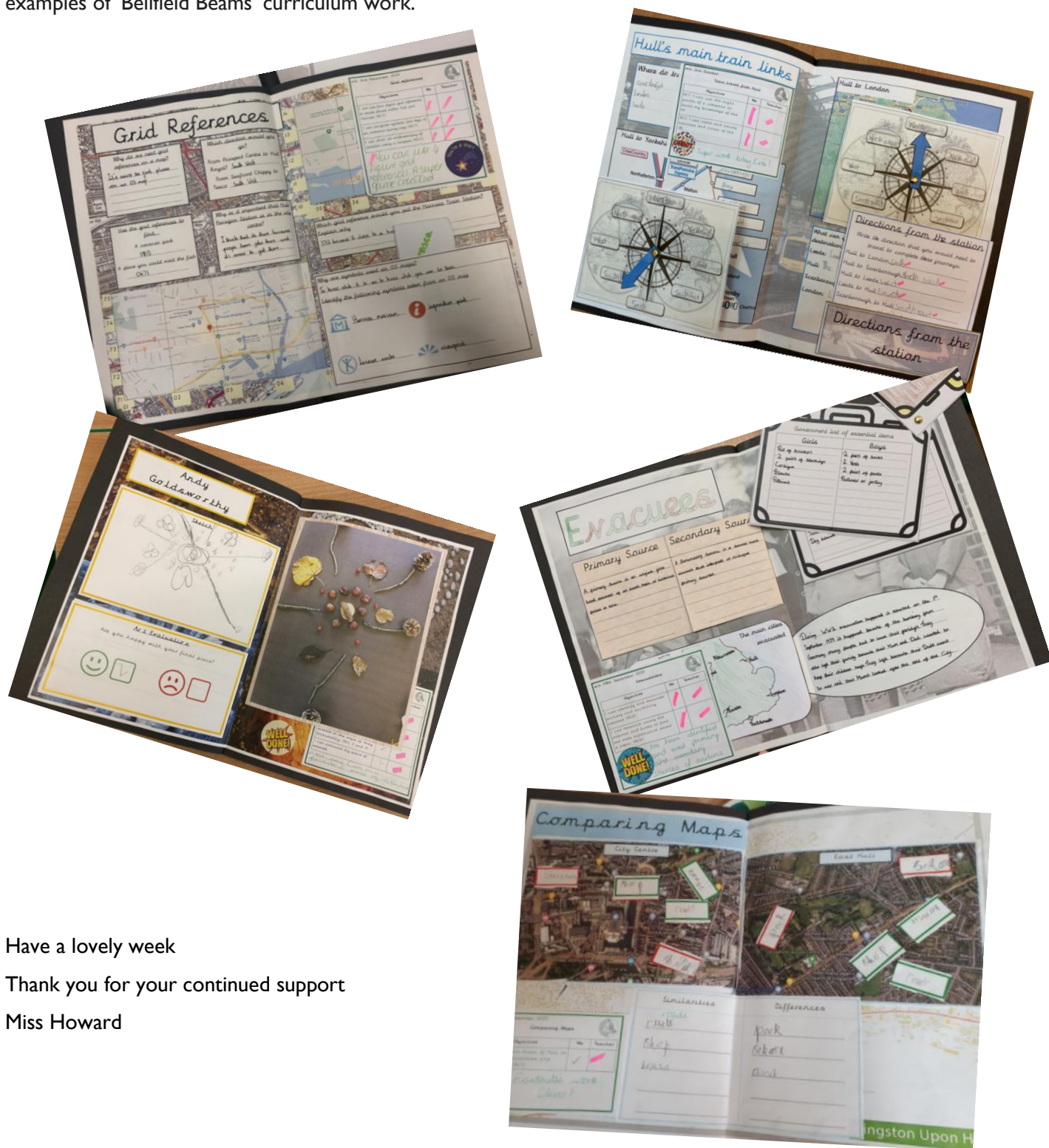
On Friday, the Trust made the difficult decision that we will remain closed on a Friday afternoon until the end of term and possibly, longer dependent on the tier that Hull is in when we return to school in January. Therefore, teachers are setting a small amount of work for pupils to complete on a Friday afternoon. If your child completes the work then they will still get their attendance mark for the afternoon as they are working from home. Over the last 2 weeks, we have had a disappointing return of work, from some classes. I urge you to encourage your child/ren to complete this work so that they do not fall behind in their learning. Teachers are trying to plan work that is manageable for pupils to complete at home. I do understand how challenging this is. I would expect that all KS2 pupils are able to complete the work with minimal, or no support from a parent. EYFS/KS1 pupils may require a small amount of input and support.



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Topic work

Our topic for Year 1- 6 this term has been 'It's a Hull thing!' The children have been learning about different aspects of Hull, from the history of East Park, Hull trains and Hull during World War 2. I have been amazed at the amount of knowledge the children have retained and how they have used this topic to develop their historical, geographical and artistic skills. Mrs Clark and I are the Curriculum leaders for the school and each time we have taken books in to look at, over this term, we have been amazed at quality of the work. We would very much like to share with you some examples of 'Bellfield Beams' curriculum work.



Have a lovely week

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard