

Bellfield Primary School



11th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW! What a half term! Thank you for your continued support through this half term, our whole community has risen to the challenge! I have been amazed with the work that has taken place at home and in school, everyone has, to use one of my favourite quote, 'worked their socks off!' Your commitment to learning has been outstanding. I know this has been an unusual half term but this has not stopped 'Team Bellfield' from aiming high and achieving.

I hope you all have a safe and well-deserved rest over the half term break, ready to return to learning on Tuesday 23rd February.

Term dates	
Friday 12th February	Close for half term
Tuesday 23rd February	School reopens <i>Pupils who presently attend school will return</i> <i>Work will start to be uploaded to Seesaw for pupils working from home</i>
Thursday 25th March	Last day of term
Thursday 25th March	Easter Egg competition for Years 3/4/5 and 6 (<i>please send to school on the morning</i>) Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2
Monday 12th April	School reopens for the summer term

Please continue to make every effort to follow government guidelines in order to keep us all safe. I hope that we will **ALL** be back together soon. In the interim, please keep in regular contact with your child's teacher, via Seesaw.

Safeguarding

In the previous newsletter, I talked about a vehicle that had been spotted driving slowly past the school gates on a lunchtime. This was reported to our local community police officer. I am pleased to report that the police identified the person responsible and went to talk to them in their home. It turns out the person is a family relative of a pupil in school. The police were very satisfied that this was a genuine mistake on the part of the driver and spoke to them about how it looked to the school.

Remember, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and vigilance is key. Our staff acted quickly and therefore the police were able to deal with this matter.

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One World Week

Thank you for joining in with our 'One World Week.' I hope you had as much fun at home as the children in school did. Here are a few examples of the fantastic work that took place.



Reminder of Covid procedures

We ask that you continue to follow government guidelines. 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 10 days from the day after the start of 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 and **DO NOT** send your child, 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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The time scales have now changed. The isolation period is now 10 days for everyone. (This means the person with symptoms or a confirmed positive test and anyone else living in your house). If you are concerned, please keep your child at home and ring the school office. They will advise you on what to do and when/if your child can come to school.

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.

Staffing

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Fearnley to our team as our new Year 5 teacher. Mrs Fearnley is an experienced teacher and has worked at schools in Leeds, Hull and Shanghai. She will be starting with us after the half term break and will continue to work with Year 5 until the end of this academic year. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome and part of our lovely school community. Mrs Fearnley has been spending some time this week with Mrs Clark, our Teaching and Learning Assistant Head, to help her prepare and be ready for working with the children.

Seesaw usage

Although Seesaw is a great way to keep everyone connected, we are making some changes to some information that needs to be passed on to the school. If you need to provide any of the following information please DO NOT use Seesaw, and we ask that you ring the school office instead.

- 1) If your child is unwell and will not be attending school – this could be Covid/non-Covid related. We also would like to remind you that if your child is learning from home that you still contact the office if they are ill. We need to know for our school records if they are unwell and unable to complete home learning for the day.
- 2) If your child has a medical/dental appointment – please contact the school office – they will ask for proof of an appointment to be sent via email.
- 3) If your child needs to take any medication – please come into the school office and complete the necessary paperwork.

Reminders

‘Screen Free Friday’ – we hope you all have a super day on Friday 12th February for our screen free day. Enjoy fun activities together.

Have a wonderful half term.

Stay safe.

Miss Howard

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