

Bellfield Primary School



25th June 2021


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final half term of the year. What a year it has been! Thank you again for all your support and amazing work that went into home learning, you really have been fantastic! The children have risen to the many challenges that this year has presented and have done amazingly well under the circumstances.

We are planning for a 'normal' return in September, but will be ready in case anything changes or if we still have to have some restrictions in place, fingers crossed we will not.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Newton, Miss Strafford and Mrs Fearnley all the best as they are leaving the school for pastures new! Miss Strafford has worked in our Rainbow Room and will be leaving us on Friday 25th June as she is starting a new exciting role at another school. Mrs Fearnley is leaving us on Friday 2nd July and venturing off to teach in Mexico! We will also be saying 'goodbye and good luck' to Mr Newton at the end of the term. Mr Newton has secured a new role at Hymers School and we wish him the best of luck. He is excited to be starting a new adventure. We wish them all well and thank them for their hard work and dedication to the children. Good luck.

Important dates

Term dates	
Friday 25th June	Please make sure you have told your child's class teacher if they will be staying for a school lunch or bringing their own packed lunch for the party celebration on 1 st July
Thursday 1st July	 HCAT Birthday Party Fun day! Please come dressed in one or all of the colours from our HCAT logo
Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th July	Transition days to new classes. All children will move to their new class and spend 2 days with their new class teacher. Year 6 children will be working on a Design Technology project with Mrs Cowap and Mr Newton in the school hall for the two days
Wednesday 14th July	Year 6 leavers disco (4pm – 5pm) in the school hall Children can come dressed to impress! We will provide pizza, crisps and a drink. This will give the children an opportunity to say goodbye to each other, write in leaver's books and share stories from their time at Bellfield.
Friday 16th July	Nursery – Year 5 Reports sent out to parents
Monday 19th July	Year 6 will receive their school report at the Leavers play event
Monday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers play to parents (6pm – 8pm) Only 2 adults per child will be allowed Further details will follow shortly – this event will only be able to take place if the Government allow the next step of the roadmap on the 19 th July. If this is unable to take place, we will record the event and make it available to all parents.
Thursday 22nd July	Last day of the school year
Tuesday 7th September	First day of the new school year

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Attendance

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school that you **MUST** contact the school office on the first morning of absence. You are able to leave a voice message if the office is busy. Please note that we do not authorise holidays during term time, unless they are under one of the following circumstances:

- 1) Service personnel who are prevented from taking holidays outside term-time (*Employees refused leave during school holiday, may not be referred for a fine at the Head Teachers discretion*)
- 2) Acute crisis within the family and the family needs to spend time together to support each other
- 3) Court order/formal agreement where parents have separate and have allocated dates for contact
- 4) If your child is 4 years old

Reminder of Covid procedures

As we start to tentatively return to some normality, it is important that we continue to follow Government guidelines.

Many of you will have seen on the news how you are able to order your own Lateral Flow tests to use at home. As a school, we are **not able** to take these tests as an indicator that children/adults within your house are negative. Therefore, if anyone in your house has any of the following symptoms you **MUST** all isolate and book in for a PCR test at a recognised test centre.

- 1) **A new continuous cough**
- 2) **A high temperature**
- 3) **Loss or change of taste and or smell**

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.

The isolation period remains at 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.

SATS and Year 4 Multiplication Test

Our Year 2 and Year 6 children recently spent a week doing their SAT's tests. We were extremely proud of every child. They were **FANTASITIC** and did themselves proud.

Thank you for your support at home by encouraging them to do their best, have early nights and be at school on time; this really did help them to be ready and prepared.

WELL DONE Year 2 and Year 6 – you are all superstars!

Many of our Year 4 children took part in their Multiplication test last week – again, they all worked extremely hard and we were very proud of their efforts. Well done Year 4!

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Transition week

We will be having two days whole school transition on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th July. This will be an opportunity for children to get to know their new teacher.

Year 6 children will be completing their Design Technology project in the hall with Mr Newton for the two days. We are still waiting for full confirmation on the different transition activities that the Secondary Schools are providing. We will endeavour to do as many of these as possible. (Further information will follow, once we have confirmation)

We would like children to use their new entrances and exits for the transition days, as stated in a previous letter.

Nursery children moving to Reception: Enter through the side gate situated off the school field

Reception children moving to Year 1: Enter through the main gates (Please give hugs and kisses at the gate)

Year 1 children moving to Year 2: Enter through the main gates

Year 2 children moving to Year 3: Enter through the main gates and walk in through the hall door

Year 3 children moving to Year 4: Enter through the main gates and walk in through the hall door

Year 4 children moving to Year 5: Enter through the carpark gates and walk around the building and in through the back door

Year 5 children moving to Year 6: Enter through the carpark gates and walk around the building and in through the back door

Year 6 children to enter through the carpark gate and into the hall.

If your child is in Nursery and is either not joining our Reception Class or not yet old enough for school, they will come to Nursery as normal, but please for these two days use the side gate situated off the school field.

The teachers will walk the children through these changes before the transition day and show them their new classrooms.

Staffing and Classroom changes

Over the summer holidays, we are having some building work and moving our classroom around in Key Stage 2. Our Year 5 and 6 children will now have the two classrooms at the end of the school and they are having a new 'common room' area being built over the summer holidays. Our big push next year is going to be on independence and preparing our older children for the next stage in their education journey. As such, our Year 5 and 6 children will have their own 'zone' of the school. A new common room will be there for them to use at break-time, lunchtime and eventually during breakfast club. They will have their own technology station, reading area, lounge and workspace. We are very excited to see the finished space and hope the children will gain more independence through using this area.

In addition to a new common area, our Year 5/6 children will be fortunate to be having their own 'Well-being Coach.' Mrs Lomax is our new coach and will be having regular 1:1 check-ins with all pupils, support any mental health needs, support children with transition to Secondary school, provide support and comfort when needed and work closely with Mrs Puckering in order to get to know our children and families.

We are very excited to be welcoming five new members of staff to the team in September. As restrictions remain in place until the last week, we will not be able to do our usual 'meet the teacher' sessions. Therefore, you will receive a video, on your Seesaw account, with a message from your child's new teaching team.

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Class	Teaching team
Nursery (FS1)	Mrs Dixon (<i>Nursery Nurse</i>) Miss Cooke (<i>Nursery Nurse</i>)
Reception (FS2)	Mrs Raw (<i>Teacher</i>) Miss Bennett (<i>Nursery Nurse</i>) Miss Gibson (<i>SCITT Teacher</i>) Mrs Rennardson (<i>Teacher</i>)
Rainbow Room	Miss Talbot (<i>Teacher</i>) Mrs Dixon (<i>ASA</i>) Mrs Wilkins (<i>ASA</i>) Mrs Harrison (<i>ASA</i>)
Year 1	Miss England (<i>Teacher</i>) Miss Russell (<i>ASA</i>)
Year 2	Miss O'Connor (<i>Teacher</i>) Mrs Kirk (<i>ASA</i>)
Year 3	Mr Lewis (<i>Teacher</i>) Mrs Cowap (<i>HLTA</i>)
Year 4	Miss Balmer (<i>Teacher</i>) Mrs Gurnell (<i>ASA</i>)
Year 5	Mrs Driver (<i>Main teacher</i>) Mrs Clark (<i>Teacher for maths</i>) Mrs Kay (<i>ASA</i>) Mrs Hoyle (<i>ASA</i>)
Year 6	Mrs Clark (<i>Main teacher</i>) Mrs Driver (<i>Teacher for Literacy</i>) Mrs Kay (<i>ASA</i>) Mrs Hoyle (<i>ASA</i>)
Higher Level Teaching Assistant	Mrs Cowap (<i>Works across all year groups</i>)
Special Needs Achievement Support Assistants	Mrs Taylor (<i>SASA</i>) Miss Greenwood (<i>SASA</i>)
Emotional Well-being Team	Mrs Puckering (<i>Emotional well-being Officer and Behaviour Lead</i>) Mrs Lomax (<i>Year 5/6</i>)
Office and Site Team	Miss Robinson (<i>Office Manager</i>) Miss Parkinson (<i>Attendance Officer</i>) Mr Broadley (<i>Site Manager</i>)

*ASA = *Achievement Support Assistant*

*SASA = *Senior Achievement Support Assistant*

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Meet the new staff

<p>Mrs Dixon</p> <p>(FS1 Key worker)</p>	
<p>Miss Bennett</p> <p>(FS2 Key worker)</p>	
<p>Miss Russell</p> <p>(Year 1 achievement support assistant)</p>	
<p>Mr Lewis</p> <p>(Year 3 teacher)</p>	
<p>Mrs Lomax</p> <p>(Year 5/6 Well-being Coach)</p>	

Have a lovely weekend; hopefully the weather will brighten up again!

Miss Howard

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