

# Bellfield Primary School



8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pride that I write to say how well the children have settled back into school. They are all working extremely hard. We have already seen a great amount of resilience and independence shown in these first few weeks.

Our first 'Express yourself Friday' was a huge success. Children had opportunities during the day to show who they are, what they like and expressed themselves in lots of different ways. The next 'Express Yourself Friday' is 5<sup>th</sup> November.

We have seen our attendance drop below 96% in the last two weeks. It is vital that children attend school in order for them to continue to make good progress and attain well in their learning. We have asked our 'School Ambassadors' to talk to classes about attendance and the importance of being at school each day. We know that some illnesses mean children are unable to attend school and are unavoidable, but please make every effort for your child to come daily. The school ambassadors will also be talking to classes about a reward system for pupils and classes with high attendance.

## Important dates

Here are some important dates for the next term.

	Term dates
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 5 and 6 Educational Visit - Hull Fish Trail and Humber Bridge
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 3 and 4 Educational Visit - Hull Fair and Graffiti Art walk
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival in classes If you would like to contribute then all proceeds are going to East Hull Food Bank
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Last day of half term
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Children return to school
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Express yourself Friday
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parent Consultation Night (3.30pm – 6pm) – Further details to follow
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whole school Flu immunisations
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need Day
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Christmas play (10am and 1.30pm) – Provisional date – this may not go ahead if we have any Covid outbreaks. Further details nearer the time
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Play (5.30pm) – Provisional date – this may not go ahead if we have any Covid outbreaks. Further details nearer the time
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Class Party Day - Children to come dressed in party clothes for the day
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Last day of term
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Children return to school

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## Current situation regarding Covid-19 and the safety measures in place

As you will be aware, we have seen a few cases in our school community despite our continued extra precautions. We ask that you continue being vigilant and if in any doubt please contact the school office for advice.

- Anyone who has any symptoms of Covid-19 will be asked to stay off school and take a PCR test. NHS Test and Trace will talk over all situations where there is a positive test and advise you of the next steps.
- Anyone who has tested positive will need to isolate.
- If you or anyone else in your household tests positive, your child is still able to attend school.

Please be aware that the following are still the main symptoms.

- **a high temperature**
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

## Changes to Year 2

After the half term holiday, Miss O'Connor and Miss Talbot will be both teaching in Year 2. Miss O'Connor will continue to teach the core subjects in a morning, phonics, reading, literacy and maths, and Miss Talbot will be teaching the wider curriculum in an afternoon. Miss O'Connor will be spending the afternoons delivering phonics and reading interventions for children in Reception/Year 1 and Year 2.

Miss Talbot will be spending the next two weeks working alongside Miss O'Connor in an afternoon to ensure a smooth transition. She will be sending you a video on Seesaw to introduce herself and you will get an opportunity to meet her at our Parent Consultation evening.

## PE

Just a reminder of when your child's PE lesson will take place. Please remember, children need to come dressed in their PE kit on their day. They will remain in their PE clothes for the full day. Now that the weather is colder, children need to have plain black jogging bottoms, a plain black hoodie or zipped tracksuit top and a white or yellow t-shirt. (NO bright coloured tracksuits/joggers/hoodies please). Children need to be in trainers on their PE day. If your child struggles to tie shoelaces, please aim to send them in trainers with alternative fastenings. Thank you.

Year group	PE Day
Reception , Year 1 and Year 6	Friday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3 and Year 5	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday



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## Safeguarding

Please help us keep all children safe by ensuring you park away from the main school and carpark gates. We have noticed several parents pulling up directly outside of the main school and carpark gates; these are entrances to the school and as such must be kept clear of vehicles. We have tasked our school ambassadors to talk to classes about road safety and ways to help keep our community safe when arriving and leaving school. We encourage as many children as possible to walk/bike or scoot to school in order to help with road safety. *(You may have seen on Twitter that Bellfield are launching the new Modeshift Stars award – this focuses on sustainable futures, including encouraging more children to walk/bike and scoot to school – you can read the full article on our Twitter)*

## Residential

Our Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic three days at Butlins on their residential visit. All the staff were extremely proud of the children during the three days. Many of them faced their fears on the climbing wall and free fall jump! I had such admiration for the children as they climbed the 50ft high pole and jumped to the ground. The activities ranged from swimming, golf, laser quest, climbing wall, funfair, bowling, a silent cinema and fun at the beach. I think the staff enjoyed the silent cinema the most!

A huge thank you to Mrs Cowap for organising such a fantastic experience for the children. Also a massive thank you to Mrs Cowap, Mrs Clark, Miss Balmer, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Lomax and Miss Talbot for taking care of the children over the three days.

## Reminders

Just a reminder that children need to bring their own water bottle with them to school each day. The office has recently had many children going needing a drink as they have forgotten to bring their water bottle to school. Water bottles will be sent home with the children each day to be washed and re-filled. Thank you.

The office staff have asked that if your child is off school with illness that you please make contact with the as soon as possible. Also, please ensure that your child's dinner money account has been paid. The office will be sending our reminder letters.

## Independence and Resilience

The children have really taken on board our initial assembly related to developing independence and resilience. We are seeing great resilience each day from children across the school. They understand the importance of continuing even when faced with a challenge. Well done children! Thank you for your support, we have heard children talking about how they are being more independent at home and this is wonderful to hear.

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## Good news

We would like to give a huge **'WELL DONE'** shout out to Oliver J and Reuben J in Year 6 who have both received official confirmation that they have secured a rugby scholarship for Secondary School. We are extremely proud of them and know that they will be amazing. Good luck – we look forward to seeing how their sporting careers progress.

This is a testament to their hard working, determined and resilient attitude. You are superstars!

Have a wonderful weekend

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard

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