

Bellfield Primary School



8th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and managed to watch safely the amazing firework displays across the city.

It was lovely to see the children 'express' themselves on Friday with our second 'Express Yourself Friday.' There were some wonderful outfits that allowed pupils/staff to show their personalities express themselves. The next 'Express Yourself Friday' will be on the 3rd December.

Attendance

We need your help! Our attendance is now **94.8%** and is well below the National Expectation of 96% or above. We understand that some children have had Covid and therefore this has affected attendance, but some children are missing days for a headache/stomach ache/being tired or feeling a little unwell. Please be aware that if you are late (this means arriving after 9am) then it affects attendance also.

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.

Year group	Attendance to date
Nursery (FS1)	93.2%
Reception (FS2)	95.1%
1	94.6%
2	95.9%
3	94%
4	95%
5	94.9%
6	95%
Whole school Overall:	94.8%

If you have any ideas on how to support with attendance, please contact the school office and ask to speak to either Miss Parkinson or Mrs Anscombe, who are our Attendance Team. Thank you

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Important dates

Here are some important dates for this half term

	Term dates
Tuesday 9th November	Whole school Flu immunisations
Wednesday 10th November	Parent Consultation Night (3.30pm – 6pm) (Year 6 will be re-arranged for later in the term)
Friday 19th November	Children in Need Day – come dressed in 'Fancy Dress' or 'Pyjamas'
Wednesday 8th December	<p>EYFS Christmas play</p> <p><i>(9.30am) We will be doing one performance for all Nursery and Reception Children. If your child only attends the afternoon Nursery, we are asking that you send them in the morning for 8.30am and then take them home with you after the performance. If you wish for your child to attend for their usual afternoon session this will be welcomed.</i></p> <p>Tickets will be limited to 2 per child and will go on sale shortly. (You will be informed via Seesaw and Parent pay for when tickets are available) Tickets will be £2 each and paid for via your Parent Pay account. If we have any tickets leftover once everyone has had their 2 allocated, we will inform you that they are available on a first come first served basis. Unfortunately, due to staffing restrictions, we will be unable to provide a crèche; therefore, we are unable to allow anyone under the age of 5 years old to watch the production.</p>
Thursday 16th December	<p>Year 5 and 6 Christmas Play</p> <p><i>(5.30pm) We will be doing one performance for all Year 5/6 Children. We will ask that children return to school for 5pm in order to get ready for the production.</i></p> <p>Tickets will be limited to 2 per child and will go on sale shortly. (You will be informed via Seesaw and Parent pay for when tickets are available) Tickets will be £2 each and paid for via your Parent Pay account. If we have any tickets leftover once everyone has had their 2 allocated, we will inform you that they are available on a first come first served basis. Children under school age (5 years and younger) will not be permitted to attend the production. (If you are wishing for a child who is 5 years or older to attend then they will count towards the 2 ticket allocation)</p>
Thursday 16th November	<p>Whole School Christmas Dinner Day</p> <p><i>Further details to follow</i></p>
Friday 17th December	<p>Rainbow Room Fruit and Vegetable Stall</p> <p>Open from 2.45pm for anyone wishing to buy top quality Fruit and Vegetables. If you wish to buy fruit and vegetables, you will be asked to come in through the front of school, into the hall and out through the hall door.</p>
Monday 20th December	<p>Christmas Class Party Day - <i>Children to come dressed in party clothes for the day – Children will be sent home with a list of food items to bring in for the party, all food must be shop bought.</i></p>
Tuesday 21st December	Last day of term
Wednesday 5th January	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**

Safeguarding

Please remember that you are **NOT** to park on the yellow lines directly outside of the school gates, or in the garages opposite the school. We will be electing 'Road Safety' officers from Year 5 and 6; they will be responsible for protecting our community, along with Mrs Cowap. They will be asking anyone who parks illegally to move their car in order to keep our school community safe.

It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard our school community, therefore, if you are aware of anyone who is parking directly outside of the school gates or in the garages, please make this known to the school. Thank you. Together we can ensure all our school community is safe when arriving and leaving school.

Reminders

Just a reminder that if you have been sent a letter regarding paying your breakfast club or lunchtime fees, please do this as soon as possible. We have many outstanding accounts and these fees need to be paid for in order for children to continue to attend our breakfast club and have a hot school meal.

When accounts are not paid up to date, this money has to be paid directly from the school budget, therefore taking away from what we can spend of the children's education.

Please ensure that all after school club fees are paid for half-termly in advance. This is so we can ensure the correct number of staff are available for each session and ensure we have the funds to pay the staff for the hours they work. If you have any concerns/queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support
Miss Howard

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