



Bellfield Primary School

“Believe, Persevere, Succeed”



1st November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of this autumn term – the time is flying by and soon it will be Christmas! (Yes, I have said the dreaded word!) As we work our way through this term I would like to say a huge ‘Well done’ to all the children for their hard work, independence and resilience. Many children have shown an enormous level of maturity as they started in a new year group, taking on the challenges that growing up present with a sense of determination and independence. As myself and Mr Batty walk through the school it is a pleasure to see the children working well – they are all showing our Bellfield Moto; “Believe, Persevere, Succeed.”

I have to give a special mention to our Foundation Stage children (Reception and Nursery) as they have continued to settle well into the school and are showing great determination. It is always a pleasure and joy to spend time in our Foundation Stage. The children are constantly on the go, on task, showing independence and resilience whilst learning new knowledge through the engaging curriculum. Well done children, you are fantastic!

Governance

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees, who have ultimate legal accountability for the educational outcomes of the Trust’s schools, as well as setting the Trust’s strategy, financial management, and regulatory compliance.



We are very pleased to welcome Mr Huscroft as our new ‘Link Trustee’.

Mr Huscroft is the CEO of ‘The Edukos Trust’ which is a trust comprising of four schools in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Mr Huscroft has worked with HCAT for many years; is passionate about education and last year was appointed as the Chair of Trustees for HCAT. He will be working with the school across the year; getting to know our curriculum, children, staff, parents, processes and procedures. Mr Huscroft is making his first visit of the year on Monday 7th November. He will be meeting with staff and children – learning more about our curriculum, the approaches we take to learning and getting a ‘feel’ for the school. Throughout the year, Mr Huscroft will attend parent events/parent information sessions and provide the school with support and guidance.

We are all very excited as he joins our Bellfield family, and hope that everyone will make him feel welcome and part of our community.

Attendance and Punctuality

As you are aware, attendance is at the top of our agenda again this year. We know that sometimes children are ill and this is unavoidable, but please make every effort to send your child to school.

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Here are some key reminders:

- If children arrive after 9am the register will be closed and children will be classed as not in attendance for that session.
- Children hate being late to school.
- The attendance team will continue ring parents to discuss attendance concerns and work together to make improvements
- We will also be continuing to meet with the children in school whose attendance has dropped below 96%
- Holidays are NOT authorised and if your child misses 10 or more sessions (1 session = a morning or an afternoon. Therefore 10 sessions is 5 days) then you will be referred to the Local Authority who may issue you with a fine.
- A holiday request form must be completed and handed to the office beforehand.

Safeguarding

We have started to see a return of some parents pulling up outside the school gates, parking in unsafe places, blocking the road and garages. I urge you to continue to drive slowly past the school, park only in the designated areas, not pull up outside the gates to drop children off and not park in the garages or on the yellow zigzag lines. We are all responsible as a community to keep our children safe. If you have any concerns about cars, please report this to the school. We will continue to have traffic patrol presence across the year to help us with our quest to keep the roads and paths safe for our children. Thank you.

The end of a school day is always the busiest period of time as we have many additional people on the site. It is vital that we work together to keep the children safe at pick up time. If you are collecting children from Year 3 and 4, please remember that staff will not release your child to you, or a designated adult, until you are on the playground. We have had several parents waving to children from outside of the school gates and or whilst walking down the path – children will not be permitted to go until you are on the playground and near to the class. This is in order to keep everyone safe. The pathway is the busiest place at these times and it is very easy for children to get lost within the crowd.

PE

Just a reminder that now the weather is getting wetter and 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, the class teachers do not have time to tie 30 pairs of shoelaces during a day! Thank you

If your child's class need to change the day for PE, you will be informed via your Seesaw account.

| Year group | PE Day |
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| Reception | Friday |
| Year 1 and 2 | Thursday |
| Year 3 and 4 | Monday |
| Year 5 | Tuesday |
| Year 6 | Thursday |

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Important dates

| Date | Event |
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| Friday 4 th November | Express yourself Friday |
| Tuesday 8 th November | Parent Consultation evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm) If you need to bring your children with you, they will be supervised by staff. |
| Monday 14 th November | Anti-Bullying Week One World week – each class will learn about a country from around the world. |
| Monday 14 th November | Odd Socks Day – part of Anti-Bullying week – we ask that children come in ‘odd’ socks as a way to show that we are all different but can live in harmony together |
| Friday 18 th November | Children in Need Children can come in non-uniform for the day by donating £1 |
| Saturday 19 th November | Yorkshire Dance Festival Our Dance club will be participating in the YDF in York. We wish them all good luck. |
| Friday 2 nd December | HCAT Christmas Choir Concert Four of our Yr5/6 pupils are taking part in the HCAT choir this year and will be part of the Christmas concert at Albemarle Centre in the town |
| Tuesday 6 th December (9.30am) | Foundation Stage (Reception/Nursery) Christmas Nativity for Parents <i>(Please note that only adults are permitted to attend. No babies/toddlers/young children. Two tickets per child as we have limited spaces due to Fire Regulations.)</i> |
| Wednesday 7 th December | Residential Meeting for Year 4 and 5 parents (3.30pm) in the school hall |
| Monday 12 th December | Whole School Church – Christmas Service |
| | Christmas Jumper/t-shirt day |
| | Christmas Dinner Day <i>(There will be no sandwich/wrap option on this day)</i> |
| Thursday 15 th December (1.30pm) | Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert to Parents <i>(Only adults are permitted to attend. No babies/toddlers/young children. Two tickets per child as we have limited spaces due to Fire Regulations)</i> |
| Friday 16 th December | Whole school Party Morning – Children can come dressed in party clothes for the day – if your child wishes to bring an individual snack/drink with them please do. (E.g. crisps/sweets/small chocolate bar) |

*A letter will follow shortly with more information regarding Foundation Stage and Year3/4 Christmas concerts

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard

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