



Bellfield Primary School

“Believe, Persevere, Succeed”



6th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final countdown to Christmas is well and truly upon us! The children and staff continue to work hard as we approach the last two weeks of the autumn term. We have so much to celebrate from this first term. Our Year 5/6 residential visit, sporting achievements, our dance club participating in the Yorkshire Dance Festival, and as always the commitment to working hard that the children and staff show has meant pupils have made super progress this term.

Thank you again to everyone who attended parent consultation this term. Working together ensures the pupils make the best progress and attain well. If you were unable to attend this term, please look out for the Spring Term parent consultation evening.

This term we also welcomed a visit from Mr Huscroft, our Link Trustee and the Chair of the Trustee board. It was lovely to show him ‘Bellfield’ and give him the opportunity to really get to know the school, staff and pupils. Mr Huscroft met with many of our Children Champion Groups and was very impressed with the knowledge children showed towards learning. He was also impressed with the Restorative Children Champions, who talked to him at length about their role in supporting pupils to resolve and repair harm, how they help to keep the school safe and also giving him an insight into understanding the importance of the Bellfield motto, ‘Believe, Persevere, Succeed.’ Mr Huscroft will be coming to the school again in January, working with our Curriculum Leaders (Mrs Clark and Mrs Driver) to conduct a deep dive into learning.

We have also had a visit from Suzanne Wilson, Safeguarding Lead for the Trust, who carried out an audit of all our Safeguarding procedures and practices. Mrs Clark, as our schools Designated Safeguarding Lead, and Mrs Anscombe, our Deputy Safeguarding Lead, met with Suzanne to look at the work we do as a school and identify any refinements. Suzanne was pleased with the safeguarding processes in place. Our Restorative Children Champions will be talking about the outcomes from this audit in their next meeting and look at how they play an important role towards safeguarding in the school.

Next term the school topics are:

EYFS – Travel Mania

(Pupils will be looking at different modes of transport in the past and present. They will enjoy a visit to the Hull Transport Museum)

KS1/KS2 – Rule Britannia

(Each year group will be focusing on a different historical period of time from British History)

Yr1/2 – London’s burning

Yr3/4 – Invaders and Settlers (Anglo Saxons)

Yr5/6 – Battle of Hastings (Vikings)

Finally, as we approach the last two weeks of the term, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

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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. This term we have seen our attendance rise and fall. As I write this newsletter our attendance stands at the lowest we have seen. Our attendance team (Miss Parkinson/Mrs Anscombe and Mrs Lomax) have been working tirelessly this term, meeting with parents, supporting families and encouraging high attendance. Please consider if your child needs to be off school – if you are in any doubt contact the school office for advice.

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.
- 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

It saddens me to say that we have seen a high increase in 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.

PE

Just a reminder that 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.

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

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

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Year 2	Wednesday
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Important dates

Date	Event
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>
Thursday 8 th December (Full day)	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 Malton Town Church. They are representing the school as part of the Trust choir.
Tuesday 6 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)
	Carols around the Tree The whole school come together on the last afternoon to sing carols/Christmas songs and enjoy a magical time together before we break for the end of term
	Last day of term
Thursday 5 th January	Children return to school

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard

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