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Welcome back and Goodbye

14th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK

It is with great delight that I can inform you that Mrs Cowap will be officially returning to work after the Easter holiday. Initially, Mrs Cowap will be working a couple of mornings before returning to full days over the summer term. We are thrilled to be welcoming her back and I know that all the children, and yourselves, will be as happy about her return as we are. Mrs Cowap will be working alongside Miss McCollin to support our Year 4 class, and of course she will be taking some children to sporting events during the summer term. You might see Mrs Cowap before Easter, as she will be popping in to get ready for her official return. Welcome back, you have been sincerely missed by the whole Bellfield community.

GOOBYE AND GOOD LUCK

As we welcome back Mrs Cowap, we also say a fond farewell to Miss Balmer as she will be leaving at Easter to take up a promotion at one of our other HCAT schools. Miss Balmer has been with us since her teacher training year, when she worked alongside Mrs Clark and Mr Hartmann, learning how to be a successful teacher. Miss Balmer has continued to develop her teaching style and has taught across Key Stage 2, as well as leading Science, supporting the leadership of Maths and most recently being our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) leader.

Miss Balmer will be joining another HCAT school as part of their Senior Leadership Team, focusing her attention on Behaviour and Social, Emotional and Mental Health, a role that I know she will flourish in.

Miss Balmer has had many highlights whilst working at Bellfield – running the Netball team, along with Mrs Cowap, taking part in the Yorkshire Dance Festival, attending several Year 5/6 Residential experiences, leading Science across the school and more recently being the SEND Leader. Miss Balmer has developed her skills as a leader and will now take what she has learned into her new role. WELL DONE Miss Balmer, we all wish you the best of luck.

WELCOME TO BELLFIELD

We will be joined by Miss Marin for the summer term who will take over the teaching of Year 5. Miss Marin has already been in school to teach Year 5 for an afternoon and is very excited to be joining the Bellfield family. Miss Marin is an experienced teacher and has previously taught in one of our other HCAT schools.

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PE Kit

Thank you to anyone who has ensured their child has the correct PE kit. We still have a small number of children with either no PE Kit or an incorrect one. Please read below to see what your child needs to be wearing on PE days.

- 1) Yellow or white plain t-shirt
- 2) Plain black shorts/leggings or joggers
- 3) Plain black hoody/sweater

Please see the below links to sites with low cost PE clothing – I have only attached links that have several sizing options available.

https://direct.asda.com/george/school/jumpers-sweatshirts/black-school-sweatshirt-2-pack/G007397803_default.pd.html?redirectFromInt=1&cmpid=ppc-geor- -- -- -dskwid- dc&utm_campaign=pla: Fashion - School - Performance_Max&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&gclid=CjwKCAiAl9efBhAkEiwA4Torihd0KX4QraySOME9WhQ9TcUJAx6Xs3Uk4b8xDmChUDoj1jbB0Ph6ahoCe-cQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

https://www.amazon.co.uk/CityComfort-Tracksuit-Hoodie-Joggers-11-12/dp/B09NYCBYNP/ref=asc_df_B09NYCBYNP/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=570407367344&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=8557867678215146655&hvpone=&hvpwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9046253&hvtargid=pla-1637321247559&pssc=1

https://direct.asda.com/george/school/sports-swimwear/black-school-slim-leg-joggers-2-pack/G006943286_default.pd.html?redirectFromInt=1&cmpid=ppc-geor- -- -- -dskwid- dc&utm_campaign=pla: Fashion - School - Performance_Max&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&gclid=CjwKCAiAl9efBhAkEiwA4TorirSAibDIC-bW0Kvj8KkHPkuojSOB5Fnaah8Bw1cK1KU0EdTb81EVchoCdxYQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

https://tuclothing.sainsburys.co.uk/p/Black-Zip-Through-Hoodie-%283-16-Years%29/129091978?istCompanyId=07cf3c1d-7207-477f-aab0-212732e114dd&istFeedId=03391e81-6312-4095-9322-96087f0115ae&istItemId=iwqripaw&istBid=t&src=Google&med=Shopping&utm_source=Google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=17419360961&utm_term=129091978129091978&utm_content=shopping&utm_custom1=136629722159&utm_custom2=825-875-8916&gclid=CjwKCAiAl9efBhAkEiwA4TorioyLnIS-xyN7h8QoLsQXn6qtaLdHP9BFZh9oJT5TSjOhGPzeYVoRYRoCvwsQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

If you are struggling, we do have a small selection of PE t-shirts in school that we can sell at a highly reduced price. (Please contact the school office if you are needing help.)

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Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your continued efforts with attendance and punctuality. We have seen the overall school attendance figure continue to rise – this is down to everyone’s support. Look out for this month’s ‘Children Champion Attendance newsletter.’ This month the children will be discussing the importance of being punctual and how punctuality affects attendance.

This term we are rewarding high class attendance on a weekly basis in a slightly different way. The two winning year groups each week will be given 10 minutes time to build up over the term. At the end of the spring term, each class that has built up time will be given their allocation as ‘Golden Time’ to spend as they wish. (For example: if a class wins the highest attendance 3 times during the term, they will have built up 30 minutes of Golden Time). The more times they win the highest attendance of the week – the more golden time they will receive.

Here are some key reminders:

- If children arrive after 9am registration is closed and children will be classed as not in attendance for that session. (morning)
- The attendance team will continue to ring parents to discuss attendance concerns and work together to make improvements
- If you receive a letter to arrange a meeting regarding attendance, please do not ignore the letter, ring the office to make an appointment
- We will continue 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 seen a rise again, predominantly with your older children, in pupils accessing and using sites/apps/games that are not age appropriate. This often has a direct impact in school.

Please see below a list of website that as a parent you can use to gain more information with regards to keeping your child/ren safe online. Also look out for regular posts on our Facebook page for information provided by National Online Safety.

[https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings#:~:text=Most%20social%20media%20platforms%20\(e.g.,less%20to%20do%20with%20content.](https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings#:~:text=Most%20social%20media%20platforms%20(e.g.,less%20to%20do%20with%20content.)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>

We know that children want to engage in the social media world, but it is important that they use appropriate sites/apps and games. The internet can be a dangerous place for children if they engage on sites that are above their age rating. Please consider what your child is doing online.

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Breakfast club/lunchtime and after school Club

We want to ensure we can provide wrap around care for families who need this support. In order for us to be able to provide these services we need to make sure that parent pay accounts are kept up to date. If you receive a letter regarding your account, please make every effort to clear the account so that your child is able to continue to attend breakfast and after school club.

You may also receive a letter asking you to clear your account for lunchtime, again, please make every effort to keep this up to date. We need to be able to pay for the food and staffing.

If you are experiencing difficulties in paying or keeping your account up to date, please ring the school office who will be able to help.

Mother’s Day Flowers

A HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs Dixon (Achievement Support Assistant in Year 5) for growing over 100 flowers for the school to sell as part of our Mother’s Day celebrations. If you have not already purchased your flower plant pot/flower wellington boot, there is still time. They are on sale each day this week.

The flowers have all been grown in Mrs Dixon’s greenhouse. Mr Dixon kindly donated the soil from his work for the flowers to be grown – we are extremely grateful to you both for your generosity and kindness. All monies raised will go towards our school fund and provide resources and equipment for the children.

Important dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 15 th March	Nursery and Reception Mother’s Day Tea Party
Tuesday 28 th March	<p>School Disco Night (Reception/Year 1/Year 2: 3.15pm – 4.15pm)</p> <p>Children will be asked to bring their party clothes to school and the class teachers will make sure they have time to get changed for the start of the disco. Please send clothes in a bag with your child’s name on the bag.</p> <p>Year 3, 4, 5 and 6: 4.15pm – 5.15pm)</p> <p>Please make sure you have returned your slip to indicate if your child is attending.</p>

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Thursday 30 th March	Nursery/Reception/Year 1/ Year 2 – Easter Bonnet Parade <i>(9am on the school playground)</i> Year 3/4/5/6 – Decorate an Easter Egg Competition <i>(Eggs will be judged across the day and winners announced before the end of the day)</i>
Friday 31 st March	Last Day of Term
Monday 17 th April	Children return to school

***As you are aware, we have a child in school who has a severe allergy to eggs. Therefore we are asking that Nursery/Reception/Year 1 and 2 pupils DO NOT use any type of real egg on their Easter Bonnet. Key Stage 2 pupils will store their decorated eggs within their classrooms, instead of the school hall, and judging will take place within each individual room. Thank you for your understanding.**

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard

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