



# Bellfield Primary School

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## Information Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the last three weeks of this school year, I would like to take this opportunity to say ‘Thank you’ for your continued support. We still have many events left – it is going to be a very busy few weeks!

Next week we will be having our transition day (Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July). This is an opportunity for all children to spend time in their new class and meet their new teacher. This will also be an opportunity for them to experience coming in and out of school through, possibly, different routes/ have lunchtime at different times and learn about their new classroom.

Please read the information below for

- 1) Who your child’s new class teacher will be in September
- 2) Entrance and exits to school

Children will be having some ‘fun’ activities with their teacher. In September, the children will have the first week getting to know each other further.

I would also like to wish our current Year 6 children ‘good luck’ for their weeklong transition at Secondary School. I know you will have a super week and come back to us in the last week with lots of stories to tell.

### Who will be my child’s class teacher?

Year group	Teacher	Support Staff	Cover for Teachers
Nursery (FS1)	Mrs Raw, Mrs Dixon and Miss Cooke		Mrs Raw
Reception (FS2)	Miss Gibson	Miss Bennet and Mrs Taylor	
Year 1	Miss England	Miss Russell and Mrs Dixon	Miss Russell
Year 2	Miss McCollin	Miss Greenwood	
Year 3	Mr Lewis		
Year 4	Mrs Driver	Mrs Kirk and Mrs Wilkins	Mrs Cowap
Year 5	Miss Cantrell	Mrs Kay	
Year 6	Miss Marin	Mrs Dixon and Mrs Kay	Mrs Kay

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### Where will my child come into and leave the school?

Year group	Entrance at the start of the day	Exit at the end of school day
Nursery	Side gate – this is situated off the school field. We ask that Reception children walk from the Foundation Stage gate into the classroom independently. A member of staff will be present on the gate to support.	Nursery door – a member of staff will dismiss your child to you. They will not open the doors until 3.25pm – please <b>DO NOT</b> stand and look through the windows, this can disturb the children and make them distressed.
Reception	Nursery children need to be taken to the Nursery classroom door and handed over to the member of staff on duty.	Foundation Stage playground – please wait on the playground, away from the door. A member of staff will dismiss children to you.
Year 1	Enter through the main school gate. All children are asked to walk down the path alone. (Please stay and watch your child, they often like to turn and give you a wave before they enter the door). Year 1 and 2 children will enter the school through the Key Stage 1 door.  Year 3 and 4 children will enter the school through the hall door.	Key Stage One door (this is the door near to the front of school entrance. Children will stand behind the fence and staff will dismiss them through the gate to you. Please wait until the teacher/member of staff sees you so that we know children have been handed over to the correct adult.
Year 2		Key Stage One door (this is the door near to the front of school entrance. Children will stand near the wall and staff will dismiss them to you. Please wait until the teacher/member of staff sees you so that we know children have been handed over to the correct adult.
Year 3		Wait in the middle of the playground – the class will be dismissed to you
Year 4		
Year 5	Carpark gate – a member of staff will be present on the gate in case you or our child need support.	Through the carpark gate – children are allowed to leave and walk home alone – please make sure you have informed the class teacher at the beginning of the year if you are happy for this to happen.

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## Goodbye and Good Luck

As you will see from the teacher list above, one member of staff has not been listed. It is with a sad heart that we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Clark, who will be leaving us at the end of this school year.

Mrs Clark starting work at Bellfield in 2011 and has subsequently worked across the school in almost all year groups. Mrs Clark first started in our Year 4 class in 2011, before working in Nursery, Year 2, and Year 6 and more recently back in Year 4. WOW!

Mrs Clark has loved her time at Bellfield but has secured a promotion within the Trust and will be leaving to take up a Deputy position at one of our HCAT schools. Many of your children will have taught by Mrs Clark and I am sure you will feel the same sadness that we are, but also wish her the best of luck.

During her time at Bellfield, Mrs Clark has successfully led Maths and the wider curriculum. Her new role will see her take all these skills in order to support another school on their journey. We wish her the best of luck and know she will flourish in her new role. GOODBYE and GOOD LUCK!

## Staffing Structure

Please see below for the new staffing structure for September.

Role/Responsibility	Staff
Executive Head	Mr Batty
Head of School	Miss Howard
Assistant Head	Mrs Driver
Senior Leader	Miss England
SENDCo	Miss Gibson (Supported by Miss Howard)
Behaviour/ Emotional Wellbeing/ Family Support	Mrs Anscombe and Mrs Lomax

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## School Day Timings

In order to be compliant with the Department for Education's change to a 32.5-hour week the school will operate the following timings:

- Registration will have to start at 8.40am.
- We will still open up from 8.30am so that all children can be in school and ready for an 8.40am registration start.
- If your child arrives after 8.40am, they will be classes as late. (Please remember that late marks count towards their attendance)
- Our school hours will therefore be 8.40am - 3.10pm.

## Book bags

Just a reminder that from September we will have a book bag only rule for all children (Reception – Year 6).

This does not have to be a Bellfield green book bag, although these are available on Steady School Wear. Please see below for some examples.



These are just a few examples. (The bag must be this size and shape, but can be any colour.) Children must not put their water bottles inside their book bag, as this is the reason we have had so many damaged books over the last few years.

## Stationary for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

A reminder that Key Stage Two children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be allowed to bring their own stationary if they wish. Children will be provided with a pencil case to keep their equipment in – so please NO pencil cases. We will continue to provide stationary for anyone who does not wish to send in his or her own.

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This year we have seen children take greater care and pride when using their own stationary; it is also a great way to get children prepared for Secondary School. Please see the list below of equipment.

- Black biro
- Pencil
- Ruler – clearly containing cm and mm (not a bendy ruler)
- Glue stick
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- Green and pink highlighter pen
- Purple biro

(No pencil case needed - school will provide)

### Shout Outs

We love to hear about the achievements of all children from dancing, gymnastic, football, rugby, swimming and much more. Starting in September, we will be doing ‘Shout outs,’ on our Twitter to highlight the amazing achievements of our pupils. Please send your child to school with any medals/certificates/trophies/badges when they have achieved something outside of school. Children can pop to see me as I love to see their achievements and these will then be posted on Twitter. (If your child is not allowed on Twitter, please still encourage your child to come and share their achievements with me).

I have already loved seeing so many children bring in their achievements – it has been wonderful to celebrate with them.

### Reading Days

We are changing the days that children need to have read their book. All children will have a seven-day window in which to read their book, at least 4 times. If your child reads and has their book, record signed at least 4 times then they will be rewarded with an additional 10-minute playtime on their reading day. Children love this reward so please make every effort to listen to your child read or encourage them (if they are old enough) to read at least 4 times weekly. Children who have not read for the minimum days, will stay in and read whilst the other children have their reward time.

Year group	Book sent home	Book to be returned
*Reception	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 1 and 2	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 3 and 4	Thursday	Thursday
Year 5 and 6	Friday	Friday

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\* Please note that Reception children all get a reading book at different points in the year, based on their phonic knowledge. We use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds for our phonic teaching and have to follow a strict assessment process. Children will only have a phonic book once they have been assessed within the scheme. If you are concerned, or would like to know how you can help at home, please speak with Miss Gibson. Reception children will get a ‘reading for pleasure’ book from their first week at school. This is a real book and it is meant for you to read to/with them. Read to them every day and encourage them to enjoy the story, talk about the book and ‘read/repeat’ and phrases or sentences that they can.

### Important dates

Date	Event
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Reception Class – Williams Den Visit</b> <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack to carry with them)</i>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Last day – Half term</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 3/4 Educational Visit – Eureka!</b> <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with them to carry for the day)</i>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Summer Fayre</b> Please see Twitter/Facebook for information
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>HCAT Birthday Celebration Day</b> Children to come dressed in party clothes – whole school picnic and whole school ice cream van
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Transition week – all Year 6 pupils to attend new Secondary school</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 1/2 Dalby Forest Experience</b> <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with the to carry for the day)</i>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Whole School Transition day</b> <i>(All pupils will spend the day in their new class with their new teacher)</i>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Family picnic (1pm – 3pm)</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Reception/Year 1 and 2 Reports</b> <i>(Reports will be sent via parent pay)</i>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 3 and 4 Reports</b> <i>(Reports will be sent via parent pay)</i>

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Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Leavers Concert</b> (5pm start in the school hall) <i>(All Year 6 parents welcome)</i>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 5 and 6 Reports</b> <i>(Reports will be sent via parent pay)</i>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>100% Attendance Reward morning</b> Pupils with 100% attendance for the year will be receiving a special treat. <i>(Children will be given an invitation to the special treat if have 100%)</i>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Last day of the year</b>
<b><u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b><u>September</u></b>	<b>All Children Return to School</b>

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard

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