

Bellfield Primary School

8th September “Welcome Back”



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another school year, we are all very excited for the year ahead. I hope you had a wonderful summer, despite the varied weather!

As we enter this new academic year, I am confident that the children are going to continue to shine in everything they do. In my assembly on Wednesday, I spoke about the importance of looking to the future and imagining what we can be, if we believe in ourselves, persevere and succeed. This year we are encouraging the children to think about the question – “Have you ever wondered what you will be?” It is my firm belief that when the children aim high and work hard they can succeed in anything.

We are looking forward to the year ahead, especially as Bellfield turns 70 years old in May. There will be several celebrations for the children and wider community so please look out for information as we go through this academic year. Many of you may have come to Bellfield as a child, or have family members who did, and this will be an opportunity to share your memories of the school.

“1954: On 4th May Bellfield County Primary School was opened under the Headship of Miss H Suckling. 303 children aged between 5 and 11 years old were admitted to the school.”

Your new class teachers will be sending out a newsletter to help you know when important events are happening for the class, this will include when your child’s PE day will be; please remember children must come to school in their PE kit on this day.

All there is left to say is have a super year and we look forward to seeing you across the year.

Goodbye Seesaw – Hello ClassDojo

We have used Seesaw as a means of communication and sharing of pupils work for a few years. Although Seesaw has been a very valuable communication tool for the school, we are no longer in a position to pay the rising costs of this subscription. We have taken the difficult decision to change over to using ClassDojo. This is still an app based, and secure means of communication, operating in a similar way to Seesaw.

What next?

- 1) Follow the link sent to you on your child’s Seesaw account
- 2) Wait for your child’s teacher to accept and connect you
- 3) We will start to transfer over as soon as we have all families connected
- 4) Please bear with us – there may be some initial teething issues – we are on this journey together

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Attendance

Attendance remains a key focus for the school as the new academic year approaches.

We will continue to:

- 1) Have a weekly winning class from each phase – they will be rewarded with 10 minutes of Golden time. These 10 minutes are accumulated over the term and in the last week before Christmas each class get to ‘cash in’ their time for fun activities.
- 2) Each week any class (including the winning classes) that has an attendance of 96% or above will receive 5 minutes of golden time to accumulate over the term.
- 3) Report on attendance on all newsletters
- 4) Invite parents of pupils who are classed as ‘persistent absentees’ into school to work as a family to improve attendance
- 5) Have regular attendance coffee mornings where we will work as a community to share ideas and support families who are struggling
- 6) Reward pupils for 100% attendance each term and for the full year (yearly 100% will be rewarded with a special treat)
- 7) Provide alarm clocks for our older pupils so that they can take responsibility for getting up on time for school
- 8) Support pupils short term with improving attendance through daily reward charts

This year we are aiming for that golden number – 96%.

Last year Class 5 had our overall highest attendance for the year (96.2%) and on Thursday this week, they enjoyed their day at the park as a special reward.

Holidays – we have already had many holiday forms submitted for this term. Please remember NO holidays are authorised, unless they meet one of the three criteria on the top of the form. If your child is off for 10 or more sessions (5 full school days) you will be referred to the Local Authority, who may decide to issue a fine.

I understand that children will be unwell at times and ask that you continue to work with us to ensure that pupils are here as often as possible. Please remember, if your child is not going to be in school you must ring the school office before the start of the day to inform them. You will be asked ‘why’ your child not at school is and you may be told that they can still come to school or attempt to come to school.

All I ask is that we work together to ensure your child/ren get the best possible educational journey and the most chance to succeed. Success starts with being at school, on time, each day. I would love to have lots of 100% certificates to give out at the end of this term.

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Curriculum

The table below shows what the topics will be for the autumn term – children can start to research and think about them if they have time during summer.

Nursery and Reception	Farmyard Hullabaloo (Farming and farm animals)
Year 1 and 2	Flying High (History of Amy Johnson)
Year 3 and 4	Hull at War (World War Two)
Year 5 and 6	Something Fishy (Hulls Fishing Industry)

Educational Experiences

We appreciate that educational experiences can be quite costly, especially for families who have more than one child within the school. Although we have kept the costs as low of possible this year, we have still had difficulty with receiving enough donations and the school has had to put additional subsidies towards most visits. We are not in a financial position to continue to do this and therefore we have reviewed our educational visits again for next year.

Each year we put money from the school budget towards subsidising the educational experiences which support your child's learning. We have carefully thought about how we can keep the costs to a minimum next year so that children can still have valuable experiences without it costing too much. As you will see, we have made the autumn and spring visits as cheap as possible. We have also made the summer experiences free to all children, with the school using money from the budget to cover costs.

The table below is provisional; dependant on availability and therefore some educational experiences may change during the year. We will aim to ensure all visits take place, but if we do not receive sufficient contributions, then some may need to be cancelled, but this will always be our last option.



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Year group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
FS2	Travelling Farm <i>(Nursery will be involved in this visit but not the others in the year)</i> (£4 contribution)	Local area walk	Play Avenue (Free – school will pay full cost)
YR1/2	Local area walk	Hands on History Workshop experience and museum visit (£6 contribution)	Williams Den (Free – school will pay full cost)
Yr3/4	East Park Education Zone (£3 contribution)	Science Workshop Wilberforce Water Lab (Free)	Dalby Forest (Free – school will pay full cost)
Yr5	Hull Fishing Trail (£3 contribution)	Science Workshop Wilberforce Water Lab (Free)	Welton Waters (Free – school will pay full cost)
Yr6	Hull Fishing Trail (£3 contribution)	Science Workshop Wilberforce Water Lab (Free)	Overnight Residential to Pinewood Trust Activity Centre <i>(Small contribution – Under £20 – further details to follow)</i>

School Uniform

Over this last term, we have seen some children coming in non-school uniform. Please remember that our school uniform consists of black or grey trousers/skirts/pinafore dresses/tailored long shorts/yellow or white polo t-shirt/white shirt or blouse and a green and white pinafore dress or green and white shorts/skirts.

Just a reminder that school PE kit must be worn on the allocated PE day.

The school PE Uniform is:

- plain black shorts/leggings/joggers
- plain white or yellow t-shirt
- plain black hoody/zip jacket (winter outdoor)

NO patterned/labelled or colours other than the ones mentioned above.

If you are in doubt, please refer to our ‘School Uniform and Jewellery’ policy, which can be found on our school website page.

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If you are planning on getting your child's ears pierced we advise that you do this at the beginning of the six weeks holiday. We have a no jewellery policy and children will be asked to remove them if they come to school, at any point, in the year wearing them. This is why we advise to do it during the summer so that ears have plenty of time to heal.

Please make sure that ALL clothing is labelled with your child's name. We have over 200 pupils in school and it is hard to return lost clothing to you if it does not have a name. We have yet again collected a large amount of 'lost property' over this academic year. If you are missing any items of clothing, please check the grey seat box in the front entrance.

Key Dates

Please see some key dates – we will update this list early in September when you receive your child's class newsletter. Please see below as the date for Parent Consultation evening as changed.

Date	Event
Wednesday 6 th September	Children return to school
8 th September	Express Yourself Friday
28 th September	Individual pupil photographs
29 th September	McMillan Coffee morning (Details to follow)
5 th October	School census Day (Please encourage your child to stay for lunch – special menu for the day)
6 th October	Express Yourself Friday
9 th October	Immunisations Day (Further details to follow)
11 th – 13 th October	Year 5/6 Residential
16 th October	Parent Consultation evening (3.15 – 6.30pm)
Thursday 26 th October	Last day – Half term
Monday 6 th November	Children return to school
10 th November	Express Yourself Friday
13 th November	Anti-Bullying Day (Children to wear Odd Socks)
17 th November	Children in Need Day (Children to wear non-uniform for a £1 donation)

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8 th December	Christmas Clothes Day <i>(Children can choose what to wear. A jumper/ party dress/ non-uniform)</i>
12 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Concert for Parents <i>(9am start in the school hall – details to follow)</i>
21 st December	Christmas Party Day <i>(Children to come dressed for a party!)</i>
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term

Finally...

Just a few reminders.

- School registration will start at 8.40am (children will be classed as late after this time) – teachers will be rewarding pupils with Dojos if they are in the classroom for the start of registration
- School end of day will be 3.10pm
- Book bags only please and NO water bottles in book bags
- We are a jewellery free school, this includes fitbits/watches and all earrings
- Children need to wear a school PE kit on their PE day
- Please sign up and use the following app – any online purchase you make, using the app, will build up funding for the school. This does not cost you anything. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellfieldprimaryschool/>

Thank you again for your support

Miss Howard