

Bellfield Primary School



12th January 2024

Happy New Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and a brand-new year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas, filled with laughter and cheer. The children have returned this week with determined attitudes for the term ahead. Your children's teacher is ready for the term ahead and will continue to provide year group specific information on Class Dojo. (Look out next week for your individual class newsletters)

This is a short term with much to be packed in! The children will be working hard to ensure we cover everything in our curriculum.

As this is a short term we will be leaving our Parent Consultation until the first two weeks in the Summer term. (*Further details will follow*). Please continue to engage with Class Dojo - if you would like any information on how your child is doing do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

We have seen great engagement with Class Dojo. It is your 'one stop shop' to what your child is doing, information about what is going on in school and helpful reminders of up and coming events.

Attendance

Just a few reminders:

- All holidays must be requested on the correct form (please ask the office)
- We do not authorise any holidays, unless they meet the criteria stated on the holiday request form
- School starts at 8.40am and if children arrive after this time then they will be classed as late – late marks affect attendance
- If your child has a cold/ stomach ache/ headache or any other common illness they may still be well enough to come to school. If you are ever in doubt, please contact the school office who will be happy to advise
- Yes, we talk about attendance a lot at Bellfield – we are trying to prepare children for the future. Being on time when you are young creates a habit for life
- Attendance will continue to be reported weekly via Class Dojo, with the highest year groups being rewarded for their efforts

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School Uniform

A polite reminder 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.

PE kit **must be worn** on the allocated PE day and **ONLY** on PE days. We saw an increase of pupils coming in PE clothing on other days in the lead up to the end of term.

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.

If you are planning on getting your child's ears pierced we advise that you do this in the summer 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.

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Key Dates

Please see some key dates – We will add more dates as/when they occur.

Date	Event
Monday 15 th January	'Brew Monday' <i>(Please come and enjoy a cuppa, biscuit and chat - 8.45am – 10.45am in the school hall)</i>
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th January	Year 5 Bike Ability Week
Thursday 18 th January	Census Day <i>(This is the day that we ask as many children as possible to stay for a school meal. Census day affects our funding and the more children that stay for a school lunch, the more funding we receive to spend on your children.)</i>
Tuesday 23 rd and 30 th January	Year 4 Pedestrian Skills Training
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd February	Year 2 Mock SATs week
Monday 5 th – Thursday 8 th February	Year 6 Mock SATs week
Friday 9 th February	Express Yourself Friday
Friday 9 th February	Last day of term
Tuesday 20 th February	Children return to school
Monday 26 th February – Friday 8 th March	Year 4 and Year 5 Swimming Daily <i>(Further details will be sent out before half term. This is compulsory as all pupils by law must take a course of 10 swimming lessons.)</i>
Friday 1 st March	Express Yourself Friday
Wednesday 6 th March	Nursery and Reception Mother's Day Tea Party <i>(All mums of our Nursery and Reception children are invited to join us for a special tea party to celebrate how wonderful you are. More details will follow)</i>
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day <i>(Details will be sent out prior to this)</i>

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Friday 22 nd March	EYFS and KS1 – Easter Bonnet Parade <i>(Details will be sent out nearer the time)</i> KS2 – Decorated Egg Competition
Friday 22 nd March	Last Day of Term
Monday 8 th April	Children return to School

Finally...

- We have started to see parents pull up in their cars directly outside the school gates again. Please remember – this is **NOT SAFE** and you are not permitted to park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines directly outside of the main school gate and the car park gate. Please consider the safety of all our children. The local PSCOs and Traffic Enforcement Officers will continue to monitor this and they will issue fines to parents who are breaking the law and putting the safety of our children at risk.
- We still have a small number of pupils without a bookbag. Please make sure you get your child a bookbag. There is no reason for any child to need to bring a rucksack with them to school on a daily basis. Thank you.
- We have a number of outstanding lunchtime payments – please check your parent pay and ensure all outstanding payments are up to date.
- We have had an increase in extended family members giving the school information regarding pupils. Please remember that we can **ONLY** act on information provided by a person with **PARENTAL** responsibility.
- Some of our Phonic books have gone missing and or have been damaged whilst children have them at home. Please note that if a book is damaged or lost it will need replacing. *(Books can be found on Amazon and range from £4.95 – 5.95 dependent on the title and phonic phase).* We only have 6 copies of each book and children are in groups of 6 to read them. Therefore, if one book is missing/damaged from the set then a child within that group is unable to have this book sent home to read.

Thank you again for your support

Miss Howard

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