

# Bellfield Primary School

19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

“Happy Easter”



Dear Parents and Carers,

The spring term is already over and as we look to the summer term I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge ‘WELL DONE’ to all our children for working hard this term. With such a short term, the children have had to work extra hard to complete everything.

A HUGE WELL DONE to Year 4 and Year 5 who spent two weeks swimming. They were extremely well behaved and many of our children passed their swimming and will be receiving certificates. (Please do not worry if your child did not manage to pass the swimming to the required standard. Alternative arrangements will be made so that pupils have more opportunity to continue practising this vital skill).

I would like to take this opportunity to say ‘Thank you’ to Mrs Lomax who has been working hard to secure funding for a multi-gym for the playground and picnic benches for the playground. I am thrilled to announce that Mrs Lomax was successful in her bid and we will be getting these for the school during the summer term.

Thank you to Mrs Dixon for growing all the Mother’s Day plants/flowers. They were beautiful, I still have one in my office! (Sorry to my mum as it was just too lovely to let go!)

It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent ‘Book Sale.’ We still have plenty of books and will therefore be doing this again. A big ‘Thank you’ to Mrs Raw and Miss Parkinson for organising the event. All monies raised will be going towards enhancing our library. The children who attend library club on a regular basis have asked for some more comfy areas so they can sit, relax and enjoy their books in comfort.

We have now booked and arranged all the summer term educational experiences. As a school we will be fully meeting the costs for all experiences in the summer term. The funding has come from Sports Premium and as such, all experiences are physically active. (Please see further on in the newsletter for more information.)

Unfortunately, we are not able to run the additional Year 6 Residential as planned. The place we had provisionally booked has been bought out by another company and they are spending time making new facilities, therefore we will not be able to go. Year 6 will instead be having a full day at Welton Waters which they all thoroughly enjoyed last year.

Have a wonderful Easter. I hope you enjoy lots of family time together and of course eating as much chocolate as possible!

Children will return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April for the final term of the academic year.

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## 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

On 4<sup>th</sup> May 1954 Bellfield Primary School opened its doors for the first time, making this year our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. WOW! The school has had many changes over the years and will continue to into the future. Who knows what they school will look like in another 30 years when it will turn 100!

### A brief overview of the history of Bellfield Primary 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.

On the 30th November the school was officially “handed over”. At the ceremony the Handing Over Speech was made by Alderman Schultz and the Acceptance Speech was given by Councillor Buckle.

**1955:** On 25th November, almost exactly one year after the handing over, two new classrooms were brought into use. This expansion was necessary because of the demand for places as a result of the Grasby Road area expansion.

**1968:** On 30th April Mrs B Hodgson took over the Headship on the retirement of Miss Suckling, after 14 years of Headship.

**1969:** As part of the reorganisation of Hull Schools into a 3-tier system, Bellfield Primary School changed to a 5 to 9 years old Primary School.

**1984:** During this year, one of the infant classrooms was adapted to become a 26 place nursery.

**1987:** Mrs R Taylor took over the Headship following the retirement of Mrs Hodgson.

**1988:** In September Hull schools were reorganised once again into a 2-tier system. Bellfield took on its present status of Primary School with 236 places for 5 to 11 years old and a 26 place Nursery.

**1997:** Mrs Taylor retired at Easter and Mr M Williamson was appointed Acting Head Teacher.

Mrs M Murray was appointed to the Headship from September 1997.

**2001:** The first phase of the children’s play area was completed with outdoor climbing equipment and seating.

**2004:** Bellfield celebrated its Golden Jubilee with special events for the pupils and families.

All pupils received a mug or money box and a rosette as a memento from the Friends of Bellfield.

**2005:** A Jubilee Woodland Walk and Fitness trail were opened. It was designed by the children with the help of a landscape architect and implemented with the support of Ann Rayner and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

**2006:** The building was extended again to improve staff accommodation with an extension to the Head’s room and staffroom, new staff toilets, a new disabled toilet, two new stores and a PE store.

**2009:** Mrs M Murray retired in July, after 12 years.

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Mrs C Mudd was appointed to the Headship from September 2009.

**2013:** Bellfield became one of the founding schools of Hull Collaborative Academy Trust, along with Collingwood, Eastfield, Thoresby and Wansbeck Primary Schools.

**2014:** The school celebrated its Ruby Jubilee, turning 60 years old. Celebrations included a special lunch, come dressed in 1950's clothes and a party afternoon for the children.

**2017:** Mrs C Mudd left Bellfield to take up the Headship at Wheeler Primary School.

Mr S Mills was appointed Head of School, with Mr M Batty as Executive Head Teacher of Bellfield.

**2018:** Mr S Mills was appointed as substantive Head Teacher and Mr M Batty continued to support other schools within the Trust.

**2020:** Covid hit the world and like many schools, Bellfield had to close its doors to the majority of pupils. Only key worker children remained being educated on the school site, with everyone else taking up home learning. (20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 was the final day for all pupils before we closed our doors) Key worker children joined a local Trust Hub at Longhill Primary School, being educated by Bellfield staff until June, when we reopened our doors to more children. In June we welcomed 1/3 of our pupils back to school for the final month of the year.

April 20<sup>th</sup> Mr S Mills left Bellfield to take up the Headship at Dorchester Primary School.

April 20<sup>th</sup> Miss A Howard appointed as Head of School and Mr M Batty reprised his position as Executive Head Teacher

**2020 (September):** We welcomed all children back to school after the first wave of Covid. It was lovely to see everyone after we had been apart for 5 months.

**2024:** We are now celebrating our Platinum Jubilee (70 years).

## CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

Thank you to everyone who voted for a Bellfield Birthday Family event – the winning idea was a family picnic. We will therefore be having a family picnic on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm – 5.30pm on the school field. We will dismiss children at 3pm that day and you can go straight onto the school field, pick a spot and set up your picnic area. (Blankets/ picnic tables/ chairs – however you wish to enjoy your picnic.) There will be games/sporting equipment out so that everyone can enjoy themselves. We are also hoping to arrange for an ice-cream van to visit the site so if you wish to buy ice-creams for yourselves this will be available.

The children will be having a special week of celebrations on their return to school after the May half term (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June will be the celebration week). Each year group will be looking at a period of time from 1954 – 2024, learning about the different decades as part of our celebrations. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June we are asking that children come dressed in clothes from their given period of time. (See below for each year group period of time)

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There will be three competitions running throughout the month of May (all entries need to be handed in by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – ready to be judged and winners announced during our celebration week.)

- 1) Draw/design Bellfield Primary School in the future. What will the school look like in the future?
- 2) Write a newspaper article about Bellfield Primary School
- 3) Design a Platinum Jubilee 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake

Year Group	Decade for dressing up on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Nursery	2020 - 2024
Reception	2010 - 2019
Year 1	2000 - 2009
Year 2	1990 - 1999
Year 3	1980 - 1989
Year 4	1970 - 1979
Year 5	1960 - 1969
Year 6	1950 - 1959

Children will be learning a song and a dance from their time period to share with the school during the week.

We will also be making time capsules with each phase so that in the future the next generation of Bellfield pupils will be able to understand what school was like for us today.

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## Key Dates

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

Date	Event
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	EYFS Road Safety Workshop
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Year 5 Bike Ability Test</b> <i>(All Year 5 pupils will need their bikes with them on this day please)</i>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Express Yourself Friday</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	MAY DAY <b>SCHOOLCLOSED</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 6 SATS week</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Growing up Workshop with School Nursing Team</b> <i>(Year 5 and Year 6)</i>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Whole School Family 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic</b> <b>3pm – 5.30pm</b> <i>(All families welcome – please come along and celebrate with us)</i>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>All birthday competition entries in for today please</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Last day of half term</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Children return to school</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Day Children to come dressed in their decade (See above for further details)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and 2 Summer Experience Williams Den
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Summer Experience Secret Village Role Play Centre and East Park
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 5 Summer Experience Welton Waters and East Park
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Summer Experience Raywell Activity Centre
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Summer Experience Raywell Activity Centre
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Summer Experience Welton Waters

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Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<p align="center"><b>Sports Day</b></p> <p align="center">EYFS – (8.45am – 9.45am)                      Year 1/2 – (10am – 11am)                      Year 3/4 – (11am – 12noon)                      Year 5/6 – (1.15pm – 2.15pm)</p>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Express Yourself Friday</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b>Year 6 Transition to Secondary school</b>                      (Pupils will transition to their secondary schools for the week)</p>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b>Whole School Transition Afternoon</b>                      (Pupils will meet their new teacher and join them in their new classroom for the afternoon)</p>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b>Year 3 Music Afternoon</b>                      (Pupils in Year 3 have been learning to play the Glockenspiel with the help of Hull Music Service. Pupils have been invited, along with other schools across Hull, to join together for them to play as one large group. Pupils will be going to Connection Arena. They will need a packed lunch and will return to school for 4pm)</p>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b>Year 6 Leavers Family Picnic</b>                      (Parents/Carers are invited to join us at 1.15pm for a family ‘Bon Voyage’ picnic. Come along with your picnic blankets/picnic hampers and share in a family farewell. Games and activities will commence after the picnic. Enjoy some time together as we approach the last few days of their time at primary school.)</p>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b>Year 6 Leavers Concert to Parents</b>                      (Come and share in a final farewell as our Year 6 pupils perform one last time for you. The show will start at 5pm. Please note tickets will be limited to four per child. If you are bringing younger children as part of this, they must be 5 years and over. All children in school will be watching their concert during the morning.)</p>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last Day of the year</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Children return to School</b>

What a term it is going to be! We will put all of these dates on Dojo and send reminders of key events for your class. Please continue to engage with Class Dojo – it is lovely to see so many parents commenting and liking the pupils work.

Thank you again for your continued support  
 Miss Howard

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