

# Bellfield Primary School



17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW! What a fantastic year we have had. The children continue to amaze me. They show resilience, determination and a thirst for learning and this has been yet another year of high achievements as a result.

Our Year Six pupils did amazingly well in their SATs. Well done! You have worked hard and we are extremely proud of you all. I know Miss Marin has loved teaching you for the last year and a half and she is going to miss you all as you start at Secondary School. You have been a ‘spirted’ class with lots of energy, keeping us all on our toes! This year you have really stepped up and shown the rest of the school what a Year 6 class needs to be like. Your attitude to learning in the classroom has been amazing and this is the reason you all achieved your very best outcomes. Good luck as you start secondary school – be amazing!

Our Year One pupils have done remarkably well with your phonic screening test, being at the national expectation. They have worked hard all year and I know Miss England was extremely proud of everyone. Well done Year one – you are certainly ready for Year Two. Go for it!

Our Year Four and Five pupils worked hard at swimming this year. After a rocky start, they all flourished, with the majority of pupils achieving their 25-metre award. Way to go Year four and five!

Many children over the year have been celebrated for their achievements outside of school – from dance, gymnastics, horse riding, martial arts, football, swimming and rugby, to name a few! Please continue to come and share your achievements with me, I love seeing children at my door with medals/certificates and trophies.

In May and June, we celebrated our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday and what a celebration we had! Thank you again to everyone for taking the time to dress the children in different clothing from over the eras. It really made our celebrate birthday day a special event and one that I am sure we will all remember for a long time.

In September we will be welcoming Miss Gunn to our team as Miss Cantrell gets set to go on her maternity. I know you will all wish her the very best of luck and also welcome Miss Gunn into our Bellfield Family. We will also be welcoming Miss Mansfield to join our Office Team, in preparation for when Miss Robinson goes on her maternity leave. Again, I know you will make Miss Mansfield feel very welcome. (Oh, let’s not forget our newest member of the Bellfield family, the deer!)

It really has been a busy and enjoyable year.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break. We will welcome all children back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

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## Thank you and Goodbye

A HUGE Thank You and Goodbye to Mrs Hoyle who has been at the school, in lots of different roles, for the last 18 years – WOW! Mrs Hoyle has been part of previous parent groups, worked as a lunchtime supervisor with our youngest children and volunteered in classes. She has been an integral part of Bellfield and her support, kindness and laughter will be remembered by the whole community.

Mrs Hoyle, thank you for your years of support, care for the pupils, laughter and a little bit of craziness! You will be missed by everyone but we wish you the very best in your retirement. I am sure you will be enjoying plenty of ‘Afternoon Teas’ and trips to America! We are all very jealous!

Please stay in touch, you are now and will forever be, part of the Bellfield Family.

## Parent Pay

Just a polite reminder – if you have any outstanding balances on your parent pay for breakfast club, lunchtime, after school club or educational visits, please ensure they are paid before the close of school on Friday. The office needs to ensure that all accounts are up to date before the start of the next academic year.

Thank you to everyone who has their parent pay up to date, this really helps the office in being able to keep the school accounts accurate.

## Attendance

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

This year our overall school attendance is 95% which is close to our target of 96%. Well done everyone. The class with the highest attendance for the year is Class 6 with 95.7% - super effort Year 6 - well done.

We are thrilled to announce that this year we have 17 pupils with 100% attendance for the year. This is AMAZING and an increase for the fourth year in a row. Well done to those pupils - they will be receiving a special reward in our end of term assembly on Thursday 18th July.

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Nursery	91.2%
Reception	95.1%
Class 1	95.4%
Class 2	95.2%
Class 3	95.1%
Class 4	94.8%
Class 5	95.6%
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
Overall school	95.3%

Who can beat Year 6 next year - the race is on!

## 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	Woodland Adventure <i>(Going on a Bear Hunt)</i>
Year 1 and 2	Fun at the Fair <i>(History of Hull Fair)</i>
Year 3 and 4	Mortifying Mummies <i>(Ancient Egypt)</i>
Year 5 and 6	Invaders and Settlers <i>(Scots/Anglo Saxons and Vikings)</i>

All of our curriculum can be found on the school website. If you would like further information on the content of learning for next term, please look on our website under the curriculum tab. Here you will find our overview for the term.

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## Educational Experiences

This year we have made our visits local, low in cost or free. As the costs of living continues to rise we are finding it increasingly harder to plan valuable educational visits. Visits come at a huge cost to the school, but we are passionate about continuing to provide quality, fun learning experiences for our children. We will continue to heavily subsidise all educational activities but are asking all parents for support. Therefore, we are asking all parents (Reception – Year 6) contribute £12 towards the educational experiences for the year. This will help towards the costs of entrance fees/ travel and visitors, and will ensure we can continue to provide quality learning experiences.

We would ask that parents contribute £12 (via your parent pay account) by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024. If we do not receive enough parental contributions then activities will not be able to go ahead as planned. THANK YOU to those parents who have already contributed, this is super!

Please see below for the proposed educational activities this year and what your £12 contribution will be supporting.

Year group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reception	Park walk and Family Teddy Bears Picnic	Hull Transport Museum Mother's Day Tea Party	Secret Village and Park
Year 1	Local area walk and Park Visiting Author Session (At some point in the year)	Magna Science Adventure Centre	Stockeld Park
Year 2	Local area walk and Park Visiting Author Session (At some point in the year)	Magna Science Adventure Centre	Stockeld Park Jack in the Box – Soft Play (Treat Day for SATs)
Year 3	Hands on History Egyptian Adventure	Water Lab Experience (Water Cycle)	Stockeld Park Music Concert (Connexin Hull)
Year 4	Hands on History Egyptian Adventure	Water Lab Experience (Water Cycle)	Stockeld Park

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Year 5	Jorvik Viking Centre	Water Lab Experience (Rivers)	Stockeld Park
Year 6	Jorvik Viking Centre	Water Lab Experience (Rivers)	Stockeld Park Let Loose Adventure Park – <i>(Treat Day for all children after SATs)</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/yellow t-shirt or green t-shirt from our uniform sale
- plain black hoody/zip jacket (winter outdoor)/ or the green sports jackets from our uniform sale

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.

As part of our school uniform policy we ask that any hair which is long/medium (this includes shoulder length hair for boys and girls, including mullet hairstyles) MUST be tied up daily. This is for safety reasons and all children, boys and girls, need to follow this rule please. We have seen an increase in long backed hairstyles, which need to be safely tied up.

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.

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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.

If you have not yet come to look at the uniform we have on sale, there is still time. We will also be selling it at or postponed summer fair on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. It is worth having a look – even if you buy some for future years. At the prices we are selling them, you cannot afford not to!

## Key Dates

Please see some key dates – we will update this list early in September when you receive your child's class newsletter.

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Summer Fair (1 – 3pm)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Express Yourself Friday
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 5 and 6 'Jorvik' - York (Educational Visit day)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Flu Immunisations (NOT Nursery children)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	McMillan Coffee morning (Details to follow)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 3 and 4 'Hands on History' Trip (Educational Visit Day)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School census Day (Please encourage your child to stay for lunch – special menu for the day)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Express Yourself Friday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival (Any contributions gratefully received)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Consultation evening (3.15 – 6.30pm)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day – Half term

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Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Express Yourself Friday
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Day <i>(Children to wear Odd Socks)</i>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day <i>(Children to wear non-uniform for a £1 donation)</i>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Express Yourself Friday
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Concert for Parents <i>(9.30am start in the school hall – details to follow)</i>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long for parents <i>(Details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day <i>(Children to come dressed for a party!)</i>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dress up day <i>(Wear anything festive)</i>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

## What does my child need to bring each day?

Just a polite reminder that ALL children (from Reception to Year 6) need to have a school book bag. This can be any book bag of your choosing, but rucksacks are NOT permitted. We have small corridors and spacing is too tight for bulky rucksacks and these also cause a fire hazard. Children should have their reading book in their bag daily.

Children should also bring a water bottle with them each day, filled only with water.

Children from Year 3 upwards are permitted to bring their own stationary with them. Please refer to your Class Dojo for a list of items needed.

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## Finally...

Just a few reminders.

- School registration will start at 8.40am (children will be classed as late after this time)
- 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 fit bits/watches and all earrings
- Children need to wear a school PE kit on their PE day (You will be informed of which day in September)
- 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/>
- If you need to contact the school office to give information about your child, please note that only adults with parental responsibility are allowed to provide and ask for information
- If you have a 2-year-old we are now taking applications for our Nursery. Please see our office team for an application form

I hope you have a wonderful summer. Stay safe and enjoy the time as a family. I look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you again for your support

Miss Howard

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