

# Bellfield Infant School News

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Remember to join us at home for our Story Telling and PE 'ZOOM' sessions!

### **Dear Parents & Carers**

## Happiness and wonder inspires success

Unfortunately, we had to close our Year 2 bubble on Monday due to receiving confirmation of a positive result. The children in that bubble last had contact with the person who tested positive on Friday, so having isolated for ten days they can return to school on **Tuesday 9**<sup>th</sup> **February**.

It is really important that people remain at home and only go out if they really need to. Members of staff have been surprised to see whole groups of families out together in Northfield. Please be mindful of this especially in light of the South African variant that is in the area around us.

Although we have a reduced number of children in school, we are still asking parents to adhere to our one- way system. Staff have noticed some parents dropping their children off and then not following the proper route out through the back gate. Please can you make sure you follow the one-way system.

Next Tuesday will be 'Safer Internet Day' and the children will be made aware of how they can make sure they stay safe when using the Internet. As a parent you can talk regularly with your child about how they use technology. The Internet is a place where lots of different people can communicate and come together. For some children, the first place they see people who are different to them may be online. For others, the Internet may be the one place where they can find people similar to them. Acknowledge the different types of identities your child may see online, and use these to spark discussions around diversity and inclusivity. Talk to your child about being respectful to everyone online, and what to do if they feel their own identity is being targeted. There are lots of tools to help you manage the devices used by your family. For example, knowing how to activate and use parental controls can help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content online which are age restricted.

The staff are working hard to ensure that the children do not miss out on their education despite school being closed. If you have any completed home schooling work please drop it off at school, there is a box for returned work. Some families have done this and we can see what the children have done and in addition have made a display for some of the work that we can share with you.

We appreciate how hard you are already working with your child/ren at home, but can we also ask you to take some time out and do some reading with them. There is a link below where you can sign into and explore many age-related books.

#### https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk

The Learning Packs for next week (Week 6) have been prepared and are available on the school website. Please click on the links below to take you straight to the website page;

#### **Nursery and Reception**

https://www.bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk/parents/eyfshome-learning-projects

#### Year 1

https://www.bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk/parents/keystage-1-home-learning-project

#### Year 2

https://www.bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk/parents/keystage-1-home-learning-project-1

For those who cannot download from the school website we have paper packs available in boxes outside the school office to collect. We try to make sure that not all the tasks need adult support so the children can work independently

School will be closed to all children for February half term week (15 - 19 February) and will re-open again on Monday 22nd February. Please ensure that you have a rest and relax because for those who are home-schooling it is difficult when you are trying to juggle all the other things you have to do as well.