



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*

We hope you all had a good half-term holiday and managed to get some rest and avoided the miserable weather.

The Prime Minister has said that children can now return to school from Monday 8th March 2021 and we can't tell you how pleased we are that the children will be back in school, we really have missed them and are looking forward to seeing them. The Government have stated that all children must attend, whereas before it was at the discretion of the parents. If children do not attend and there is no valid reason why not, then this absence will be unauthorised. However, we feel sure that you are all eager for your children to return to school so they can have some normality in their lives. We shall still be operating our one-way system and gates will open at 8:40am in the morning and 3:10pm at the end of the day. If possible we ask that parents of children in Year 1 and 2 leave their child at the gate and there will be adults at strategic points to guide them to their classrooms. This would cut down on the congestion at the start of the day. Obviously you would collect the children from their classroom door at the end of the day.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

4 MARCH 2021

Next Thursday is World Book Day and we shall be celebrating in school and hope that you shall be celebrating at home. Children in school will come dressed as a book character, and those children at home are welcome to join us for story time at 2.30pm on Zoom, dressed as a book character too.

The focus this year is 'Share a story', please take the opportunity to share some stories with your child. Talk to them about what their favourite story is and why. Which character would they like to be?



As you are all probably aware, the funeral of Captain Tom is taking place on Saturday. His family requested that instead of making financial donations, people plant trees instead to commemorate his life. Day care have created a special Captain Tom garden in the Nursery outside area, and planted a tree with the Day care children to honour him. Throughout the year, all the children in Day care and Nursery will plant bulbs and cultivate the area.

This week it has been nice to finally have some warmer days, and Year 1 have taken the opportunity to take their learning outside. This week they have been focussing on the story of 'Ruby's Worry' and made their own worry boxes.



Through conversations with the children, they do express a worry about the Covid virus and the impact it could have on their families. Obviously, we reassure them and explain why it is so important to wash their hands and keep a distance. We also explain that with the vaccine, we should all be safer soon.

When the children return, it is important that they feel part of our Bellfield community, this can be achieved with them wearing their full school uniform and school shoes. Although the weather is getting warmer, the children still need to bring a coat to wear at playtimes. Our first week will be concentrating on settling the children into school and reminding them of routines and procedures.

Unfortunately, on **Thursday 6th May, school has to close due to local elections.** We did contact the Local Authority to ask that after all of the disruption to schooling, could they find another venue, but the response was it was too late and it would have to continue to take place on our premises.