

# Bellfield Infant School News

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# **Dear Parents & Carers**

# Happiness and wonder inspires success

As the weather is getting more colder and wetter, please can we make sure that your child comes to school in a warm waterproof coat. Obviously, if we have torrential rain we do not send children out to play, but when there is light rain and drizzle we do allow children out for a quick run around.

Our children look very smart in their uniforms and it is to your credit that we can say that. However, can we just confirm that girls can wear either a skirt, pinafore or trousers; black leggings are not trousers and if you wish your child to wear them then a skirt or pinafore should be worn over them. Can we also remind some parents that black schools shoes are uniform and not trainers. We appreciate that some parents might think that we're being too fussy but it is important that the children take pride in belonging to our school and wearing our uniform.

Next week we are holding the first of our parent consultations in the afternoon in the Nursery classroom as we did previously in the Summer term. Hopefully many of you would've booked your appointment to meet your child's teacher through the School Ping App. If you have not made an appointment yet, please do so because it is very important for us to discuss with you, your child's progress and how you can help them at home. It is also an opportunity for you to ask questions and address any queries you might have. The appointments only last ten minutes so if you want to discuss something at length with the teacher please be mindful of the time. The children are working hard and they want you to know from their teacher how well they are doing.

We had a visit from Matt from the Birmingham Mission who came to take the assembly this afternoon. He told a story about 'Being Thankful and Generosity' and how important it is to help one another. Matt is an excellent artist and always accompanies his story with a very clever painting.

This week has been maths observation week and so myself and Mrs Woodman, our Maths Leader, have been visiting each class to see how the children are performing in their maths lessons. As you know, we have implemented a new approach to teaching maths called, 'Maths no Problem', and we were not only impressed by the standard of maths and how articulate the children are at explaining their mathematical thinking when solving challenges and tasks, but also the overall behaviour and positive attitude the children demonstrated during their maths lessons.

PLEASE can YOU make sure that your child is in the playground by 8:45am ready for when the classroom doors open at 8:50am so they are NOT LATE. Once the classroom doors are shut your child is late and has missed morning registration and your child will be issued with an 'L' code on the registration. Entry to the school will need to be through the late door in the playground where a member of the office staff will let your child into school. The vast majority of parents manage to make sure their child is in school on time but there is a small minority who are persistently late. At this age it is the parents who are responsible for getting their children to school on time, not the child.

## Attendance this week (excluding Nursery) was 94.05%

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	91.94%
RD	90.48%
RE	100%
1B	96.98%
1R	96.33%
2B	92.95%
2W	88.18%



Well Done to Class RE who achieved the highest attendance this week!

Parking outside the school is becoming an issue again with parents parking on the pavements in between our signs which clearly state not to park. Parked cars cause an obstruction and put our children at risk of an accident, so please DO NÖT PARK ON VINEYARD ROAD. Parents are also parking selfishly in Starbucks carpark. Starbucks are within their rights to refuse to let our parents park there so please be mindful. Eddie Freeman has also launched a campaign to get the back alley that gives access to the back of our playground closed. Apparently when not being used by parents it is a place where gangs gather and carry out antisocial behaviour such as drug taking, drinking, smoking and the debris is thrown over into the gardens that back onto it as well as our playground. The junior playground was scattered in glass earlier this week because some persons had decided it was a good idea to launch glass bottles over the fence and they obviously smashed.

The on-line process to apply for Reception and Year 3 school places for September 2022 is now open and will close on 15th January 2022.

#### To apply please visit;

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Attendance at our Nursery does not give your child automatic priority for a place in Reception so please apply before the closing date. This also applies for children who are currently in Year 2, you MUST apply to transfer to the Junior school.

Our Open Days are 2nd November at 10:00am & 4th November at 1:45pm to visit our school!

#### Awards

### Star of the Week

Nursery: - Sienna
For always doing the right thing and being responsible.

Class RD: - Elijah
For putting his sounds together to read
words.

Class RE: - Mene
For her enthusiasm and effort towards her learning.

Class 1B: - Scarlett T
For her improved behaviour towards learning.

Class 1R: - Devarnte

For a fantastic effort with his name writing and sounds.

Class 2B: - Jayden
For brilliant instruction writing.

Class 2W: - Robyn
For persevering in her learning despite not
feeling 100%!

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#### Lunchtime



Class RD: - Logan Ru
Class RE: - Jacob
Class 1B: - Pascalle
Class 1R: - Willow
Class 2B: - Jenson D-P
Class 2W:- Brody

#### **Bookworms**















#### **Dates for your Diary**

Tue 12/10/21 - Reception Parent Consultations 1pm - 4:15pm Wed 13/10/21 - Year 2 Parent Consultations 1:30pm - 4:30pm Thurs 14/10/21 - Year 1 Parent Consultations 1:15pm - 4:15pm Tue 19/10/21 - Reception Parent Consultations 1pm - 4:15pm Wed 20/10/21 - Year 2 Parent Consultations 1:30pm - 4:30pm Thurs 21/10/21 - Year 1 Parent Consultations 1:15pm - 4:15pm Thurs 21/10/21 - School Photographer

Fri 22/10/21 - Teacher Training - School Closed

Mon 25th October - Fri 29th October (Half term—School Closed)

**Tue 02/11/21** - Open Morning for Rec 2022 10am - 11am **Wed 03/11/21** - Reception Eye Tests **Thurs 04/11/21** - Open Afternoon for Rec 2022 1:45pm -2:45pm