



Bellfield Infant School News

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Dear Parents & Carers

*Happiness and wonder
inspires success*

Welcome to the New Year and lets all hope it's a healthy and happy one for all of us.

It has been really lovely to see all the children back at school and they seem excited to be here too. They have been sharing their experiences of Christmas and they all must have been very good because Father Christmas visited them all.

We now have a Pastoral Lead for the school, Mrs Beccy Brittle, and she will be the person who you can come to if you want any help with anything - not just school issues, including helping you to access other agencies. We are so excited to have her as we know how difficult it has been for parents in the current climate following COVID, the economic crisis and the general day to day issues of looking after and providing for a family. Some of you know her already as she liaised with you about your child starting school and you attended some of her workshops. She will be available all year round so you still have someone you can contact in the holidays. She is looking forward to working with you and your children and she has lots of ideas of activities that would support you. Every Monday morning, she will be holding a drop-in session between 8:50am and 10:00am for parents to come and meet her and have a coffee and seek advice or support or even a chat. Obviously this is also a chance to make an appointment for another time if you want to speak to her alone or can't make Monday mornings.

Each term we analyse attendance to look for trends and patterns and to identify those children who really have poor attendance. We appreciate that there were a lot of different illnesses before the holidays which really did impact on our attendance scores. However, we have identified some children who have very poor attendance and we shall be contacting parents to see how we can help making sure their child comes to school every day.

We would like to welcome our new Nursery teacher, Mrs Clamp. She has settled in well in to Nursery and has been getting to know the children and parents this week. We wish her all the best in her new role at Bellfield Infant School.

15 January 2023 at 11:59pm is when the portal closes and you will no longer be able to register your child for a school place in Reception or Year 3 for September 2023. Please note that if your child attends our Nursery it does **NOT** automatically entitle them to a place in school, you still have to apply. Also, Year 2 need to apply for a Year 3 place because the Junior school is a separate school.

If you have had new mobile phones for Christmas, please can you let us know if your number has changed so that we can update our records. If we don't have your up to date number, we can't contact you should there be an emergency.

Our website has lots of information about what's going on in school, so please make sure you check it regularly. You can also find out what your child is learning this half term in the Curriculum section.

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery)
was 91.62%

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	78.12%
RB	92.50%
RD	85.78%
1B	92.59%
1R	91.38%
2B	94.40%
2W	93.10%



**Well Done to Class 2B who achieved the
highest attendance this week!**

Our school kitchen currently has three vacancies for general assistants to work 10 hours a week. This would be a good job for those parents who would like to work but find it difficult with child care as it would fit in with that. We will upload a link on our website with information when we receive it.

Please can we remind you that due to the high number of cases of flu, COVID and Scarlet Fever, if you suspect your child has a temperature keep them at home until they have recovered. If you don't it spreads cases and if staff are ill, it impacts heavily on the running of the school.

Awards

Well done to you all!

Please join us in assembly on Monday morning at 9:10am to celebrate your child's success.



Lunchtime



Nursery:- Zainab
Class RB:- Matthew
Class RD:- Dorcas
Class 1B:- Mercy
Class 1R:- Jack
Class 2B:- Ariyana
Class 2W:- Julia

Star of the Week

Nursery:- Greyson

For overall progression and settling well in his first week back.

Class RB:- Joseph

For fantastic handwriting and sentences.

Class RD:- Albert

For a positive attitude towards learning.
Well done!

Class 1B:- Logan Ru

For his kind and caring attitude towards a class member.

Class 1R:- Amir

For an improved attitude to learning.

Class 2B:- Devarnte

For a great attitude to learning and progress in reading.

Class 2W:- Harry M

For improved handwriting and joining his letters.

Day Care News

Congratulations to Day care staff and children for achieving the Startwell Award! The Startwell programme promotes a healthy lifestyle in Early Years.

Promoting healthy eating and an active lifestyle at an early age can influence our lifestyle choices as adults.



Dates for your Diary

Tues 17/01/23 - Reception Eye Tests

February 2023 Half term

20th February - 24th February (School Closed)

Mon 27/02/23 - School re-opens

Fri 31/03/23 - Last Day of Spring term

Easter Holidays

3rd April - 14th April (School Closed)

Mon 17/04/23 - Staff Training (School Closed)

Tues 18/04/23 - Summer term begins