



# Bellfield Infant School News

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## Dear Parents & Carers

*Happiness and wonder  
inspires success*

Day Care have had to close this week due to all their staff being ill and testing positive for COVID. They will be open as usual on Monday and hopefully they are all fully recovered. Covid seems to be a part of life these days so please be vigilant and test if you think you or your child may have it. Our attendance is not good at the moment but we think you will agree that it is better safe than sorry.

Next Monday the school nurses are coming to carry out height and weight checks on the children in Reception.

On Monday, we also have our first face to face meeting about our Year 2 project with Birmingham Arts school where we will be joined with people from Bellfield Junior School and Longwill School.

It is Miss Coulston last day in school today as she starts her maternity leave next week. We wish her all the best and we can't wait to finally meet her baby when she is up and about.

Some of you may be wondering where Mrs Kulas has been; unfortunately she suffered an accident and broke her collar bone so can't be in school until she's better. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

We had a Full Governing Body meeting on Tuesday evening and this was the one we had to postpone from December. The Head Teacher's Report informed them of what was happening in school and the results from the assessments of the children at the end of the first term of the year. We also had feedback from the governors who had been in school and what they had seen. Most importantly we welcomed our new member, Mr Hopkins, who has volunteered to join our Governing Body. He has a wealth of experience and will really be able to contribute to our meetings and help oversee the running of our school.



Unfortunately, next Wednesday (1st February) we shall have to close the school to all pupils and only the Day Care will be open as usual. The teaching union, NEU, has advised its members to strike and as the majority of our staff belong to the NEU they have to follow their guidance which is to strike. We looked at the feasibility of opening for some children but following DfE guidance on how to cover and what the ratio child to adult should be, we are unable to meet the guidance. As an infant school the adult to pupil ratios are much smaller compared to older children. We have given you as much notice as we could and thankfully my staff have been open and honest and shared their intentions whereas in some schools they won't know until there's a no show on the morning of the strike. My staff have not taken this decision lightly and feel that education is becoming increasingly underfunded and therefore are willing to lose a day's pay to stand up for what they want, which is a better financed education for your children.

A letter from our Chair of Governors was sent this morning with an important announcement. I hope that you have had a chance to read it. Governors will be focusing on a suitable successor in the coming weeks and you will be kept updated on this.

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery)  
was 90.17%

| Class   | Attendance % |
|---------|--------------|
| Nursery | 90.56%       |
| RB      | 91%          |
| RD      | 89.67%       |
| 1B      | 84.81%       |
| 1R      | 87.24%       |
| 2B      | 88.33%       |
| 2W      | 99.66%       |



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

# Awards

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

## Star of the Week

**Nursery:- Alby**

For trying really hard in phonics.

**Class RB:- Esme**

For her love for learning and making great progress in all areas.

**Class RD:- Amelia**

For using her letter sounds to read and write words.

**Class 1B:- Elvina-Jasmine**

For class discussion and comprehension skills.

**Class 1R:- Kashira-Amira**

For super effort with her writing.

**Class 2B:- Jorja**

For her enthusiasm and progress in all subjects.

**Class 2W:- Ava**

For growing in confidence, always focused.

## Bookworms



## Lunchtime



**Nursery:- Michael**

**Class RB:- Hope**

**Class RD:- Ellie-Rose**

**Class 1B:- Alice**

**Class 1R:- Nathaniel**

**Class 2B:- Freya**

**Class 2W:- Finley**



## MATHS AWARD

**YEAR ONE  
Ayan**

**YEAR TWO  
Oscar**

**READING**

**YEAR ONE**

**Noah C**

**AWARD**

**YEAR TWO**

**Kayden-Jay**



Half term activities that are available from Birmingham City Council.

Click on the link to find out more information. Places fill up fast!

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**COME AND TRY  
BRING IT ON BRUM!**

Suitable for children & young people aged 4-16 eligible for free school meals.

Young people and their families are encouraged to join us this half -term at one of our **FREE** taster sessions, to learn all about Birmingham's **FREE** Holiday Activity & Food Programme.

- Activity tasters including, Arts & Crafts, Cooking & Sports
- Signposting to further cost-of-living support services
- And much more!

**DON'T MISS OUT THIS HALF-TERM!**

**BOOK IN ADVANCE TO GET A FREE LUNCH WHEN YOU ATTEND**

**TO BOOK A PLACE AT YOUR LOCAL VENUE AND TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO:**  
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## Dates for your Diary

Mon 30/01/23 - Reception Height and Weight checks  
Wed 01/02/23 - School closed due to Teachers' Strike

**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