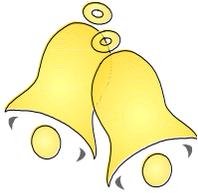


BELLFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Spring Term
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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Another very busy and fast disappearing term, with just 2 weeks before we break up for Easter on 12th April – please remember we return on Monday 29th April – there is no Teacher Training Day that day.

A lot has happened in regards to the change of timetable for September. There is a meeting for Parents/ Carers on Thursday 4th April at 9am or at 6pm, to allow the school to explain the reasoning behind the changes and for Parents/ Carers to ask any questions. Application forms for the Friday working parents/ FTE parents childcare group will come out after Easter. The meetings will also be a chance to update you on school funding too.

Parents and carers of Year 6 should be very proud of them! They have worked so hard this year, and their attitude towards the SATs practice tests has been excellent. Thank you to them and to you for your support.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the school. Have a great Easter break together.

Kind regards,
Mr Attwood
Headteacher

Parental/adult behaviour in and around our school

We have had a small number of incidents of poor behaviour (including shouting, swearing and aggressiveness) from some parents/ carers and other adults associated with our families. School should be a safe place for our children, and this kind of behaviour is not acceptable. We are available to talk to should you have a query or concern, and we always welcome the chance to discuss these with you – and the opportunity to investigate and get to the bottom of any issues as quickly as possible. However, as a school, we must remind you that staff, and our children, deserve to be treated with respect and verbal or physical aggression in school will NOT be tolerated. Finally, if there is a problem between children, please speak to us first. In our experience, when parents/ carers try to sort it 'between themselves', it usually makes the situation worse. Many thanks for your support with this.



BIG REQUEST PLEASE!

It is so important that we have the correct contact details for you – address, telephone numbers – so we can contact you in an emergency or if the school is closed etc. This is so important for the school. Please check your details in school are correct if you have changed them at all in recent weeks/ months. Thank you.



The **APP** is THE best way to stay in touch, especially if you are missing letters that come home.

This can be downloaded onto your smartphone or tablet by going to the app store or Google play, finding 'School Jotter' (the logo is the pencil shown here), downloading and then searching for our school. ☺ *If you have children in both the Juniors & Infants, link to both schools, make sure the push notifications are switched on and you will get the messages from both schools come up!*

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN AND AROUND SCHOOL (since the last newsletter!)

Our children did the 5 week homework project and the winners – chosen by their peers- have been on display in the Northfield Shopping Centre!



Our fantastic street dance 'crew' have been to a competition and a dance festival, doing brilliantly – especially as it is the first time we have entered these competitions! Well done to them!

The 'Friends of Bellfield' volunteers ran a film night – thank you to all those that organised it!



INDONESIA PROJECT

We have been asked to be part of a project, linking Birmingham schools with schools in Indonesia. This is a potentially exciting project, organised with BCC and the British Council. A delegation of 4 teachers from different schools visited Birmingham, including our school. The children at our school, as always, were brilliant and very respectful. We introduced ourselves to the delegation and they introduced themselves and the school system in Indonesia. They then had a tour of the school, led by 6 children from the School Council. We will keep you updated as more news comes in...



NEW!

sQuid Online Payment Facility for Dinners, Trips, Music and Clubs Starting 29 April 2019

After Easter, we are asking parents/carers to please use our online facility to pay for everything.

Dinner accounts must be settled before the end of this term and online accounts topped up for children to access a hot meal at school from 29 April. Any credit balances will be transferred to the new system

Afterschool Club places will only be bookable and payable ONLINE.

Please download the sQuid app and look out for further information before the Easter holiday.

sQuidApp for parents



Perfect for busy parents! Access & top up your sQuid account wherever you are: on the bus, in the shops or walking the dog!



sQuid

Go to squidcard.com/app

To find out what you owe, or if you have any queries, please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

DATES FOR DIARY

ALL current dates, including term dates, are on the website/ app up to July 2022!
Don't forget, these can sometimes change so always check the website, which is updated weekly!

2 & 3.4.19	Reports & Parents' Evenings (3.30-6pm)
4.4.19	9am OR 6pm: Parent/ Carer meeting re 4.5 day week & school funding
9.4.19	Birmingham City Mission – Easter assembly
11.4.19	Y3 Easter production 2.15pm
12.4.19	Nick Carter to visit – adventurer (Deep Fear –see his website) Non-uniform Day £1 – to Children's charities Break up for Easter @ 3.20pm
Mon 29.4.19	Back to school @ 8.50am (no TTD today)
1.5.19	Change for Life festival – selected children – tbc
6.5.19	School Closed – bank holiday Monday
8.5.19	Year 5 - River Rea – with outdoor learning expert
10.5.19	Year 5 art theme day (with artists) – theme of 'Stronger Together'
13-16.5.19	Year 6 SATs week – children in at 8.30am please each day
Wc 20.5.19	Year 6 'Bikeability' course
21.5.19	Y5/6 Netball competition – tbc
24.5.19	Last day – half term 27 May – 31 May
3.6.19	Back to school 8.50am Class Photos
6.5.19	Cake Sale (break time & after school)

eSafety

Unfortunately, lots of apps and games are coming onto the market that are really not suitable for our children.

The latest, and one of the more concerning, is BitLife , a game for children to create an 'alternative' life. However, you can make just about any choice in your 'life', from making good choices to the worst, crime ridden choices you can imagine.



People playing the app can communicate with each other also.

PLEASE, please be aware of this game – but, more importantly, carefully monitor your children's online activities and discuss good choices in the online world. If you need any help or advice, please come in and see us.



A youth club, organised by the Parent Hub, is held in the school hall every Tuesday from 5-7pm for all children aged 7-11years old (£2.00 each for the 2 hours!!!). If you are interested, please come into school for a form or email:

parenthub@bellfield-jun.bham.sch.uk

Celebrating Success



Stars of the week:

3CS

Dawid
Reza
Kacie

3EK

Henna
Preah
Niyah

3EW

Thomas
Rabbi

4OS

Jayden
Sarah
Aiden

4AS

Maisie
Kai

4ED

Kaleb
Jessica
Amara

5TP

Sophia
Maisie

5HW

Abbie
Rayaan
Tajja

6KB

Mya

6CT

Olivia
Sashoni
Ellison

Well done to all of these children!

Yes I Can

We now have our "Yes I Can" Roll of Honour Board - these are children that have faced something difficult, haven't given up and have then succeeded - this month we have had:

Thomas - has been working really hard, persevering with his spellings, learning them regularly and resulting in significantly improved scores in his spelling tests.

Carson - found converting improper fractions really difficult. With a Yes I Can attitude, he hasn't given up and has given all the work a good go!