



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Christmas is not far off – where does the year go? We have a lot coming up, including the Year 4 Christmas Play and the Year 5 Christmas Nativity Carol Concert – please make sure you make a note, and keep up to date, with all of the events coming up at the end of the letter and via the website & app.

We had our first 'Mystery theme Day' just before half term, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The children had a fantastic time, leading their own learning and coming up with some brilliant 'inventions' to solve simple, or complex, problems! Many wanted to solve a global problem, like pollution and even 'Brexit' – showing what caring children we have in school. There was a lovely 'buzz' around school and the children, across the school, were very excited to share their ideas! Another theme day is planned for next term...

Please be aware that the **school will be closed** as it is being used as a polling station for the General Election on Thursday 12th December.



Attendance and punctuality continue to be great so far this year – thank you for this!
Kind regards, Mr Attwood



Educational Trips: Educational trips are an important part of the learning for the children. It allows them to experience their learning and can really motivate them in the topic the trip is designed to support. However, the school does not have the budget to pay for all the trips – we rely on family donations. Currently, we are awaiting for contributions towards the Rep Theatre trip (Peter Pan) in January – donation payments of £15 need to be made by to cover the costs – the school has

If you are a parent/carer and receive certain benefits, then you may be entitled to Free School Meals. Log on to <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham/> complete the application (which takes less than 5 minutes) and the Data Checking Service will notify you, and the school, of your eligibility status. The system also regularly checks applications in case your circumstances change in the future. If you are unsure, or have any queries, please contact Mrs. Westwood in the School Office who will be able to help you with your question or to make an application.

Is your child entitled
to Free School Meals?



We keep our website & app calendar up-to-date. We also send dates via our newsletters. Please ensure you have our app as we send many messages and notifications through the app. If you haven't already, **PLEASE download our app** or check the website regularly. The app 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 school but make sure the push notifications are switched on so you can get the messages from both schools come up!

We have a considerable amount of donated, clean SCHOOL UNIFORM that is in very good condition and has been washed – school jumpers, cardigans, polo T-shirts and trousers/skirts. We will be selling items off, for a donation fee of £1.00 per item – we will be selling these on Tuesday/Thursday 19th & 21st November – all proceeds will go in the School Fund, which is used to buy materials and prizes for the children.



PLEASE BE AWARE that we have some outstanding fees for Friday ChildCare Group, after-school clubs and music lessons. Invoices/ notices were sent out the week before half-term. These need to be paid or **your child's place(s) will be suspended or cancelled.** If you are unsure, please contact the School Office.



Thank you

We will be having three **non-uniform** days this half term: next Friday 15th November (monies will go to the Friends of Bellfield); Friday 6th December (monies to the School Fund) and Friday 20th December – Christmas jumper/ T-shirt (monies to BCSTF charity). All will be for a £1.00 donation. Please ensure clothing is suitable for school and shoes are sensible. Thank you for your support.



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ATTENTION: CRISP EATERS!

Northfield Baptist Church are collecting any empty crisp packets which they send off for recycling and earn a donation back for doing so. Can you help us support them by filling our **CRISP CATCHER** with your empty crisp packets please?



Thank you for your help with this initiative!

The Council are seeking planning consent for the carpark that the staff use to build houses. The two schools are concerned that Vineyard Road is already a busy and narrow road, and no designated parking for staff will impact on the side roads nearby which we obviously don't want to do. The schools are working closely with the Local Counsellor to object and would appreciate your support once the official planning paperwork is published. Thank you.

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



The after-school ART CLUB had great fun completing their shape patterns. We then put them altogether to make a larger picture. The children really enjoyed moving them around and changing the positions before each photo!



Year 4, as part of their topic, visited Dudley Zoo to learn about animals and the world. They had a great time and really enjoyed finding out new facts.



Mystery theme Day saw the creative side of the children come out – working as a team was also important in the task given, and they were brilliant! Some future contestants for The Apprentice maybe...



Year 5 have been learning, and creating, gymnastics routines.

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!

- 14.11.19 Y4 theme day with our Outdoor Learning Expert – theme: 8 point compass
Basketball competition (team A): Y5/6 tbc
- 15.11.19 **Non-uniform:** £1 donation, funds to 'Friends of Bellfield'
- 19.11.19 Y3 Family Healthy Workshop 9-10.30am – letters from children sent home before HT, please come along
3.25pm: Uniform sale – for donation of £1 per item
- 20.11.19 Parent/Carer COFFEE MORNING @ 9am – please join us to discuss the school and what we can do better.
- 21.11.19 2.15pm: Year 4 Inspire Workshop for Parents/ Carers & children – maths
3.25pm: Uniform sale – for donation of £1 per item
- 25.11.19 Luke Temple – author – visiting school to do assembly workshop
- 26.11.19 NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly
Luke Temple – book signing @ 1.30pm
- 3.12.19 NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe': Y5 & 6 workshops
- 5.12.19 3-5.30pm: Y5/6 Basketball competition (Team B) – details to follow
- 6.12.19 **Non-uniform:** £1 donation, funds to 'School Fund'
- 11.12.19 School's Christmas Dinner
- 12.12.19 **School Closed** for the General Election (polling station)
- 13.12.19 9.30am: year 5 Christmas Nativity Carol Concert for their families
- 17.12.19 2.15pm: **Year 4** Christmas Play performance to their families
- 18.12.19 1 child from each class – ALWAYS CLUB treat to Cadbury World with Shenley Senior - tbc
- 19.12.19 (pm) Christmas Party time!
- 20.12.19 **Non-uniform(Christmas):** £1 donation, funds to BCSTF charity
Last day before break up for Christmas holidays – close at 1.05pm
- 6.1.20 Teacher Training day – **school closed** to children
- 7.1.20 Back to school @ 8.45am
- 9.1.20 Whole School – theatre visit – 'Peter Pan' – back to school approx. 1pm (late lunchtime)

Celebrating Success



Star of the week:

3W

Erin
Grace
Tong Tong
Yolanda

3C

Scarlett
Callen
Freya
Georgia
Esme
Kara
Rebecca

3K

Akeem
Jacob
Mohammed
Aiden

4OS

Maisie
Millie
Maddison
Casey
Megan
Curtis

4ED

Sophie
Reza
Jordon
Lily
Noel

4AS

Ahmed
Lacey
Amir
Zara

5S

Niamh
Ruo
Kai
Madison
Rianna

5NS

Bogdan
Isla
Gabby
Lillie
Ben

5W

Hannah
Holly
Mehnaz
Tiger
Junaid
Sommer

6B

Destiny
Chris
Emily
Maisie

6CT

Kacey
Carson
Josh
Amaan
Liam
Josh

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:

Nevaeh—For trying really hard with her reading and passing AR quizzes. Excellent attitude to reading.

Marcus—Not giving up on his maths catch up programme even when difficult.

Riley—For a brilliant turn around in his attitude to learning and behaviour in the playground. Riley is very polite, respectful and becoming a great credit to himself and the school