Dear Parents & Carers

Our Christmas Fayre was a success last Friday and we raised almost £900 despite the weather being awful. This was made possible by the Parents of Bellfield working so hard to make sure everything was prepared and for you coming to support and participate in all the activities. The most important thing was that everyone was enjoying themselves and having fun. Thank you to everyone who came and supported it.

Some of our parents said they were unaware of the Christmas Fayre last Friday, which we find quite worrying as we had flyers up and it had been mentioned in the Newsletters over the last few weeks. It was also on the Website School Calendar from the beginning of term. We can only presume that some people have not yet downloaded the school app, called School Jotter. This is a very useful app to have as it will keep you informed of up to date school news and any immediate issues that we need to inform you about instantly.

To download the app onto your smartphone or tablet go to your app store or google play and it is called ‘School Jotter’ (the logo is the pencil shown here). Download and then search for our school. If you have children in both the Infant and Junior schools, you can link to both schools but make sure the push notifications are switched on so you can get the messages from both schools!

We hope all the children enjoyed the extra day off for the elections and it gave some of you a chance to finish those extra Christmas Preparations!

Our new Reception teacher, Miss Roberts, came to meet the children on Wednesday and some of you may have noticed her sitting, watching the children's performance. She spent time with Mr Casey and Mrs Delves, but most of the time she spent with the children in RC. She is really looking forward to January 2020 when she will then become their class teacher.

All the staff and children had their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, and it was delicious. Our cook and kitchen staff worked extremely hard and we would like to thank them for making it so special at this time of year. The children and staff enjoyed pulling crackers together and Sharing the jokes! Mr Rudge was on serving duty and was in charge of puddings, and even juggled ice-cream at one point to the children's amusement.

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery) was 91.81%

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Please Note:-
On the last day of term (Friday 20th December), children can go home at 1:15pm to coincide with the Junior School. School will remain open until 3:15pm if you are unable to collect your children early.

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

To report your child’s absence from School, please call 0121 464 4855 Option 1 or Text 07900 351 202 between 7:30am - 9:00am Please leave your Child’s name, Class and Reason for absence.
It was fantastic to see the variety of colourful Christmas jumpers the children and staff were wearing today for Christmas Jumper Day. We have asked for non-perishable food to be donated instead of money to support the Northfield Foodbank. For those who donated money it will be used to buy some food to give to the Foodbank.

Next week, although the activities will be Christmas based, the children’s learning will be continuing... even if they are not aware of it! Year 2 are going to the Old Rep Theatre to see a performance of ‘The Snow Queen’, in readiness for their next term’s topic. It is a great opportunity and experience for the children to see live theatre as most of what they see is on a screen.

All the children will be seeing a live performance on Wednesday as we have arranged a theatre company to come into school and perform Beauty and the Beast. It is thanks to your generous donation throughout the year that enables us to pay for this as a treat for the children.

On Thursday, Nursery will be holding their Fun Activities and parents are invited to come and join in. It is also our School Christmas Day! Children can wear party clothes but they must be winter weather appropriate for example long sleeves, winter dresses with tights, jeans and jumpers. Also sensible shoes are to be worn.

Key Stage 1 held their Nativity on Tuesday and the reviews are in... it was a great success! The children are always so enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed performing. Well done to the staff who organised and facilitated this year’s performance of ‘The Landlord’s Cat’. I would like to say thank you for all your kind donations, both monetary and goods that you generously provided to support our local Foodbank.

On Wednesday and Friday, EYFS performed ‘A Wriggly Nativity’. Once again it was delightful to see such young children be so confident and talented. The eldest child would have been only 5 and the youngest 3, so you can appreciate how proud the staff are of them all! Thank you to the EYFS parents for their kind donations too.

Day Care are going to Treasure Island on Friday, for their Christmas Treat, and it’s a nice chance for parents to catch up with one another while the children play.

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Mr Casey and wish him well for the future.

### Dates for your Diary

- **Every Thursday** - SEN Parent Drop-in 2pm
- **Mon 16/12/19** - Year 2 Theatre trip ‘The Snow Queen’
- **Wed 18/12/19** - Theatre in school ‘Beauty & the Beast’
- **Thur 19/12/19** - Christmas Party Day
- **Fri 20/12/19** - Day Care End of Year Treasure Island Play
- **Fri 20/12/19** - Last Day of Autumn term
- **Mon 23/12/19 - Mon 06/01/20** (School Closed)
- **Mon 06/01/20** - Teacher training (school closed to children)
- **Tue 07/01/20** - Spring term begins at 8:50am

Please visit website or app for further dates.

Finally, as this will be the last newsletter this year we hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and the New Year brings you wealth, health and happiness!

School re-opens on Tuesday 7th January 2020.