



Bellfield Infant School News

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Dear Parents & Carers

*Happiness and wonder
inspires success*

We are now at the end of our 2nd week of Post-Covid return to school. It is a delight each day to see the children so eager to be in school. I would like to thank parents for following our social distancing drop off and collection, as the transition back to school seems to have gone well.

We have had a few more children return to us this week and it has been great to see them. If you want your children to return to school, please telephone the office and they will give you a start date as obviously we have to be prepared to ensure we have enough "bubbles" to accommodate everyone.

The government have now announced that not all children will be able to return to school before the summer holidays and unfortunately, it looks like it will be September now at the earliest. As we are an infant school, most of our children are eligible to return to school and so we have children in Reception bubbles, children in Year 1 bubbles and a key worker bubble of Year 2 pupils.

Our induction process for children starting school in September is going to be very different this year. The staff from the Early Years are working on a virtual tour of the Reception classes so the children can see what their class will look like and whom their teachers are. We think we might do this for each year group as the children moving into new classes will not be familiar with their new classrooms and teachers either. Our numbers for Nursery this year are quite low so if you have a child who is three before the end of August or you know friends and family with children that age, please point them in our direction. They can ring up the school office and receive information on how to enrol their child.

Year 1 have been busy with their theme about balloons and they have been making their own paper mache balloons. Reception have been carrying out rhyming activities based on the rhyming books 'Oi Dog' and 'Oi frog' the children really enjoy these stories and some of them can read them independently. In Year 2, the children have been thinking about feelings and being kind following the story of the Worst Princess.



Our home learning is continuing, and is now co-ordinated by Miss Slater, who updates the 'To Do' activities weekly for Year 1 and Year 2. We are trying to ensure that the children still at home are following a similar content as what we are delivering at school.

This week we held a Fire Drill practise. The children were extremely good at remaining calm and following the adult's instructions to line up in new areas outside the building. They moved promptly and sensibly. We did need to re-iterate the social distancing as our children do find it difficult to maintain this in the playground.

The playground zones have worked well and Classroom staff have introduced their own playtime equipment that are cleaned daily to ensure the children are not being exposed to cross-contamination.

Our typical wet summer weather seems to have returned after a long spell of sunshine and good weather. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat in school. We are hopeful that the summer sunshine will return soon so that the children can enjoy the outdoors.

Can I remind you that if you do have any queries, please contact the office in the first instance and a message will be given to the class teacher or relevant member of staff to contact you as soon as possible.

Stay Alert and Safe