



# Bellfield Infant School News

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## Dear Parents & Carers

*Happiness and wonder  
inspires success*

It was great to open the school gates and welcome everyone back to Bellfield Infant School, some for the very first time and some for the first time since March 2020. We were especially impressed with our Nursery and Reception children who have come to school with no previous 'settling in' sessions prior to them starting and they settled in so quickly. Reception have had shorter days for the first three days of term but from Monday, they will be in full time.

Our entry procedures were well planned and although the first morning was hectic at times, by Thursday morning it was much calmer and everything went to plan. A big thank you to parents for following our routes even if it meant an extra lap of Starbuck's carpark! Whatever the earliest time for one of your children's drop offs is, you can drop your other children at the same time as class doors will be open. So for example if you have a child in Reception and another in Year 2, you can drop your Reception child early at 8:40am on the way to dropping the Year 2 child. This will save you going around the one-way system twice!

There is no doubt that Coronavirus pandemic has been a terrifying experience for everyone but especially for the families where loved ones contracted it. We must be mindful that we do not treat people who have suffered this awful virus any differently and appreciate they have been through enough.

This term our Speech and Language Therapist, Mrs Hodnette, will be completing baseline assessments with children in Nursery and Reception. She will also be re-assessing the Key Stage 1 children she saw last year. If you would like to speak to Mrs Hodnette about the baseline assessments or if you have any concerns regarding your child's Speech and Language, please contact her on 0121 464 4855.

This is a very anxious time for all parents who are sending their children back to school post pandemic but we want to reassure you that we have followed all Government and Birmingham City Council guidance to ensure we keep children, parents and staff as safe as possible. Some parents have been particularly anxious about our school lunches during this time. Again, our school kitchen has stringent procedures to follow to maximise the standard of Health and Hygiene in the kitchen. When they were inspected unannounced last time, they received the highest grade for health and hygiene. They remained open providing lunches for all children who attended during the height of the pandemic and there were no incidents of children contracting the virus from the kitchen.

Parents have limited opportunity to speak to teachers so we would like to remind you that you can use the year group email accounts:

[year2@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk](mailto:year2@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk)

[year1@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk](mailto:year1@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk)

[reception@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk)

[nursery@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk)

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery)  
was 91.19%

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	87.50%
RD	87.36%
RE	97.22%
1B	88.51%
1R	96.63%
2B	92.31%
2W	85.06%



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