



# Bellfield Infant School News

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## Dear Parents & Carers

*Happiness and wonder  
inspires success*

The weather really is getting a little chilly now and more children are wearing hats and gloves. Please can you make sure that they are named as every year we develop a fantastic collection of hats and gloves that belong to 'Mr and Miss Nobody'. It is such a shame as we all know they cost money.

With the government still not agreeing to a complete lockdown for two weeks, we are mindful that if they change their minds at the last minute it is important that we have things in place so the children don't miss out on their education. Every child had a Purple Mash log-in so please can you make sure your child can log in and, if not, let us know. We are also preparing a pack of activities for the children to do at home. We don't expect the children to work solidly but if you could just make sure they do some phonics or reading, some maths and some writing then that would make sure they don't lose the skills they have already learnt. On BBC catch-up channel on the television the younger children can watch Number Blocks and Alpha Blocks which are really good at engaging the children in early maths and phonic skills too. Again, if you want advice or more ideas please contact their teacher using the year emails. Hopefully this won't happen but it's best that we prepare just in case.

We have also sent letters home for parents to fill in and send back; in the event of another lockdown it is important that we know which of our parents are key workers and we can therefore offer them childcare. Please could you return these as soon as possible.

Data Checking Sheets have been sent home for you to check, sign and return to us as soon as possible. These are important as we need to make sure that the information we hold for your child is correct at all times and that we can contact you in case of an emergency.

Year 2 have recently received a speed sound book for them to practise recognising and saying the sounds for each digraph (two letters, one sound). Please can you encourage them to look at them daily so that they are well prepared for their Phonic Assessment in November.

Mrs Simm and Miss Matthews met with City Serve who provide our dinners. We discussed the new three weekly menu choices and tweaked them slightly so our children have what we know they like to eat. The new menus should be starting after half term. If you prefer the 'pick n mix' cold food option, please make sure you have returned the form on the Friday morning prior to the following week's lunches.

We are collecting items of non-perishable foods for our Harvest which we intend to donate to our local foodbank. Any tins or dried pasta or other non-perishable goods will be gratefully appreciated.

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery)  
was 95.53%

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	90%
RD	95.91%
RE	96.43%
1B	98.33%
1R	96.12%
2B	91.10%
2W	95.33%



**Well Done to Class 1B who achieved the highest attendance this week!**

Thank you to the majority of parents who can, and do wear, face masks when bringing their children to school. I know there have been concerns about the number of parents queuing before the gates are opened in the morning and the afternoon. We can only remind you to try and keep at least a metre away from the people around you. We open the gates at 8:40am and close them at 9:00am so there is a big enough window so not everybody has to come at once. This is also the case in the afternoon. Please keep yourselves safe by keeping your distance.

As Autumn is very much here the children in all year groups have been looking at the changes to the trees and the many different colours of the leaves and berries. Year 1 have taken photographs of the changes. Year 2 have composed poems about Autumn and have made characters from leaves. Reception have been really concentrating on their sounds this week and are practising reading words by blending their sounds. The nursery children have been creating black sheep for their wall display as well as refining their cutting skills.



## Year 2 Autumn Art

## Dates for your Diary

**Mon 12/10/20 - Staff Training - School Closed**

Thurs 22/10/20 - School Photographer

**Mon 26th October 2020 - Fri 30th October 2020  
Half Term - School Closed**

Mon 01/11/20 - Rec, Y1 & Y2 Flu Immunisations

**Mon 21st December 2020 - Fri 1st January 2021  
Christmas Holiday - School Closed**

Mon 04/01/21 - Staff Training - School Closed

Tues 05/01/21 - Spring Term begins

After half term the Junior children will be returning to our Buddies Club; it will be good to have them back to hear how they are getting on.

On Thursday (22nd) the photographer will be in school, so please make sure your child is looking their smartest on Thursday. We shall do our utmost to make sure that your children remain presentable for their photograph! Sadly, this year we are unable to have the family session before school or have siblings photos taken together, so it will be individual photographs only. Also Day care children will not be taking part in the session due to not being able to come to the school hall.

## Awards

### Star of the Week

**Nursery: - Nevaiah**

For being more confident in group time.

**Class RD: - Charlie**

For learning his sounds and blending to read CVC words.

**Class RE: - Ameilia**

For fantastic blending and discussion about new words.

**Class 1B: - Isabella**

For her improved attitude towards her writing.

**Class 1R: - Aaliyha**

For working hard across all lessons all week.

**Class 2B: - Renaiyah**

For excellent effort and improvement in her writing.

**Class 2W: - Layla-Jayne**

For an improved effort in her writing.



## Lunchtime



**Class RD: - Jahmiah**

**Class RE: - James**

**Class 1B: - Anieva**

**Class 1R: - Leah**

**Class 2B: - Evan**

**Class 2W: - Mason**