Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Well, the sun has been brilliant – and not so! It has been extremely hot in school and we have purchased coolers for the classrooms to try and take the edge off the heat – especially in the afternoons. However, let’s not complain and here’s hoping we have plenty of sun during the holidays so you can relax and enjoy being with your children!

We now have the facility to message specific groups or individual families through our app – we do need your permission to do this and we sent out a letter on Monday, which needs returning so we can do this. If you haven’t already, please download the app – go onto Google Play or Itunes App store and search for ‘School Jotter’ - once downloaded, search for our school.

It has been, as usual, an extremely busy time in school, with visitors supporting learning, visits, Sports Mornings and so much more – please go to the website for all the photos and videos from the events.

I also wanted to say, on behalf of the staff, a big thank you to our families for your continued support – not only for the learning the children do, but for a variety of events and sponsorship during the year.

Have a brilliant few weeks, enjoy spending time together and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th September!

Kind regards,
Mr Attwood
Headteacher

A youth club, organised by the Parent Hub, started last month at the Baptist Church. It will be every Tuesday from 5-7pm for all children aged 7-11 years old (£1.00 each for the 2 hours!!!). If you are interested, please come into school for a form or email parenthub@bellfield-jun.bham.sch.uk

There is also a girls’ youth club at the Community Hub, Price’s Square, for girls in Years 5-8. It’s run by NAF (Northfield Arts’ Forum) every Tuesday 4-6pm. Please send your children along as there will be games, crafts and fun for all!

Year 3 Update
Mrs. Samuel will be starting her maternity leave after October half-term, and to ensure a smooth transition of class teacher for the pupils, Mrs. Nayar and another teacher (interviews being held this week) will also be covering the class from the second half-term from November.

PLEASE ensure any outstanding debts for dinners, trips, clubs, music and lost library books are settled before the end of the term. Failure to do so will affect your child being able to access them from September and until the money owed is paid.
Friends of Bellfield

Our school PTA – have been fundraising and we have just taken delivery of two tables for the playground, which are now in use, under the shelter. They have ordered another table football table as this has been particularly popular!

We ask that children and families help us to look after them by not abusing them in anyway – including climbing on them (they were £600 each!). It means we now have even more activities for our children at lunchtimes – thank you to the Friends of Bellfield for all their efforts.

YEAR 6 - JCA Residential Visit 5-7 Sept 2018

Just a reminder that all children going to JCA on Wed 5th Sept will need to come to school in non-uniform, with their bag and any medication at 10am, by coming in through the hall doors from the playground or through reception. The children will leave their bags in the hall and we will have an assembly with the whole school. The children will be leaving at approx. 12.15/30pm.

Non-JCA Year 6 children will need to be in school as normal at 8.50am, and we have some fun activities for the time the other children are at JCA for them.

Houses of Parliament Trip

Our children and staff enjoyed their visit to London yesterday. They were met by MP Richard Burden who explained about the work of politicians and took them to see the House of Lords and House of Commons in session. Everyone had a brilliant time and the children were once again fantastic ambassadors for the school.

We are having a considerable amount of work done during the Summer Holidays as follows (+ the reasons why!):

* New modular building (where the canopy is now) for a new library and group work room (library being converted back to a classroom)
* Library being converted to a classroom and a small group room (ready for the extra class Sept 19)
* Boys’ toilets (downstairs) – complete refurbishment to ensure we have enough toilets for the increased numbers of children
* Tarmac the ‘ramp’ between the playgrounds (slabs keep moving – safety)
* Repairs in the kitchen – around the sink area
* Replace small windows in the Year 3 classrooms – won’t shut properly
* Year 3 corridor – replace cupboards with fire-retardant cupboards
* Under stairs (outside 4OS & 4ED) – create more storage with fire-retardant cupboards
* Outside the hall – new metal storage for new tables + slab the remaining area not slabbed + remove 2 panels of fence – easier access to the hall & when Y3 leave at the end of the day
* Slab a small area around the pedestrian main gates as the grass area is very muddy/ slippery
* Replace wooden slats on benches in the playgrounds to make safer
* Recently, we have had a new gas safety system installed in the kitchens and the alarm system updated so that we now have an outside siren (playground) and lockdown setting – which we recently practised.

As we always do, we continue to ensure we get best value for our money and that we are spending the budget we have to meet the needs of our children, including their welfare.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS
YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD’S LIFE

Despite NUMEROUS requests, parking is still a real ISSUE on Vineyard Road, Hilary Grove, other neighbouring roads AND Starbucks. PLEASE can you park sensibly, courteously and LEGALLY. It is for the safety of our children, as well as adults in their lives being role-models for their own behaviours. Thank you

Y4 and Y5 OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

30 of our children took part in this event yesterday. They showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience, and came home as the winning team! Mr. Coleman was extremely proud of their attitude and performance. Well done to them all!
DATES FOR DIARY – all the way to September!
Don’t forget, these can sometimes change so always check the website, which is updated weekly!

12.7.18   Y4 & 5 – dance workshops (am)
13.7.18   Choir to visit Ash Grove Nursing Home
LAST Y3 swimming
End of year reports to go home, inc Y6 SATs results
16.7.18   2pm: Music Concert for parents/carers of children in Y4 and those children who do
          guitar, flute or clarinet electives – letters have been sent home
3.20pm: ‘open’ parents’ evening
17.7.18   2pm: Y6 ‘end of year’ production for families of Y6
18.7.18   Bellfield’s got Talent (children only – sorry)
19.7.18   Bellfield’s Awards Ceremony presented by Birmingham’s Lord Mayor, Yonne Mosquito.
          – if your child is to receive an award, we will have sent a letter home by post last week
20.7.18   Last day – school closes for holidays at 3.20pm
5.9.18    School re-opens for the new school year: Y3-6 in at 8.50am

Y6 (those going to JCA) in at 10am. JCA children will be leaving approx. 12.15/30pm

6.9.18    Outdoor Learning for Y6 not at JCA
10.9.18   TeeCee (from CBBC) here to work with Yrs3-5
11.9.18   8.50am: Y4 & Y5 parents/ carers to ‘Meet The Teacher’ - find out all about the
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Our ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY is on
Thursday 19th July at 1.30pm.
This is where we recognise outstanding work and contributions many children
make during the year. If your child is to win a category, we have sent, by post last week, a
letter to inform you and invite you to the ceremony. The ceremony is always a ‘big deal’
and children strive to be winners! This year, our red carpet event is being
presented by Birmingham’s Lord Mayor, Cllr Yvonne Mosquito!
It is always a great occasion that we look forward to! Good luck to all our children

Nick Carter – adventurer – fundraising
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and lived with remote tribes! He is still doing a sponsored run from John
O’Groats to Land’s in June/July, to raise money for children’s charities in the
UK. He stopped off and did an assembly in our school, and the Infants’, on
the way. We thought this was inspiring and that we should invite him in and
support him. He was brilliant & inspiring!

Sainsbury’s Active Kids are not running the voucher scheme so schools are able to ‘buy’ sports equipment. Instead, they are running holiday clubs during the Summer holidays (between 2nd July & 29th August) at greatly reduced prices – you need 200 Nectar points and the cost is £7.50 per session (bargain!), including lunch – 9am until 4pm.

There are 3 nearby:
Harborne Academy, Edgbaston;
City Academy, Ladywood; Nansen Primary School & Rockwood Academy. For more information and to book, you need to go online to https://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk/venues.

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Children who received 5 team points for their House Team this week were:

Zara  House: Wales
For a fantastic year 2 booklet about transition

Samuel  House: Wales
For super homework making a Roman shield

Amara  House: England
For brilliant homework—travelling to Roman times

Ellis  House: Scotland
For excellent homework making a Roman shield

Tiger-Mae  House: N.Ireland
For super homework—colosseum

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:

Yr 3 - Harley - Awarded to Harley for his **BRILLIANT** efforts to follow instructions and ‘have a go’ during swimming lessons