



# Bellfield Infant School News

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## Welcome

We hope you had an enjoyable summer break, especially as the weather was glorious. We welcome everyone back as we embark on the new academic year which we know will hold a lot of challenges for all of us. A huge thank you to our parents who have made sure their children have returned to school looking extremely smart in their uniforms. All the children settled quickly into their new classes, even our youngest ones in Nursery. Day care too has had a new group of children joining their setting and they are settled and happy.

*Mrs G Simm*

Head teacher

We would like to welcome two new members of staff, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Kimberly who are working in the early years predominately. We wish them both a long and happy time at Bellfield Infant School.

We are happy to announce the safe arrival of Miss Saunders baby boy William, who arrived in the first week of August weighing in at 8lbs.

Monday and Tuesday were teacher training days which included Safeguarding and Paediatric First Aid training.

As the new academic year begins we would like to see an improvement in school attendance. We monitor pupil attendance and will write to or contact parents who's child's attendance is a concern. Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

If your child's level of absence is of serious concern it may result in the School and the Local Authority taking legal action.

Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Are you aware that children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery)  
was 98.40%

Class	Attendance %	No. of Lates
Nursery	100%	1
RC	100%	1
RD	96.67%	0
1E	95.40%	0
1H	98.85%	0
2B	97.83%	0
2H	100%	1
2S	100%	0



**Well Done to Nursery, RC, 2H & 2S for 100% attendance. Keep it up!**

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Timekeeping is also really important and we all know that occasionally we can be late for school due to unforeseeable reasons which is acceptable. However, regular lateness disrupts the class and it teaches your child that it's ok to be late. As they get older this can get them into trouble at school especially in senior school! Being late also adds up to a loss of learning which affects your child's achievement so please make sure your child arrives for school on time. Children who are late for school will not be considered for 'Star of the Week'

If your child is late for school and the classroom doors have been closed you will need to bring your child to the late door in the main playground and press the doorbell. A member of the office staff will let your child into school and mark them in the late book. Please do not knock the classroom doors as it disrupts the start of the day.

We would like to thank parents who make sure their child is attending school regularly and on time and therefore benefiting fully from their educational opportunity.

We will still have our Awards assembly every Monday morning (starting Monday 17th September) which celebrates achievements from the previous week. If you are invited to the assembly we ask parents to wait on the ramp in the playground rather than having to walk all around the building to come in the front entrance. This will be the same for any other Parent events that we hold in the mornings throughout the year.

We have finally got part of our playground back after a considerable amount of time arguing with the Council as to who was responsible for putting it back to the way it was before our building work. Our children can now run around freely in all the space.

During the summer we also had the Nursery and Reception playgrounds improved. Where the mud was in Reception playground we have replaced it with soft flooring so not only will it be safer but hopefully it will stop the mud being trampled into the classrooms. The soft flooring around the play apparatus in the Nursery garden was coming up and becoming very lumpy so that too has been replaced.

Can I remind parents that, if children bring their bicycles or scooters to school it is important that they dismount them and push them once they are on school site as otherwise there is a health and safety risk that someone might get bumped into or knocked down.

The parking issue has raised its head again! Please can you park on either Starbuck's or Sainsbury's and **NOT** park on the pavement or on yellow lines.

At the end of last term we asked parents to provide school with a password so in the event of them not being able to collect their child at the end of the day they could send someone else and the password could be used for security. The password may also be used for security before a telephone conversation about your child. Can we also ask you to make sure that we have two contact numbers for your child so we can have an alternative if we can't get hold of you.

### Dates for your Diary

- Every Tuesday - SEN Parent Drop-in 2.00pm
- Tues 11/09/18 - Y2 Parents Curriculum Meeting 9:00am
- Wed 12/09/18 - Reception Parents Curriculum Meeting 9:00am
- Thurs 13/09/18 - Y1 Parents Curriculum Meeting 9:00am
- Tues 02/10/18 - Flu Vaccinations
- Tues 09/10/18 - School Photographer
- Tues 16/10/18 - Parent Consultations
- Fri 19/10/18 - School Closed (Teacher Training)
- Thurs 25/10/18 - Parent Consultations

**Mon 29th October - Fri 2nd November - Half term (School Closed)**

Please visit website or app for further dates.