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BELLFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Time seems to be flying – there's only 4 weeks left of school before the Christmas holidays! Scary!

Since our last newsletter, the following has happened: the library building is now built and in use; meetings to discuss the budget concerns of the school; Chloe visited Y5 & 6 to tell them about her adventures in India; Y4 visited Dudley Zoo; Y5 visited Cadbury World; anti-bullying week (inc discussing racism; 14 Days of Kindness; Georgia Burgess visited (from the X Factor); the Stringcredibles did a brilliant introduction to string instruments and music; Y3 had a family healthy lives workshop; 6B went to talk to residents of Ash Grove nursing home, who were in WWI to find out about life at that time and the school was on the tele (we don't talk about the fact they didn't know my name L)! We also took part in an inter-school gymnastics competition, coming 2nd, a brilliant effort by the team!

Coming up between now & the end of term we have: the family Quiz night (27/11); E-Safety workshop for parents (5/12); school disco (6/12); basketball tournament (7/12); Christmas dinner (12/12); Y5 Christmas Carol Concert (18/12); Y4 Christmas play (19/12) and parties for the children on 20/12!

Budgets are tight in schools, and we always appreciate your support. Please ensure trips, clubs etc are paid on time – we always try to give as much notice as possible to give you time to pay in smaller amounts if it helps. Please also talk to us in the office if there are any issues with payments.

There is a lot coming up, so please keep checking out the school website & have the app downloaded!

Kind regards,
Mr Attwood

The School Fund is an account, separate from the school budget account, that supports extras, like awards, prizes, sporting competition costs etc for our children. If every child brought in 20p per week, we would raise over £2000 a year to meet these extras for the children to support and encourage their learning. Some volunteer parents are on the playground at home time on a Friday with sealed buckets to collect any spare change you have to support this. Please do not feel pressured, but any 20ps you have spare will greatly help this fund for your children. In the first 2 weeks, the buckets have raised over £45 to the fund.

We are looking to arrange an artist in school to work with years 3,4 & 5 in the Spring Term from this funding. Thank you so much for this support.



Friends of Bellfield:

Thanks to a great group of parents, we now have a new committee for our Friends of Bellfield (volunteers to help raise money for projects for the school). They will let you know of any meetings coming up and be asking for volunteers – their first event as a new committee is the school disco on 6.12.18 – any help or support for this and any future events will be very much welcomed by them!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 12th December, please remember to send the slip in to the office no later than Monday 26th November as we **can not** accept any slips after this date.



Budgets & school funding: it has recently come to light, from a letter sent by Sir David Norgrove from the UK Statistics Authority, that some of the statements from Government regarding school funding is a little misleading. In response, Damian Hinds (Education) said he recognised that although funding was rising, he also said: 'I recognise that pupil numbers are rising, we are asking schools to do more and schools are facing cost pressures.' This can be seen via the web address: <https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Rt-Hon-Damian-Hinds-MP-to-Sir-David-Norgrove-8-Oct-2018.pdf> . The Education Executive magazine also mentions that funding for schools includes university student fees and private schools' fees!



....that recent research from a university in the USA shows that young people spending more than an hour of time using a screen based device (from computers to tablets to phones) showed less curiosity, had lower self-control and

lower self-esteem. It suggests limiting screen-based activities to less than an hour at a time and monitoring behaviour changes when using screen based items.



A youth club, organised by the Parent Hub, is held in the school hall every Tuesday from 5-7pm for all children aged 7-11years old (£2.00 each for the 2 hours!!!). If you are interested, please come into school for a form or email:

parethub@bellfield-jun.bham.sch.uk



As always, unfortunately, parking CONTINUES to be a real ISSUE on Hilary Grove & other neighbouring roads AND Starbucks and causes the school all sorts of issues. It has been better on Vineyard (thank you) but...**PLEASE** can you park sensibly, courteously and LEGALLY – and in Starbucks, please park in bays only...they do have the right to refuse you parking there! Any evidence of poor parking or abuse to residents/ the public will be given to the police, who have said they will be doing visits, and ticketing cars parked illegally or dangerously, in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you

E-safety for us and parents can be a nightmare – so many different apps, social media and issues. We are seeing increasingly larger numbers of issues due to certain games, apps and social media. Do you really know what your children are doing online and how to keep them safe? Did you know that 35% of ALL our children, almost 100, have 'friends' on games or social media that they *do not know and have never met?* How do we monitor this together?

Please come along to our (adults only) workshops on Wed 5th December, either at 9am or 6pm in the school hall – you might be surprised at what we know is happening online, even with our own children!



Dropping off and collecting children:

Please keep siblings who are not attending our school, with you at all times for their safety and security. This also helps when we let children out from the school at the end of the day. Please do not allow children to use our Trim Trail for their own safety. Thank you

**DATES FOR DIARY – ALL current dates, including term dates,
are on the website/ app up to July 2021!**

Don't forget, these can sometimes change so always check the website, which is updated weekly!



- 22.11.18 Cake Sale – in aid of Friends of Bellfield & BCSTF
- 27.11.18 **Family QUIZ night** (6-8pm) – funds to BCTSF – come along for a great night out – and a bit of 'daftness'!
- 4.12.18 Y5 + their parents: assembly about Healthy Cooking – come along!
- 5.12.18 9am or 6pm: (adults only) Parents' E-Safety Workshop
- 7.12.18 Basketball Competition: 3.30-5.30pm
- 12.12.18 Christmas Dinner
- 13.12.18 Choir to visit Shenley Seniors to give a concert
- 14.12.18 Choir to visit Ash Grove Nursing Home to give a concert
4.15pm: Drama after school club: parent performance!
- 18.12.18 (2.15pm) Y5 Christmas Carol concert for parents
- 19.12.18 (2pm) Y4 Christmas Play performance to parents
- 20.12.18 (pm) Christmas partyyyyyy!
- 21.12.18 Last day – break up at 3.20pm
- 7.1.19 School Closed – Teacher training
- 10.1.19 Whole school theatre visit: Wizard of Oz

Photos from events in the last few weeks!



Celebrating Success



This month our class stars of the week have been:

3EW

Casey-Leigh
Kasie

3EK

Herin
Niyah
Ahmad
Preah

3CS

Charlie
Ovika

4OS

Megan
Lillie
Jessica
Bogdan

4AS

Harley
Maddisen
Dylan

4ED

Ryan
Sunny
Harvey
Mehnaz

5TP

Georgina
Emily
Mackenzie
Mollie

5HW

Hollyanne
Amaan
Rebecca
Rylee
Syzmon

6KB

Julian
Finley
Alanis
Lewis

6CT

Ethan
Alexia

Well done to all of these children!

Yes I Can

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: