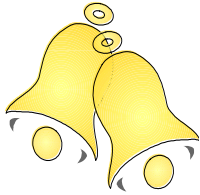


BELLFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Autumn Term
12th December 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Well, Christmas is now a few days away and it doesn't seem like we have had nearly 15 weeks back to school since September! Firstly, I want to thank all the families that have supported the school in many different ways and who have been able to attend workshops – some of the attendances have been very high! We realise it can be difficult for some parents to come along due to other commitments, but any ideas for workshops for parents/ families, or timings, are always gratefully received. We try to put some of the information onto the website into the Parent 'pencil'.

It is a very busy time of year, and the children are responding brilliantly – the work they put in cannot be faulted!

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

Have a brilliant Christmas together and we'll see you on the 8th January 8.50am!

Kind regards,

Mr Attwood
Headteacher



Events in school that happen after school are extra-curricular activities – some are organised by school and some by other organisations, such as Friends of Bellfield or external companies. We send letters home with the children, remind the children, put notices on the newsletters (available via the app & website) and send regular reminders via the app before the cut-off dates for these events/ to book for these events. Many of these events are run by volunteers (such as parents/ grandparents/ staff in their own time/ outside volunteers). Food, drinks, cups, tuck shop resources etc have to be ordered in advance. It is therefore, with regret, we cannot allow tickets for these events to be bought after the cut-off deadline date. PLEASE make sure you check your children's bags for letters and have the app downloaded or check the website regularly to keep up to date with events coming up. We do try to give 3-4 weeks' notice for such events and to book places. Thank you for your support with this.



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



The **APP** is THE best way to stay in touch, especially if you are missing letters that come home. This can be downloaded onto your smartphone or tablet by going to the app store or Google play, finding 'School Jotter' (the logo is the pencil shown here), downloading and then searching for our school. It takes 2 minutes! However, it is possible to miss any messages or reminders from us in the future without it. If you don't have the app, get it NOW!

After-school clubs: there are no after-school clubs in the last week before Christmas (w/c 17.12.18) or the first week back after Christmas. Letters for after-school club places will go out the first week after Christmas. *Please remember that clubs need to be paid for in advance or weekly or the place for your child may be cancelled.*

Elective MUSIC LESONS: There are no lessons for guitar, flute, clarinet or keyboards in the last week before Christmas. Lessons will begin again after Christmas on 14th January 2019. *Please remember that the cost of all elective music lessons is £25.00. This MUST be paid within the first 2 weeks of the term or your child's place may be cancelled. If there are any issues or queries regarding payments, please contact the office asap to discuss this.*

THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER – PARTY CLOTHES!

Children can wear their own party clothes to school. Please make sure they come wearing sensible clothing and footwear for the weather and around school.

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER – TOY DAY AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

Children are welcome to bring in a toy from home. No electronics. Please be aware when choosing a toy to bring in that we can not be responsible for any lost or damaged toys. Children can also wear non-uniform on this day. We are asking for £1 contribution for friends of Bellfield.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN AND AROUND SCHOOL (since the last newsletter!)

As usual, lots! All year groups have been cooking in our kitchen area; the StringCredibles came in; the disco; the school has been awarded the Music Mark for the 2nd year running; Y4 practising their Christmas Play 'How Christmas Came to Be'; Y5 practising their Christmas Carol Concert; the choir rehearsing for performances at Ash Grove Nursing Home and for Shenley Seniors; some Y4s represented us at a conference about refugees (which they did brilliantly); 12xY6 children going to Bartley Green every Friday for a fun maths programme... and there's been a Basketball competition!



THE Y4 CHRISTMAS & Y5 CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERTS ARE NEXT WEEK, AS WELL AS CHRISTMAS PARTIES FOR EVERYONE!

What happens if the school is closed due to bad weather/ other incidents?

We always aim to keep the school open as much as is possible. If, however, we do have to close the school due to bad weather (unsafe to come to school or because the school is not accessible) or due to something like the boiler breaking down, we aim to inform you as soon as possible – if it is before school, we try to make the decision before 7.15am, although this is not always possible.

This will be done through the following ways:

Through an app message (please make sure you have the app downloaded)

Put a message on the home page of the website

Birmingham City Council will be informed and it will be on their website

Through radio: BBC WM, Free Radio and Heart FM

If someone is in school, the message on the answer phone will be changed
(but we cannot guarantee this)

If the problem (weather or an issue in school) occurs during the school day, we will inform you initially by app & website and we will contact you by phoning where possible.



FORTNITE – the game: A WARNING TO PARENTS & FAMILIES

Advice from the Nursing Team: some worrying information has been passed to us from the Nursing team. There is a new trend on Fortnite to play 'strip' Fortnite using webcams to get a free 'kill'. This adds to the risk of vulnerability to the children, and, of course, is unlawful. Please be mindful of this and monitor your children online. Please remember to report any inappropriate/ unlawful contact or behaviours online with the authorities (such as CEOP – link is on our homepage on the website)

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). There will be a meeting on Tuesday 18/12 and in the New Year, which will be announced here, the app and the website – please come along and support if you can. **School Disco** was an excellent event, organised by a small group from the Friends of Bellfield. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who organised it and the staff that stayed after work to support it, as well as Mrs Westwood and Mrs Martin, who are still the treasurers for the Friends. If it wasn't for everyone volunteering their time, these events wouldn't happen, and the children had a brilliant time!

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!

12.12.18	Christmas Dinner
13.12.18	(1.30pm) Choir to visit Shenley Seniors to give a concert
14.12.18	(am) Choir to visit Ash Grove Nursing Home to give a concert 4.15pm: Drama after school club: parent performance! (<i>club with finish late as a result</i>)
18.12.18	(2.15pm) Y5 Christmas Carol concert for parents
19.12.18	(2pm) Y4 Christmas Play performance to parents
20.12.18	Children can wear sensible party clothes/shoes (pm) Christmas partyyyyy!
21.12.18	Last day and toy day. Children can wear Christmas clothes – break up at 3.20pm
7.1.19	School Closed – Teacher training
8.1.19	8.50am Back to school today!
10.1.19	Whole school theatre visit: Wizard of Oz
11.1.19	HOMEWORK PROJECT (whole school) will be introduced today (5 week project, details to follow)
23.1.19	Some Y5 children – Play Leaders' training

PLEASE remember to book holidays in term time, as the legal status is we have to prosecute for unauthorised absences. Please do inform us if you are doing this anyway, so as we know where your child/ren are and we don't have to contact the 'Child Missing in Education' Department.

Celebrating Success



Stars of the week:

3CS

Charlie
Cameron
Lilly

3EK

Sean
Imogen

3EW

Thomas

4AS

Muhammad

4OS

Jack
Parham
Chloe

4ED

Sommer
Samuel

5HW

Jamaal
Youseff
Shevine

5TP

Yinghan
Ethan
Lewis

6KB

Kane
Ting

6CT

Corey
Lucas

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:

Zack—for his fantastic attitude
in maths

Rylee—for a fantastic
improvement with his reading
and written work in his English
group

Sashoni—for having an
excellent attitude in Science
when making an electrical
circuit