



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Hello! This half term seems to have disappeared rather quickly! This week has been RE theme week – a chance for us to learn and understand other religions, especially in a global world that seems to get smaller every year with the advancement of technology and some of the holidays we can now go on! Year 6 were superb at the Jewish Synagogue – excellent behaviour and some very thoughtful and interesting questions from them. Year 5 have been to the Islamic Exhibition – the feedback from staff and the children was that it was interesting and full of information – plus the children were great also! Both sets of children are a credit to the school and you!

We have some exciting events coming up – please look at the dates for diary at the end of this newsletter and keep an eye on the calendar on the website/ app, as we update these weekly.

Lastly, have a great week together next week, and we'll see you on the 25th, bright and early!

Kind regards,
Mr Attwood
Headteacher



School Jotter

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. J If you have children in both the Juniors & Infants, link to both schools, make sure the push notifications are switched on and you will get the messages from both schools come up!

After-school Clubs

Please ensure children are collected on time at 4.20pm after clubs.

Please remember that clubs need to be paid for in advance or weekly or the place for your child may be cancelled.

Clubs recommence on
Monday 25th February.



YEAR 5 JCA payments

Just a gentle reminder that full payment for the JCA residential visit must be paid by March – however, weekly payments can be made if this makes life a little easier.

*Any queries or concerns,
please come into the office.*

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

YEAR 3 & 4'S ART DAYS



ELECTIVE MUSIC (WOODWIND) CONCERT



ACTIVALL & QUIZZICAL

We have 2 new 'toys' to support fitness and co-ordination:

1. **Activalls!** The staff have received training and we have started to introduce these to the children. They are designed to be fun while helping children be fitter & become engaged with fitness. It also can help children who struggle with hand-eye co-ordination or need support with their gross motor skills.
2. **Quizzical** is on the TV outside – the TV can be changed into a quiz station, supporting the National Curriculum, while getting children to take part in exercise!



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

After half-term, we will send out appointment letters for our Parents' Evenings – 2nd or 3rd April, 3.30-6pm.

It is always a great chance to discuss how well your children are doing and what support they might need, as well as asking any questions you may have. Mr Coleman and Mrs Topping, as well as Mr Attwood, Mrs duToit, Mr Neadle or Miss Harvey, are also available if you need a chat with them.



A youth club, organised by the Parent Hub, is held in the school hall every Tuesday from 5-6.30pm for all children aged 7-11 years old (£2.00 each for the 1.5 hours!!!). If you are interested, please come into school for a form or email parenthub@bellfield-jun.bham.sch.uk

PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRES – THEIR OPINIONS MATTER!

The children answered their questionnaire and the results are attached with this newsletter – almost all children answered this and we always review the answers from this, and the Parents' questionnaire, to see if there is anything we need to review and think about. As usual, the children are very honest and have some good suggestions.

DATES FOR DIARY

ALL current dates, including term dates, are on the website/ app up to July 2022!
Don't forget, these can sometimes change so always check the website, which is updated weekly!

15.2.19	3.20pm – school breaks up for half-term
25.2.19	Back to school 8.50am
27.2.19	Playleader Training: selected Y5: tbc
1.3.19	Bring your SLIPPERS day - £1 (raise money for a greenhouse)
11/12/14.3.19	3K/3W/3S: Cooking Days
1.4.19	Non-uniform day – more info to follow (funds to the School Fund)
2&3.4.19	Reports & Parents' Evenings (3.30-6pm)
9.4.19	Birmingham City Mission – Easter assembly
11.4.19	Y3 Easter production 2.15pm
12.4.19	Nick Carter to visit – adventurer (Deep Fear –see his website) Non-uniform Day £1 – to Children's charities Break up for Easter @ 3.20pm
Mon 29.4.19	Back to school @ 8.50am (no TTD today)
1.5.19	Change for Life festival – selected children – tbc
6.5.19	School Closed – Bank Holiday Monday
8.5.19	Year 5 - River Rea – with outdoor learning expert
10.5.19	Year 5 art theme day (with artists) – theme of 'Stronger Together'

PLEASE remember not to book holidays in term time, as the UK legal status is we have to prosecute for unauthorised absences - all term dates are on the school website up to July 2022 now. 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.

sQuidApp for parents



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Access & top up your sQuid account wherever you are: on the bus, in the shops or walking the dog!



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SQUID SCHOOL PAY IS COMING SOON!

We will be introducing our new pay online facility for parents which will go live from 29 April 2019.

It will give parents the flexibility to pay online for all items such as school meals, trips, music lessons, and to book places and pay for all afterschool clubs, etc.

In preparation for this, we ask that ALL outstanding balances are settled as a matter of urgency as children will be unable to access anything that requires a payment if there is still a debit on the account, including school meals.

Once you have created a sQuid account for your child, you will also be able to manage their account online at any time to:

- ◆ Top up your account from your bank account, credit or debit card
- ◆ Enable Auto Top Up so that they never run out of funds
- ◆ Check your account balance
- ◆ View your child's transactions

Can we ask ALL parents to please download the app in preparation and look out for letters coming after half-term to help set up your new account. Thank you.

Celebrating Success



Stars of the week

3CS

Alex

3EK

Kourtney
Rekiah

3EW

Lily

4AS

Liam

4OS

Ethan
Katie

4ED

Alex
Ellis

5TP

CJ

5HW

Hollyanne
Anjali
Tayja

6CT

Noah
Grace

6KB

Issac

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:

Chloe - always gives 100%,
even when the work is a real
challenge!

Imogen - for ALWAYS trying in
lessons, especially for showing
her working out as bar models.

Olivia
Yan
Christina
Mya
Niomi
Ting

These children have attended
the before school Maths Club
every week since the start of
Y6, giving up their own time to
advance their learning.