



Belleville News

15 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new House system has really caught everyone's imagination at the start of term. It is fantastic to see the pride the children are showing in being part of their House and we are getting used to referring to our House by its name, rather than its colour.

Our House Captains are working with Mrs Coles to outline their new role and what their part in the House system will be and this is part of a wider plan to offer more leadership opportunities for our children. Our plan going forward is to embed the House system in every element of school life, for example moving to wearing T-shirts in the respective House colours for PE lessons, once these are available. I will tell you more about this nearer the time!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Year 1 Online Year Group Meeting - Tuesday 19 September, 3.45pm.
Zoom link will be sent out in advance of the meeting.

SEND Coffee Morning – Monday 25 September, 9.15am, Webb's Road. If you would like to attend, please [email us](#) by Friday 22 Sept.

Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October. Further details and booking information to follow nearer the time.

Last day of Autumn 1 - Friday 20 October

Autumn half term - Monday 23 – Friday 27 October

INSET day - Monday 30 October - school closed to children.

First day of Autumn 2 - Tuesday 31 October

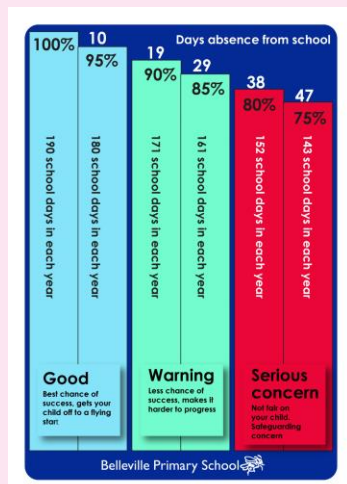
School Open Mornings for Prospective Parents/Carers – Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 November. Families interested in a place at Belleville can [reserve a space here](#).

School Attendance

School attendance is very important to make sure that every child reaches their full potential not only academically but also socially and emotionally.

We expect all children to attend school every day and to be in the playground at the start of the day. Periods of absence and poor punctuality are disruptive to the children's learning and send poor messages about the value of education. Please can you support us to ensure your children do not miss out through unnecessary absences.

For information about our attendance expectations, holidays, reporting absence and sickness, [please visit our website](#).



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Year 4 Update

Year 4 have settled in so well and we are very proud of their efforts. We have started our exciting new units and can't wait to see how much the children learn throughout the half term.

Our first English topic is based on the book 'Leon and the Place Between'. Our launch lesson saw children imagining themselves (whilst eating popcorn!) in a circus to spark their creativity. Their writing has been fantastic, and we look forward to seeing the children progress throughout the year.

In science, we have started learning about the human digestive system, which follows on from the Year 3 anatomy unit. Children have used prior knowledge to explain their ideas of how they think the digestive system works. We will revisit this at the end of the unit to see how much they have learnt!

We would absolutely love to invite any parents or carers in the school community who are dentists to speak to Year 4 about teeth as part of this science topic. Please [contact enquiries](#) or one of the Year 4 teachers if you are able to help. It is hugely appreciated.



House Points - Week 2 of Autumn 1 Well done Meteor House!





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Music Update

6B & 6H are learning to play the Djembe Drums in Music, working as an ensemble to play simple and compound rhythms using traditional African rhythms using call and response and part playing. We look forward to sharing the performances with parents and carers later this term.

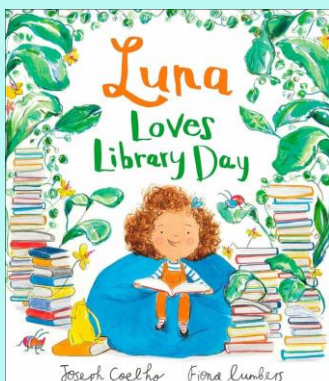


Year 3 – Librarian Visit

As part of our first English unit this year, the children have read the book 'Luna Loves Library Day' by Joseph Coelho and Fiona Lumbers. When reading it, they had the chance to explore all the reasons people use libraries and the wide range of things you can do there.

To bring our topic to life, Lauren, the librarian from Northcote Library, came to visit Year 3 to talk to them all about joining the library and the exciting things you can do, as well as explaining what her job as a librarian is. She finished by reading them a couple of fantastic stories that the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you so much Lauren!

Hopefully, a few more children will be keen to visit their local library and start borrowing books now!





Education Wellbeing Service

Parent Webinars
Autumn Term Schedule 2023

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| 11th or 12th September Finding your Feet: Emotional Wellbeing and Starting School or Nursery For early years primary school parents & carers | 25th or 26th September Through the School Gates- Overcoming Daily Challenges Getting into School For all primary school parents & carers |
| 28th September or 2nd October Understanding ARFID (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder) For all primary school parents & carers | 9th or 11th October Parenting Children With Characteristics of ADHD For all primary school parents & carers |
| 14th or 16 November Supporting Big Emotions at Home and School- The Zones of Regulation For all primary school parents & carers | 13th or 21st November Understanding And Supporting Your Child With Autism Spectrum Condition For primary school parents of children with an ASC diagnosis (any age) |

Scan the QR Code or follow the link to Sign Up to any of these free local NHS parent webinars and hear more

[Click here to sign up](#)

We also provide free 1:1 early support for parents of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties or support children's tricky or challenging behaviours, speak to your school to find out more

Free wellbeing parent/carer webinars. To book your place or find out more, please [visit their website](#).

Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



If you are worried about something...
If you are worried about someone else...

You can talk to ANYONE who works for the school

Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE

Bolingbroke Coffee Morning

Bolingbroke parents are hosting an informal coffee morning for Year 5/6 Belleville School parents and carers who may be considering Bolingbroke Academy for their child. This will take place on **Friday 29 September from 9am – 11am** at 33 Gayville Road, SW11 6JW. No advance booking needed, just turn up.

Term Dates 2023 – 2024 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2023

INSET days: Mon 4 & Tues 5 Sept - school closed to children.
First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 6 September
Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 20 October
Autumn half term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October
INSET day: Monday 30 October - school closed to children.
First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 31 October
Last day of Autumn 2: Thursday 21 December

Spring Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 8 Jan – school closed to children.
First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 9 January
Last day of Spring 1: Friday 9 February
Spring half term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February
First day of Spring 2: Monday 19 February
Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 28 March

Summer Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 15 April – school closed to children.
First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 16 April
Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May – school closed.
Last day of Summer 1: Friday 24 May
Summer half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May
First day of Summer 2: Monday 3 June
Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July