



29 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

We are so fortunate to have a such a supportive school community. It is a huge strength of the school and one can sense how committed everyone is to provide the best possible education and environment for all our children.

All our relationships within the school community are based upon mutual respect and I just want to remind everyone about the importance of being respectful when speaking to anyone within the school community - be it child to child, adult to child or adult to adult.

We all understand that sometimes topics can be emotive but that is the very time that we need to work hardest to raise, discuss and resolve such issues in a polite and considerate manner. We all have a common purpose, which is to provide the very best for the children, and we can achieve this best when we are able to talk about them in a professional and respectful way. Thank you.

#### John Budden

**Executive Headteacher** 

#### **Dates for your diary:**

Early Reading/Phonics Workshop – Nursery to Year 2 - Thursday 5 October, 2pm & 6.15pm. Webb's Road. <u>Please sign up here.</u>

Maths - No Problem! Workshops - Reception to Year 6 - Tuesday 10 October, 2pm and 6.15pm, Webb's Road. If you would like to attend, please sign up here to let us know which session you will be attending.

Djembe Drumming Performances – Year 6 Meteor classes. 6H - Tuesday 17 October, 6B - Wednesday 18 October, both at 2.45pm in Meteor Hall. Webb's Road will be in the summer term.

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

Last day of Autumn 1 - Friday 20 October.

Belleville School Open Mornings for Prospective Parents – Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 November, 9.15am – noon. If you'd like to attend, please complete this form. If you can help, please complete this form.



**Healthy Snacks** 

A reminder please that children in Years 3 to 6 may bring in a healthy snack to eat during break time.

They are allowed to bring a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetable, or a small savoury sandwich. Children are not allowed to bring in crisps, biscuits, sweets, cakes, yoghurts, etc. Teachers will monitor these snacks to make sure they are suitable.

Please also ensure that no foods containing nuts are brought into school.

Children in Nursery to Year 2 are provided with a healthy snack by the school and do not need to bring in any other snacks to school.

Thank you.







# **Staff Update**

Following our newsletter at the start of term, we are pleased to announce that Adam Wood has been appointed Year Leader for Year 6. We would also like to remind parents and carers to follow these steps for any questions or concerns that you may have. Thank you.

- 1. Your Class teacher
- 2. Year Leader



Lucelle Hendriks Reception



Rose Spring Year 1



**Emily Grove** Year 2



Stephanie Grosvenor - Yr. 3 Year 4



Lydia Common



Matt Gale Year 5



Adam Wood Year 6

- 3. SENCo for your child's key stage (if appropriate)
- 4. Deputy Head Teacher for your child's key stage (Infants Nursery to Year 2, Juniors Years 3 to 6)
- 5. Head Teacher or Executive Head Teacher



Samantha Burst SENCo Infants



Rachel Carruthers Hannah Coles SENCo Juniors



Deputy Headteacher Infants (Weds-Fri)



Megan Shaw Deputy Headteacher Infants (Mon - Weds)



Tom Newman Deputy Headteacher Juniors



Mary-Lyne Latour Headteacher



John Budden Executive Headteacher

### Year 2 Visit to Morden Hall Park

Year 2 have been super scientists this week on their trip to Morden Hall Park. They used their scientific enquiry skills to observe closely and classify. They compared micro-habitats and identified the invertebrates they found under logs and in the river.









### **Nursery Update**

It has been a successful start to the term, where the youngest year group at Belleville have seamlessly started their school journey.

Despite some of them only just turning 3 in August, all 52 children have been excitedly waiting at the Nursery door each day raring to go. We have searched for bears to complement our "We're going on a bear hunt" story as well as explored the theme "Ourselves" through self-portraits, songs, and role play. The children have experienced different textures from moon dough to clay and they will be recreating their own version of The Bear Hunt story next week in the Nursery playground. Watch out for that "Swishy-swashy grass!"

We have been incredibly proud with how quickly the children have settled into the term, how they are following the Belleville systems as well as adjusting to being in a new school environment.





















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.









Thank you to everyone who came along to our PTA coffee mornings, we enjoyed meeting you all and we hope you found them useful. This week we have a couple of reminders and a date for your diary.

The photoshoots for the annual PTA Class Calendars will take place Wednesday – Friday next week.

Last week, you should have received information and a design template for the PTA Festive Card fundraising activity in your child's book bag. If your child wishes to design a card, please ensure you return their form to the school office by Monday 9 October at the latest. If you did not receive a design template and would like one, please ask your class teacher or the school office.

We are excited to announce the return of the Belleville Shopping Evening on **Wednesday 8 November** at Webb's Road. If you have a small business and would be interested in taking a table at the event to sell your wares then please email:

Bellevillexmas@outlook.com for more information.

## **Education Wellbeing Seminars**

The <u>SWLSTG</u> Education Wellbeing Service is offering **free** evening and lunchtime parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

Their next webinars are:

Monday 2 October - **Understanding ARFID** (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder)

Monday 9 and Wednesday 11 October - Parenting Children With Characteristics of ADHD

Tuesday 14 and Thursday 16 November - Supporting Big Emotions at Home and School - The Zones of Regulation Monday 13 and Tuesday 21 November Supporting Your Child With Autism Spectrum Condition (for parents of children with an ASC diagnosis).

To book your free place or find out more, please visit their website.

#### 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