



Belleville News

8 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the Autumn term 2023 at Belleville Primary School. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break and is looking forward to a fantastic new school year. It is always a pleasure to see the children come back to school so enthusiastically and they have settled back in very quickly and enjoyed an excellent first week.

This year we have a new staff structure at the school, and I am keen to share this with you, so you are clear who is responsible for different areas and who you should speak to if you have any questions or queries. You will find this information on the next page of this newsletter, and there is also information about Belleville's new House System.

With best wishes,

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Online 'welcome to your Year group' meetings:

Zoom links will be sent out in advance of each meeting.

Reception: Friday 15 September, 3.45pm

Year 1: Tuesday 19 September, 3.45pm

Year 2: Tuesday 12 September, 3.45pm

Year 3: Thursday 14 September, 4.15pm

Year 4: Thursday 14 September, 3.45pm

Year 5: Tuesday 12 September, 4.15pm

Year 6: Friday 8 September, 3.45pm

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

RAAC Update

You may have seen the media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in schools and we would like to take this opportunity to reassure you about this matter.

As the safety of our children and staff is of paramount importance, during the summer our Trust commissioned surveyors to inspect all the school buildings across our four Quality First Education Trust schools.

None of these inspections raised concerns and our surveyors have not found any RAAC to be present. Our schools will continue to function as normal. Belleville is not on the Government's list of schools affected by RAAC.

We will continue to engage with any advice or support offered by the Department for Education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch.

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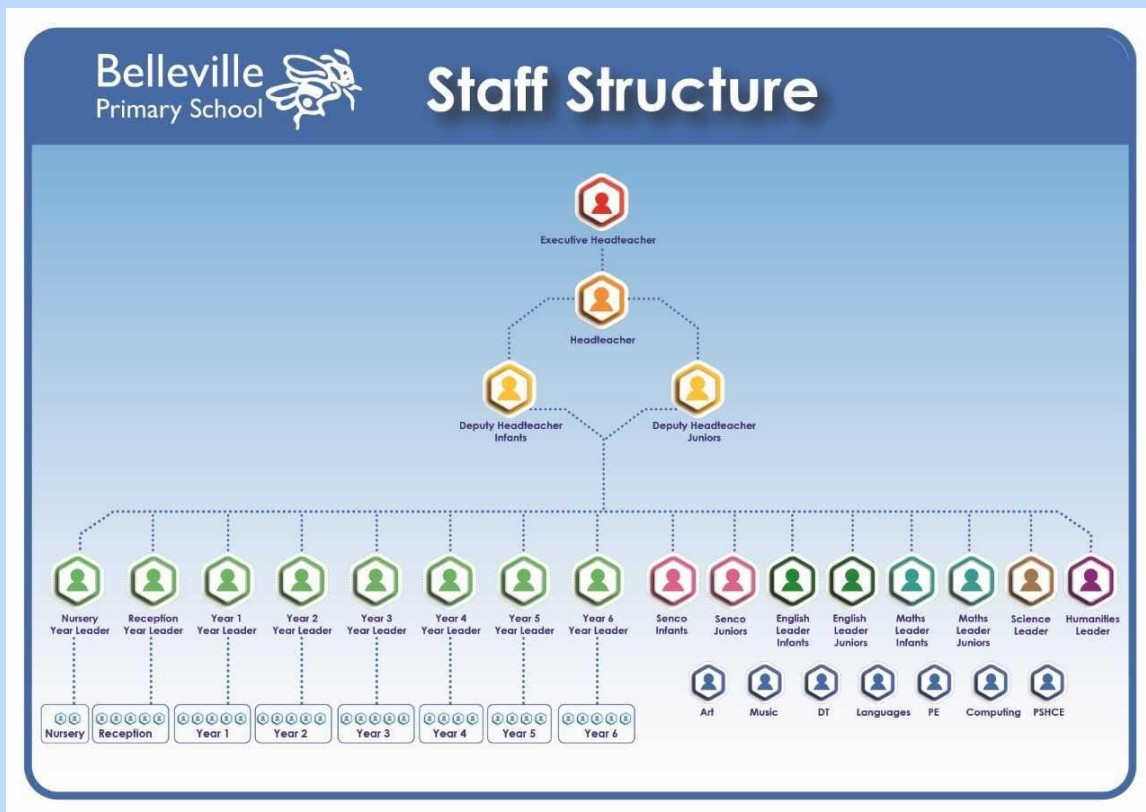
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Belleville staff team and who to contact

This year we have a new staff structure at Belleville. The information below shows you who is responsible for different areas and who you should speak to if you have any questions or queries.



As you can see, we have appointed two Deputy Head Teacher roles, one for Nursery to Year 2 (Infants) and one for Year 3 to Year 6 (Juniors):



John Budden
Executive
Headteacher



Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher



Hannah Coles
Deputy Headteacher
Infants (Weds-Fri)



Megan Shaw
Deputy Headteacher
Infants (Mon - Weds)



Tom Newman
Deputy Headteacher
Juniors & Designated
Safeguarding Lead



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Belleville staff team and who to contact, continued

We have appointed two SENCo (Special Needs Co-ordinators):



Samantha Burst
SENCo Infants
Nursery to Year 2



Rachel Carruthers
SENCo Juniors
Year 3 to Year 6

We also have Year leaders in each year group:



Lucelle Hendriks
Reception



Rose Spring
Year 1



Emily Grove
Year 2



Stephanie Grosvenor
Year 3



Lydia Common
Year 4



Matt Gale
Year 5

Following the departure of Mr Hudd over the summer, we will be appointing a new Year Leader for Year 6 in the next fortnight and will update you in the newsletter.

Please follow the steps below for any questions or concerns that you may have:

1. Class teacher
2. Year Leader
3. SENCo for your child's key stage (if appropriate)
4. Deputy Head Teacher for your child's key stage
5. Head Teacher or Executive Head Teacher

Thank you.



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House System

We are excited to introduce a House System at Belleville this year. The aim of the House system is to foster and encourage excellent behaviour in line with our CARE and Excellent Learner values, as well as encouraging a healthy sense of competition and developing children's responsibilities, leadership, and collaborative skills. There will be five houses (named after local streets), led by designated Year 6 House Captains. The Houses and their identifying colours are:



All students have been assigned to a specific House and will be in the same House as their siblings. Everyone at Belleville will be involved in representing their House and will work towards achieving House points to contribute to the success of their House.

At the end of each half term there will be a Whole School Assembly, led by Year 6 House Captains, to collectively share the attainment, achievement, and successes of Houses. Winning Houses will be awarded with a House trophy and a collective prize for their House.

House Points

House Points are given out both in and out of lessons to reward children's effort in all areas of school life: academic, musical, artistic, sporting, behaviour and community endeavours, and students demonstrating the school's CARE and Excellent Learner values.

House Captains

Year 6 House Captains have been nominated by the teaching staff at Belleville and chosen due to their commitment to the Belleville CARE and Excellent Learner values during their time at Belleville. They will begin their roles from the very start of the year. House Captains will support their Houses by leading assemblies and sharing ideas for House charity events and House celebrations across the year. The House Captains this year are:

Forthbridge - Ibrahim (6T) and Alexa (6H)

Northcote - Adam (6W) and Maliyah (6B)

Webb's - Imanol (6H) and Sofia (6DB)

Meteor - Pip (6W) and Sophia (6DB)

Wakehurst - James (6B) and Chiara (6T)

Many congratulations to the House captains and we look forward to the whole school community getting involved in and enjoying our new House system.



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Music Mark

We were proud to receive the [Music Mark](#) in recognition of our commitment to provide a high-quality music education to all our children.



Girls' Football

Our friends at AFC Wimbledon would like to let you know about their FA Wildcats Girls' Football, which takes place on Saturday mornings, starting 9 September.

9.00 – 9.45am - Reception - Year 1 - ***NEW***

9.45 – 10.45am: Year 2 - Year 4

10.45 – 11.45am: Year 5 – Year 7

Wimbledon Park, SW18 5NN - Revelstoke Road entrance.

For more info, or to book, please visit:

<https://afcwimbledonfoundation.com/book/p/girls-wildcats-rsft2>

Our number one priority is to ensure 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.



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