



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to everyone as we start the new school year at Belleville, and particularly to our new Nursery and Reception children and our new starters in other year groups. We are delighted to welcome you and your families into the Belleville community.

Yesterday evening we all received the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and our thoughts are with the members of the Royal Family and all those who are affected by the news. Next week, we will be providing opportunities for the children to understand this period of national mourning and commemorate the life of Her Majesty The Queen as well as always being there to support children who may find the topics of death and grief upsetting.

I'd also like to thank everyone who has been so welcoming to me as I begin the role of Executive Head teacher here at Belleville. I am tremendously proud to join your school community and I assure you that the staff, governors, Q1E Trust and I will do everything in our power to provide the best possible education for your children. As I shared with the staff on the INSET day, we are essentially trying to provide the school experience that we would want for our own children.

I am looking forward to meeting more of you, so we will soon be arranging events where you can meet me and hear about the future plans for the school. Alongside this of course, please come up and introduce yourself in the playground at drop off or pick up time - I'd be delighted to meet you.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

- **Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 6.** Year 5 are welcome to join. Monday 12th September, 5pm on zoom (link will be sent on Monday)
- **Year 3 Start of Year Parent Information Meeting** on zoom – Tuesday 13th September, 4.15pm
- **Year 4 Start of Year Parent Information Meeting** on zoom – Tuesday 13th September, 3.45pm
- **Reception Start of Year Parent Information Meeting** on zoom – Tuesday 20th September, 3.45pm

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



As our country enters a period of national mourning, the wellbeing of your children is our top priority. We understand that many children may be overwhelmed by the constant news cycle and by the topics of death, funerals and grief.

If your child is upset, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher or another member of staff.

Once schools receive further information from Government about whether we will close on the day of the State Funeral, we will contact you with further details.



Welcome to our new Reception children



ONLINE SAFETY

This year we are continuing to develop our children's knowledge and understanding of online safety.

This half term, all pupils will be introduced to our school online safety approach and prompts and will be focusing on how we manage information online showing respect and responsibility whilst on public transport. It also reinforced the knowledge needed as they become increasingly independent.

S Speak to somebody if you need help

A Ask an adult before going online

F Friends are real people we know

E Enjoy play, have fun and stay safe

e-safety adviser

Stay safe online

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Key Stage 1

S **SHARE RESPONSIBLY**
We all love to share photographs, fun things we're doing and much more.
Be careful what you share and always ask permission if somebody else is in the photo or video.

M **MANAGE YOUR PRIVACY**
If you're using apps that can communicate with others, turn on privacy.
Only let people you really know follow you unless you've asked permission from your parents.

A **ASK for HELP**
Don't ever be worried about asking for help from someone you trust.
You will NOT be judged.

R **RESPECT OTHERS**
Be kind.
Other people may have different opinions from you.
That's okay, but if they become abusive take screenshots, block and report and tell an adult.

T **THINK CRITICALLY TRUST YOUR INSTINCT**
Is it true? Does that person really know me? Has that really happened?
Always question!

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Key Stage 2

WANDSWORTH TEST – YEAR 6

Any Year 6 families who wish to register for the Wandsworth Test need to apply directly here:

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/about-the-year-6-test/

by **Sunday 11th September**. Pupils will sit the test at Belleville on Thursday 29 September.

SUPPORTING OUR AFFILIATE SCHOOL IN GHANA

We have supported a school in Ghana for many years, raising donations for them through fundraising activities. Some of our staff have also visited the school during holidays. Miss Nyedige, one of our Reception team, established the link with the school as it is part of her village and she returned to the school over the holidays to support them. This summer, the donations provided new chairs, desks and computer equipment.

The school said 'Pupils at the DD (Deme, Dzogbedze) United basic school in Alavanyo will no longer have to carry their own tables and chairs to school daily. Gratitude was written all over their faces as they received a handsome donation of 100 pieces of dual desks, MacBook laptops, 5 teachers' desks and chairs.'

Thank you to Miss Nyedige, Miss Young and her colleagues for all their hard work in arranging fundraising activities and to the parents/carers who have donated to them.

