

### Points to note:

- Ofsted inspection this week went very well and we are very happy with the provisional results in all areas. The report should be published late April/Early May.
- Advice on how to support your child if they are upset by the news
- School tours for current parents and carers on Thursdays this half term, email <u>enquiries@bellevilleschool.org</u> to book a place.

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a good week.

As you know, we welcomed inspectors from Ofsted to Belleville on Wednesday and Thursday and we all had a very busy two days looking at lessons, children's work, playtimes and lunchtimes. The inspectors also spoke with the children in meetings and during playtimes; with some of you on the playground on Thursday and had a range of meetings with leaders of the school, including with Trustees and Local Governors.

The children, staff and leaders really did themselves proud on both days (even when in costume for World Book Day!) and we are very happy with the provisional judgements in all areas from the inspection team. The final report should be published in late April/early May and we will share and celebrate this with you when we receive it.

We would like to thank all of the school team (teaching and support staff, leadership, the central team and Trustees from the QIE Trust and the local Governors); the children for being the best version of themselves and to thank all of you who offered support, a word of encouragement or took the time to complete the Ofsted survey.

We'd also like to give a huge thank you to the PTA and all the parents and carers who came onto site last Saturday to help with sanding, painting, digging and planting. The improvements already look great, and we look forward to seeing further changes next week after this Saturday's volunteering! If you'd like to help and are free this Saturday between 9am and noon, please email the PTA at hello@bellevillepta.org

We hope you and your family have a restful weekend.

Mary-Lyne Latour	
Headteacher Infants	

Sarah Atherton Headteacher Juniors



You can talk to ANYONE who works for the school

Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE Our first 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.



# **Conflict in the Ukraine**

We know that many of you will be very concerned about the desperate situation in Ukraine.

For any families personally affected by this conflict, please do speak to your class teacher if there is anything we can do to support you. Some children in school have some awareness of what is happening and along with feeling sad can find this worrying or frightening.

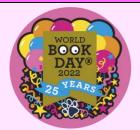
A couple of tips from our wellbeing hub are to:

- Be aware of your conversations, discussion of or exposure to news. Children are often listening to us or the TV/radio even when in the background or when they seem to be busy with other things; older children may be hearing/seeing more than we think from the internet, TV and social media (and their peers).
- Be watchful for children showing they know something. Of course, some children will talk about subjects directly but you may also hear them talking about it during their play or you may notice they seem more anxious, needing more reassurance or cuddles or showing other signs that something is on their mind.

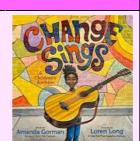
You can find advice on how to support your child in understanding what is happening, managing their fears and also avoiding misinformation here:

- Belleville Wellbeing Hub
- <u>Childnet Supporting your child with upsetting content</u>
- Newsround Advice if you're upset by the news

## World Book Day 2022



It was fantastic to see the children enjoying and responding to 'Change Sings'. We will share some of their work with you next week. It was also fantastic to have children and staff dressed up for the day!





# Secondary Transfer

The offers for state secondary schools for Year 6 were released this week.

61% of the children were offered their first choice and a further 19% were offered their second choice.

For Year 6 parents and carers, please do contact us if you would like to discuss your offers or get some advice. Children do move through waiting lists quite quickly after March as some children will be moving away or taking an independent school place, which opens up places on waiting lists.



# School Lunches

We are all keen to see a return to children eating together in the dining halls now that Covid-19 restrictions

have eased further, as we are aware of all the social benefits that this brings.

As the majority of our children in the younger years have not had the experience of eating in the dining halls, please be patient as we put steps in place across both our sites, to support a smooth transition back into the halls. This week we were able to do this at Meteor Street, with all children now eating in the hall.

## **PTA: Wanted Gardeners and DIY enthusiasts!**

The benefits of play for child development are well known and evidenced. They include improving physical activity and dexterity, developing social skills, stimulating creativity and imagination, supporting intellectual curiosity and self-led learning and helping to foster a love for the natural world and the outdoors.

With that in mind, the PTA are excited to announce phase 2 of the regeneration of the playgrounds at Webb's and Meteor.

We want to make sure that our playgrounds are;

- A place for learning and fun
- Encourage and foster health and wellbeing
- A safe environment for our children

We need your help to make this happen!

Do you have a passion for gardening and the great outdoors?

Can you paint? (a wall or a bench, we're not looking for the next Michelangelo!)

Can you build 'stuff' ? (benches, planters, bug hotels etc)

#### Can you dig a hole, clear waste or just 'muck in'?

If the answer to any of these is yes, then please send an email to <u>hello@bellevillepta.org</u> and let us know your availability.

We are planning to be onsite at Webb's and Meteor on the following dates with a view that we will continue to go onsite at regular intervals to continue the development and maintenance of the grounds.

- Saturday 26th February (9am-noon)
- Saturday 5th March (9am noon)

Please sign up. You don't have to commit to every session, an hour here or there will be enough. Kids are welcome to come along and help too.

Without parent volunteers we won't be able to make this happen!

The PTA



# Belleville News Primary School

Tours for Current Parents and Carers School Improvement Priorities: Communication and

Engagement



If you would like to come and see the school during the school day, we will be holding small tours on the following dates, all starting at 9am.

Please contact <u>enquiries@bellevilleschool.org</u> if you would like to book a place!

Infants (Nursery to Year 2)

<u>Meteor:</u> Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

<u>Webb's Road</u> Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March Juniors (Year 3 to Year 6)

<u>Meteor:</u> Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March

<u>Webb's Road</u> Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Minibus drivers needed!**

School Improvement Priorities: Communication and Engagement

We have two fantastic PTA funded minibuses that we would like to use more for school trips and events – could you volunteer to drive?

You don't need to commit to many days or have a special driving licence or a DBS check as a member of staff will always accompany you, just the willingness!

We also offer a test drive session with Mr Gashi before your first trip to familiarise yourself with the bus.

Contact us on <u>enquiries@bellevilleschool.org</u> if you are interested.



#### **TERM DATES 2021-2022**

## Spring Term 2022

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 1st April – finishing an hour earlier than usual

#### Summer Term 2022

Inset Day:Tuesday 19th April – school closed to childrenFirst day of Summer I term:Wednesday 20th AprilBank holiday:Monday 2nd May – school closed to childrenLocal Elections:Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery closed (Nursery used as a Polling station)Last day of Summer I term:Friday 27th MaySpring half term holiday:Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd JuneFirst day of Summer 2 term:Monday 6th JuneLast day of Summer 2 term:Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – finishing an hour earlier than usual



## **TERM DATES 2022-2023**

#### Autumn Term 2022

Inset Days: Thursday I<sup>st</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – school closed to children First day of Autumn I term: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September Last day of Autumn I term: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October Autumn half term holiday: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October First day of Autumn 2 term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### Spring Term 2023

Inset Day: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – school closed to children First day of Spring I term: Wednesday 4th January Last day of Spring I term: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February Spring half term holiday: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### Summer Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – school closed to children First day of Summer I term: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April Bank holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – school closed to children Last day of Summer I term: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May Spring half term holiday: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Inset Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – school closed to children First day of Summer 2 term: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

