



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has undoubtedly been a difficult one as we have had our first confirmed case of Covid-19 in the school. We appreciate how difficult a period of self-isolation is for children and their families and we are looking forward to welcoming IG children back soon, along with other individual children who have had to self-isolate as a precaution.

For everyone's clarity, this is an outline of what happens when we are informed of a confirmed case:

1. We contact the DfE/Public Health helpline to go through the risk assessment process to identify close contacts and who will need to self-isolate.
2. We will text message the parents/carers of children who need to self – isolate so that they are informed quickly and can make arrangements. Depending on when the news comes to us, this may be at weekends or late at night. The DfE helpline is not open 24 hours a day or on Sundays, so we may have to (as in this case) ask more children to self-isolate initially until we can complete step 1.
3. A letter (using a DfE template) is sent to the close contacts with information about what to do including the guidance which can be found by clicking here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>
Arrangements for home learning is also sent to those children – we aim to give as much support and interaction as possible, but this will vary e.g. if the teacher is at home or in school, if the teacher themselves is unwell, how many classes are at home at one time (which has implications for sharing devices for about 40% of our families).
4. A letter (also using a DfE template) is sent to the whole school to inform them and give advice; you should have received one of these on Monday.

We hope this makes it a little clearer about what happens, we will continue to remain vigilant and appreciate your understanding. We hope the rest of the newsletter brings some good cheer with what has been happening since half term.

With best wishes,

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher Juniors

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher Infants

PTA

Most of you will be aware that the PTA have launched their fantastic new website – please do visit it here www.bellevillepta.org . The PTA Class Calendar photoshoots have taken place and can be ordered from here, as well as the Advent Calendars, and the Christmas shopping event is open!





Remembrance Day 2020

As part of Remembrance Day this year, children have learned about both the symbol of the poppy and marigold flowers – can you remember what they are for?

What do these flowers have in common?

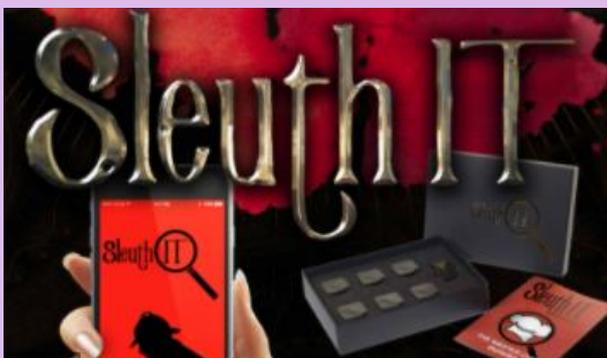


They finished this session with a reflection looking forward to the future and hoping it will be peaceful.

Super-Sleuths

Year 5 have just completed their computing work using Sleuth –IT. Belleville were the first school in the world to use this last year!

They cracked codes and solved puzzles to solve the mystery of the Masterchef murder.



Phunn with fonicks!

Thank you to the many parents and carers that attended our virtual Phonics workshops yesterday. We appreciate you taking the time to attend and learn how we teach Early Reading and Writing at Belleville. For parents unable to attend, the presentation will be on our school website.

Remember: you can revise your sounds and actions by visiting our website here: <https://www.belleville-school.org.uk/our-learning/phonics-videos>





Filming in School

We have had a professional film crew (of one) in school this week filming for our virtual 'open day'. He visited most classes and interviewed a number of children (and ourselves!). We are looking forward to seeing a first edit next week and this should be up on the school website shortly.



WE ♥ NHS

A huge thank you to the small army of community nurses who came into school this week to administer hundreds of flu immunisations. They were very kind and apparently the immunisation smells like candy floss! If your child was absent, there will be another session later in the term.



Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

- End of Autumn term - Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

- Inset Day January 4th 2021
- First day of Spring term Tuesday 5th January 2021
- Spring half term – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2021
- End of Spring term Wednesday 31st March 2021

Summer Term 2021

- Inset Day Monday 19th April 2021
- First day of Summer term Tuesday 20th April 2021
- Summer half term – Monday 31st May – Friday June 4th 2021
- End of Summer term Friday 23rd July 2021