



WE ARE SO
Proud
OF YOU

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of two weeks of having all children back at school and we want to thank you for all you have done to support your child, especially since we were last all together in December. Every way you have supported your child - no matter how small it seems – will have made a difference. We will be having parent/carer meetings with teachers, postponed from February, before the holidays via Zoom or phonecall – more details and how to book an appointment will be sent via Parentmail next week.

We are so proud of how the children have come back into school with smiles and many with a renewed appreciation for school life. There have been some early mornings but they have been working so hard and been an absolute credit to the school and their families. For those who have found it tricky to come back into a busy school environment, well done for being brave and we will continue to support you.



In February, we sent a thank you card and puzzle piece to all Belleville and trust staff, governors, trustees and PTA members to show our appreciation for all they have done for the school community in such challenging times. We are so grateful for how they have gone above and beyond what anyone could reasonably ask to support the children and the school. The rest of this newsletter has so many examples of how children and families have contributed to the wider community – thank you.

We do all need to keep working together to follow government guidance and keep infections low so that we can return to normal life – although schools are open, the restrictions have not eased and, unless part of a childcare bubble, children should not be visiting each others homes for sleepovers, playdates etc. or even gathering in groups outside. We have all been through two long school closures in the last year and we all need to do what we can to avoid unnecessary risks which could lead to more children or staff being ill or having to be self-isolating at home.

We hope you enjoy reading about more good news in the newsletter and have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteachers Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteachers Juniors)



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Talking to children about difficult topics, for example, when we have to share some bad news or if there has been an upsetting event (for example, in the family, the local area or in the news) or any other topic, can be a difficult task but may well be necessary and important for your child and can bring your relationship closer together.

We have added some tips and advice on this in the Wellbeing section of the school website:

<https://www.belleville-school.org.uk/our-school/wellbeing/>

Tennis Coaching



Children in Year 3 and 4 have been enjoying tennis coaching from All-Star Tennis.

Most of them are in the early stages of their tennis career so the shots have been a little wild at times and even manage to get over the walls and fences as you may have noticed!



You may remember that we supported a number of local charities in the run up to Christmas including a tin can challenge for the Wandsworth and Lambeth food banks. We recently received this email:

Dear everyone at Belleville Primary School

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the staff and students (and their families) for the amazing Harvest donation to the Wandsworth Foodbank. It weighed in at **563.7 kg** which we estimate provided **1342 meals** for people across our borough!

It really helped local families and individuals who've been pulled into hardship during the pandemic, through loss of jobs or hours, sickness, and benefit payments that don't meet the cost of essentials.

Recently we received this message from a family we've been able to support, thanks to the generosity of our community, which we'd love to share with you. The family were referred to us because their income doesn't cover the cost of essentials, and they hadn't had to use our food bank before. They said: *'I have no words to thank you for everything you have done for my family and for me. I really am extremely grateful to you. God bless you. Infinitely grateful.'*

So thank you again so much, and best wishes to you all at Belleville Primary.

Pat and the Wandsworth Foodbank Team



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Alumni News

We have recently had this poster sent from Bolingbroke Academy showing how some former pupils are doing. If you have any news on what our former pupils are up to, please do email us on enquiries@bellevilleschool.org

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Spring Term 2021

Last day of Spring 2 term: Wednesday 31st March

*Children will finish at their usual times of 3.05pm (Y4- 6); 3.15pm (Y1 – 3), 3.25pm (Reception) and 3.30pm (Nursery)

Summer Term 2021

Inset Day: Monday 19th April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Tuesday 20th April

Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May – school closed to children

Thursday 6th May – Nursery closed for local elections

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 28th May

Summer half term holiday: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

First day of Summer 2 term: Monday 7th June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 23rd July

Autumn Term 2021

Inset Days: Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd September – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1 term: Monday 6th September

Last day of Autumn 1 term: Friday 22nd October

Autumn half term holiday: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

First day of Autumn 2 term: Monday 1st November

Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 4th January – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 5th January

Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 11th February

Spring half term holiday: Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February

First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 21st February

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 19th April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Wednesday 20th April

Bank holiday : Monday 2nd May – school closed to children

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 27th May

Spring half term holiday: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

First day of Summer 2 term: Monday 6th June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 22nd July

Any news, something to share or celebrate with the school community?

Please do email us on enquiries@bellevilleschool.org