



Belleville
Primary School

News

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to show parents and carers of children in IF and IS around the school this week. Coming up next week:

- IW - Monday 22nd November
- IB - Tuesday 23rd November
- IG - Friday 26th November

Parent/Carer forums – Online via Zoom

Meet with us over Zoom for some updates and to ask questions. To be sent the link, please complete the form [click here](#) by the end of today:

- Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5, 6) – Tuesday 23rd November, 2pm or 5pm
- Infants (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) – Tuesday 30th November, 2pm or 5pm

Read on for more exciting updates!

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteacher Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteacher Juniors)

Covid Reminders – Help us to Keep Everyone Safe and in School

We have had **a further 13 positive cases in school since last week** affecting children and staff on both sites – we all want to reduce the numbers of children (and their families) who are being affected and reduce the risk to our staff, who are catching and becoming ill with Covid even when they are double vaccinated.

We know there can be a sense of being tired of thinking about Covid (and in some parts of the media it would seem that it is over) but we are seeing a greater number than ever before which affects the levels of staffing in school as well as children and their families being disrupted.

In school, we are continuing to practice good hand hygiene, ventilating spaces (especially during indoor PE and singing) and avoiding any unnecessary mixing of groups of children when possible. Our staff are wearing masks in communal spaces (unless exempt) and are encouraged to use lateral flow tests regularly when they don't have symptoms.

Please can you continue to:

- Keep your child at home if they are unwell
- Get a **PCR test** if your child may be showing symptoms (new continual cough, high temperature and loss of smell/taste), **however mild**.
A recent article in 'The Lancet' [here](#) found that in school age children the most common symptoms were:
 - Headache
 - Fatigue/tiredness
 - Loss of sense of smell and/or taste
- Wear a mask when on the school sites, including the playgrounds (unless exempt)
- Children above 11 and adults test regularly at home using lateral flow tests



ONE KIND WORD

Anti-bullying Week 2021

We had a great time on Monday looking at the wide variety of odd socks in our class and our school – celebrating and appreciating our uniqueness. We have talked about what bullying is and what we can all do to help stop bullying in real life and online by saying one kind word, not encouraging bullying behaviour as a bystander, by letting adults know and speaking out against bullying.

Some of the children's actions are below:

Look out for bullies and find out why they are bullying so they can stop

Give someone a compliment



Don't take your anger out on other people

Treat people the way you want to be treated

With our older children, we have also thought about how it can be hard to accept kindness or a compliment when we don't feel good about ourselves and how much our words can affect others by looking at this poem:

*i hear a thousand kind words about me
and it makes no difference
yet i hear one insult
and all confidence shatters*

Rupi Kaur



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Thank you to PTA and Children and Families!

The second stage of the playground improvements at Webb's Road are now complete, signed off for health and safety, and in use.



It has been an absolute joy to see the children exploring the castle with huge smiles on their faces and shrieks of laughter. They are playing imaginatively, building their fitness and challenging themselves on some of the trickier parts.

This project, like many before it, are only possible because of the generosity of time and contributions to PTA events. The PTA have an important social function and really allow us to be ambitious in resourcing the education for your children with climbing frames on both sites, an exceptional music provision in Year 4, contemporary reading books, hands on learning resources and the latest ipads to work with in just the last few years.

The shopping evening last week was well-attended and we are looking forward to our first open door event in two years on Saturday 4th December. We hope to see many of you and your children there!

PTA
Christmas Tree Sale 8.30 – 11.30am
Christmas Fair 12.30 – 3.30pm

Everyone Welcome
Saturday 4th December
Webb's Road Site



Independent Secondary School Applications



20 of our Year 6 children sat their ISEB entrance exams at school this week for a range of independent secondary schools. We are pleased to be able to support them in a familiar environment and they were very focussed – well done!

Did you know?

90% of Belleville Year 6 children who applied to an independent secondary school in 2020 received at least one offer of a place.

You can find out more about applications and places at state and independent schools from Belleville by visiting the school website [here](#) .



Congratulations to Ms Biset

Maeva Fleur Biset has been born safely weighing 6lb 6oz. The family are doing well and we send them our love and congratulations.

Years 3 – 6 Playtime Snacks



- Fresh or dried fruit
- Vegetables
- Small savoury sandwich

We have recently seen chocolate bars, sweets and crisps being brought in!

Belleville Gives to Others

Thank you again for your generosity in recent weeks for various fundraising/charity appeals. We will update you on totals when we have them.



 If you are worried about something
If you are worried about someone else.....

 You can talk to **ANYONE** who works for the school



Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE





Year 3 Roman Invasion



Year 3 children had a wonderful day of Roman experiences, dressing in costume and finding out about Roman numerals, the alphabet, foods and arts.



Class 3C from Meteor looked especially magnificent marching across the common to Webb's.

Thank you to the parents who accompanied the legion and helped the Romans cross the (straight) roads.

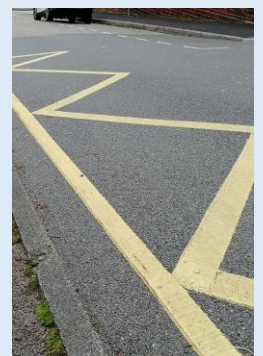


Considerate Parking and Road Use

We do encourage families to walk, scoot or cycle to school and storage areas are open on both sites each day.

If you are driving to school, please do so considerately which includes not parking on the zig zags, stopping in the middle of the road or keeping your engine on when parked.

We are continuing to pursue the School Streets scheme, if successful we will need parent/carer volunteers – more details to follow.





TERM DATES

Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 17th December

Break up at:

Years 1 – 3: 2.15pm

Years 4 – 6: 2.20pm

Reception: 2.25pm

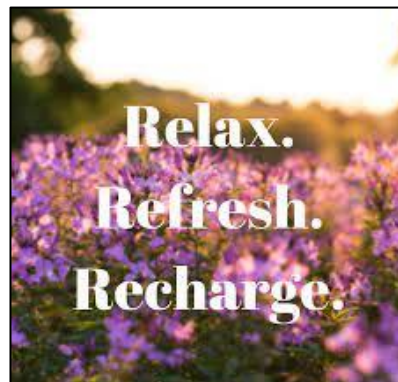
Nursery pm: 2.30pm

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: **Thursday 21st July**



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

Please do email us on enquiries@bellevilleschool.org