



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your children have enjoyed the start of the new school year as much as we have. It has been heart-warming to see the children learning and playing together and getting settled into their new classes.

We want to thank all of our parents and carers for entrusting your children with us – we and our staff are truly honoured to be a part of your children's lives and education. We have had a very positive start to the year, and although we anticipate that there may be more changes in the weeks and months to come we are optimistic that we as a school community will rise to meet them.

Adjustment to drop off arrangements from Monday

We want to thank you for your patience and co-operation as we have introduced new drop off and pick up arrangements. We will be making an adjustment to drop off from Monday 28th September to further reduce the number of people at the gates. The start times for each year group and which gate to use will remain the same.

At Meteor Street, all children from Reception to Year 6 can go straight to their classes instead of lining up on the playground at the start of the day at their allocated times.

At Webb's Road, Years 4, 5 and 6 will go straight to their classes at the start of the day. We will review Reception to Year 3 at Webb's once the children are more confident about how to find their class by themselves.

Do you ever ask: 'What did you do in school today?' and does your child ever answer: 'Nothing?'

We promise this isn't true! We do however want to improve the connection between home and school, especially in these unusual times.

Each year group has produced an **introduction video** with the aim of answering common questions and sharing the curriculum. Please click on the year group name: [Nursery](#), [Reception](#), [Year 1](#), [Year 2](#), [Year 3](#), [Year 4](#), [Year 5](#), [Year 6](#).

Newsletters will update you on what has been happening and is coming up in school (as well as reminders).

We are working on re-vamping our **school website** www.belleville-school.org.uk to make it more user-friendly. If you have suggestions of how we could make the website better, please do let us know.

Our **Twitter feed** @bellevillesch is also being updated regularly (some recent posts below).

You will receive a letter next week with the login details for the platforms where we can share learning: **Tapestry** in Early Years and **Seesaw** in Years 1 – 6. We will be developing our use of these over this year.

With all of these forms of communication, we are limited in the images of the children we can use unless we have had specific permission for each child from their parents and carers. We have thousands of great videos and photos in school that most of you never see because we can only use them inside the school building. We therefore have a . . .

Request/plea for your permission:

We would like to ask all parents and carers to complete the form [here](#) to give permission for us to use your child's image on newsletters, the school website and Twitter feeds on the internet and on Tapestry/Seesaw posts where it can be viewed by others in the class.

We will never have your child's name in the communications or with their image without gaining separate specific permission. There is no obligation to give permission if you don't want to. If you change your mind you can withdraw your consent by emailing enquiries@bellevilleschool.org. If you do withdraw your consent we will do what we can to stop its use as quickly and wherever possible.

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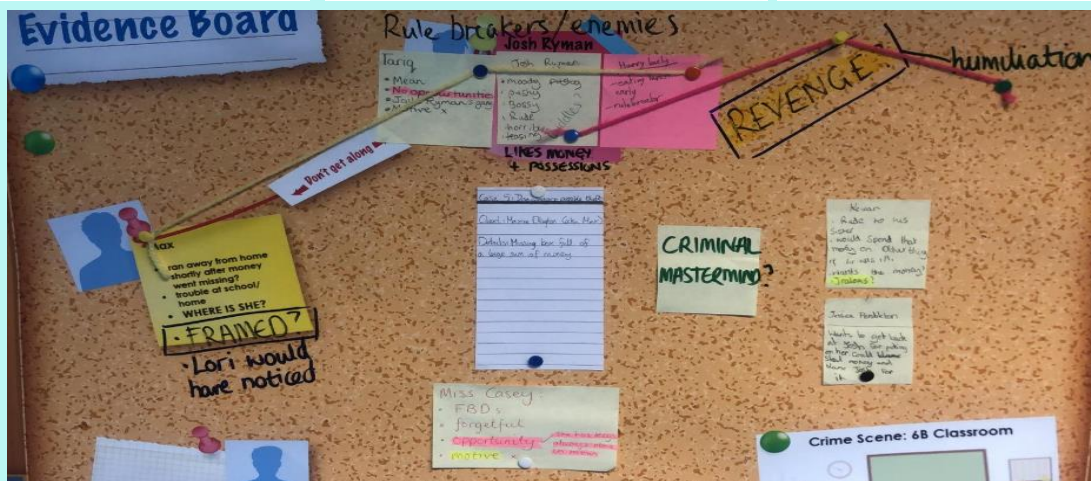
Reading News

This year, your children will have the opportunity to enjoy many exciting new books in English lessons.

Much time has been spent researching titles to enrich our curriculum. Guided by our LEARN Curriculum Statement, we have chosen books to engage, to encourage ambition and to be relevant to your children's lives and today's world.

The new books chosen are contemporary and often award-winning, worthy of sitting alongside more familiar, classic texts. Most importantly, they are representative: children should see themselves, their families and the richly diverse local and global community in which they live reflected in their books.

In year group introduction videos, on the website and Twitter, we will be sharing the titles your children will be reading. We believe they will inspire them, foster empathy and help them to walk tall, as they understand themselves and the world around them a little better.



Year 6 children's 'Evidence Board' based on their reading of 'Lori and Max'



Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

- Inset days Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2020
- Children's first day back Autumn term 2020 - Monday 7th September
- Autumn half term - Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
- 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

Flu Immunisations

will be available in school to all children from Reception to Year 6 this year.

Look out for a letter coming home on Monday.

Guidance on when to get a Covid-19 test for your child

NHS Test and Trace published a letter to parents and carers this week. You can read it

[here](#).

National Poetry Day – Thursday 1st October



Children will soon be given details of our annual Belleville National Poetry Day competition, which this year is around the theme of 'Vision'. Get ready to get creative!