



Points to note:

- Parents/carers evening for this term will take place on two nights on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th February 2022.
- Term dates for next academic year (page 8)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already at week four of this half term and half term break is soon approaching! The children continue to work hard and learn together. See below for some highlights.

Unfortunately, we have had an increase in the number of children and staff testing positive for Covid -19 this week. We have been advised by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) to place 'additional measures' in 9 classes, where there has been 10% or more of the class with confirmed cases in the last 10 days; many of these measures are already in place.

We understand that you may find this concerning and we will continue to monitor the number of cases and seek advice from UKHSA whilst working to keep children's education as close to normal as we can.

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteacher Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteacher Juniors)



Parent/Carer Evenings

Our second parents and carers evening for this academic year will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th February 2022.**

There are two evenings allocated to each class. We will inform you next week of the days for your child's class and how to make an appointment.



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



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.



We continue to have the following measures in place:

- We ask all parents/carers to wear a face covering whilst on site (unless exempt)
- Staff will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas and in the playgrounds (unless exempt)
- Encourage families and staff to test themselves using a lateral flow test twice a week and increasing this to every day for 7 days when there has been a confirmed case in their class or household
- PCR testing required (not a lateral flow) if:
 - o Symptomatic (cough, fever, loss of smell/taste, headache, fatigue) – even if symptoms are mild.
Remember: whilst waiting for the result, your child should self-isolate and not come into school.
 - o There is a positive case in your household – children and fully vaccinated adults do not need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the results
 - o You are contacted by Test and Trace

School Council and Eco-Council Updates

School Improvement Priority: Communication and Engagement

This half term, **school council** have been discussing ways to contribute to the school community. After a productive discussion and shared opinions from the group, we have decided to focus on kindness and how to show this to our peers and adults in school.

To promote this, we will be designing and creating various stickers, which will be given out to recognise acts of kindness.

In our upcoming meetings, school council will be discussing fundraising ideas for Red Nose Day and charities we could support in the local community.



The Eco-Council have carried out an environmental review of the school. This involved answering questions about various aspects of school life such as how the school uses water and what the school's biodiversity is like. After completing the review and analysing the results, the Eco Council members voted on three areas of school life to focus on.

They chose: waste, healthy living and litter. In our recent meeting, we discussed actions that we could take to improve these areas in the school.

We spoke about ideas that can be put into action immediately, such as ensuring that each classroom in the school has an orange recyclable bag.

As part of Eco Council's action plan to help reduce waste and encourage recycling in the school, Eco Council have asked each class not to throw away their old pens but instead to collect them. These used pens will then be taken to Rymans and recycled.



How Revolting!



Year 2 became creators and authors of their very own revolting recipes, inspired by author Roald Dahl. The children got stuck in selecting and mixing real ingredients and using their imaginations to create the most disgusting meals they could think of, suitable only for the likes of Mr and Mrs Twit. Mud Pies, Vampire Soups and Bat Brain Stew are just some of what's on the menu!



A special visitor....

This week Year 2 were visited by Mary Seacole. The Drama Hut's workshop involved an immersive acting experience as the children met Mary, learned about her life and discovered why she is a significant person in history. They were all thoroughly engaged while learning about key events in Mary Seacole's life and enjoyed getting the chance to travel in time to meet her.



The Police make a visit....



This week Nursery were visited by Community support officers and a Police officer as part of their topic 'People who help us.' The visitors spoke to the children about keeping safe and the uniform they wear. The children also had to look closely and spot the similarities and differences between their uniforms and find out how the special equipment they use, helps them to do their job. The children learnt the number to phone in an emergency and were able to ask many questions. Some of the children even had the opportunity to wear the special vest they wear to protect their bodies! It was very heavy!





Excellent Figurative Artwork

Year 6 have made figurative drawings inspired by Henry Moore's shelter drawings that he made during the Blitz.

They looked at how the artist used contour lines to describe the simplified forms of the huddled people, sheltering in the underground from the bombs above.

The children worked together to take photos of each other to work from, they thought about how different poses can powerfully express emotion.

Looking at different techniques and materials used by the artist, they then made personal choices of how to develop their own figurative artwork.





Large Scale Collage by Year 2



Year 2 have been inspired by the characterful artwork made by author and illustrator Eric Carle, most famous for that childhood favourite, 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

Like the artist, they experimented with materials and tools to create colourful painted paper, which they then cut up to make mini-beasts and flowers.

After this, they worked together to paint and collage a beautiful, colourful garden for their mini-beasts to explore.

TERM DATES: 2021-2022

Spring Term 2022

Parent/Carer evenings:	Tuesday 8 th / Wednesday 9 th / Thursday 10 th February
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 21 st July



TERM DATES: 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Inset Days: Thursday 1st – Friday 2nd September – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1 term: Monday 5th September

Last day of Autumn 1 term: Friday 21st October

Autumn half term holiday: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

First day of Autumn 2 term: Monday 31st October

Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2023

Inset Day: Tuesday 3rd January – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 4th January

Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 10th February

Spring half term holiday: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 20th February

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 17th April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Tuesday 18th April

Bank holiday: Monday 1st May – school closed to children

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 26th May

Spring half term holiday: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Inset Day: Monday 5th June – school closed to children

First day of Summer 2 term: Tuesday 6th June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 21st July



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

Please do email us on enquiries@bellevilleschool.org