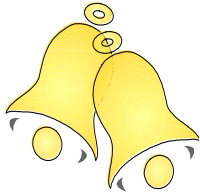


BELLFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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SPRING TERM
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Already lots of exciting things going on for the children to support their learning in the best possible way:

Y3 have been to the cinema to see 'Early Man' to support their 'Stone Age' topic (& the bonus was some of the messages about never giving up that were there too for us to talk about!) AND they have had a busy day with our outdoor learning expert building shelters as Stone Age man would have done. This on top of a great art day for the topic. The children really seem to be enjoying their topic! They are learning about Rocks & Soils after half term with our outdoor learning expert too.

Y4 had a curriculum day, alongside children from Longwill School for the Deaf. It was lovely to see how well all the children got on, how well they worked together and the standard of work created. The link with Longwill is one we are developing so we will be doing more work together over the coming months across the school. Y4 also played their instruments they have been learning all year to the rest of the school (a Parents' concert is planned for later in the Summer Term).

Y5 have been to the River Rea with our outdoor learning expert to develop a much better knowledge and understanding of the river, how rivers come to be and how we can affect rivers. They have also had Steve from P4C come into school to work with them and 5W have been to Aston University as part of our Enterprise work. The comments from all the professionals leading the work has been about how well behaved the children are and how good they are at working together to solve problems – children to be proud of!

Y6 have had SATs practice and are working extremely hard. We cannot fault the children for the amount of effort they are putting in and you should be proud of them. All year groups have visits out of school or visitors in school next half term to support their learning!

Enjoy your week off together!

Kind regards,

Mr N. Attwood
Headteacher



Y4 Curriculum Day



Y4 Music Concert



Educational Visit: Houses of Parliament: 28.3.18 (Y5&6)

This proved to be more popular than expected! We have arranged for the first 30 who handed in their letters to go on this day but are looking to arrange a second trip in the Summer for all the other children that would like to go. We will inform you when this has been arranged.

Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Workshop 15.2.18 at 9am

Do you know what and how we teach for Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling? Come along to our fun workshop, with your child(ren) next Thursday to find out what we do and how you can help your child! See reception for a letter if you haven't got one.



Year 6 - JCA

Just a gentle reminder to parents/ carers/ families that the whole amount of £65 needs to be paid by Easter. Remember you can pay weekly if it helps. If you have already paid in full - thank you. If there are any issues, please contact the office as soon as possible.

TRIPS AND MONEY INTO SCHOOL

I know money is tight and sometimes we seem to be asking for money all over the place – I can only apologise for this. However, we do feel it is important to give our children as many experiences as possible to support their learning and in preparation for independent life as they get older. The trips we arrange are always with the idea to get best value, not only money wise, but educational (& fun) wise. The school supports a lot of trips and does not ask for contributions for swimming (which currently costs us £7500 a year) or sporting competition travel (costing us £2000 a year) or visitors/ experts into school (costing us up to £6000 a year). With reductions in budgets likely this year and next (& with increased costs into school) we are struggling to provide these kind of activities and visits. Although payments for trips/ visits is voluntary and we never stop a child from going for non-payment, we cannot keep continuing to fund these extra activities and trips without your support in paying for them – and therefore these could reduce.

This would be a shame as the children, when we have pupil conversations, always highlight trips and visitors as something they really enjoy. Thank you, as always, for your support.



WORLD BOOK DAY

2nd March 2018

To celebrate World Book Day (with the Infants), we will be asking everyone to dress as their favourite book character. All children to come dressed as whoever they want that day! We look forward to seeing all the fun costumes!

SCHOOL MEALS



Thank you to those of you using the Parentpay system to pay dinner money. We will be adding the facility for payment of trips next term, which will give you the option to pay in small instalments.

Payments can also be made via **Paypoint** for those of you who would find this more convenient. Should you wish to do this or if you have queries about Parentpay, please contact Mrs. Westwood in the School Office.



Y5 River Rea





PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
 – please join in!
Don't forget the Parent Hub is open on Tuesdays 9.00-11.30 and 1.30-3pm so come along

for a chat, a cuppa and a biscuit. This includes any support that the group can arrange for finances, housing and more. The hub has a page on our website for more information, email parenthub@bellfield-jun.bham.sch.uk or see Michelle Hall or Sarah Pearshouse in the playground for more information and join in!

WORKING TOGETHER - PARENTS/ FAMILIES AND OUR STAFF



Working together with you is always our priority and is one of the things that makes us successful in school. Our staff try to make themselves visible and approachable at certain times of the day - at the end of the school day, Mr Attwood and TAs are out in the playground most mornings etc. However, there are times when we struggle to meet with you, as parents/ carers/ family members, and afford the time you deserve to solve problems or queries properly. Therefore, please take into consideration the following:

- ♦ Initially, please arrange an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher by talking to the staff at the doors in the morning, speaking to the office staff in reception or by calling/ emailing into school. We will then arrange a meeting for you as soon as is possible.
 - ♦ *If the problem isn't solved, or the issue is of a more serious or personal nature, please make an appointment to see the Pastoral Team (Mr Neadle, Miss Harvey) or Mr Attwood or Mrs du Toit.
- This way, we ensure we are working together to understand fully any issues and to solve them/support our children and families in the best possible way.

Tuesday 27 March 2018
4.30pm - 5.45pm

More details to follow!



Your Contact Details

Please make sure we have all your details up to date. This is very important, especially if there was an emergency. If your email/ phone numbers have changed since September, please come into school and let us have these. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

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| w/c 12.2.18 | Please can children bring in sponsor money this week (by Thurs) |
| 15.2.18 | Workshop for parents: Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (we'll make it fun, honest!!!) |
| 16.2.18 | Sponsored Event: Sports for Champions – details to follow |
| 16.2.18 | 3.20pm: School ends for the half-term holiday |
| 26.2.18 | School re-opens at 8.50am |
| 26.2.18 | Y3 'wow' day – Rocks and Soils topic |
| 2.3.18 | World Book Day – non-uniform: children to dress as favourite book character |
| 6 & 7.3.18 | Parent/Teacher Consultations – letters due out Monday 12.2.18 |
| 21.3.18 | 5P Enterprise visit to the Bullring |
| | Y6 to the 'Big Draw' event – Michael Rosen |
| 23.3.18 | Y4 to see Nick Sharratt |
| | Last Y5 swimming lesson (Y3 in the Summer Term) |
| 28.3.18 | 30 x Y5/6 children to Houses of Parliament |
| 29.3.18 | Theme Day |
| | School Closes at 3.20pm for Easter |
| 16.4.18 | School Closed – Teacher training Day |
| 17.4.18 | First day back for children 8.50am |
| | Y4 Challenge Day with our Outdoor Learning expert! |

Celebrating Success



Children who received 5 team points for their House Team this week were:

Chloe House: Scotland
For a super piece of maths homework

Gabriella House: N. Ireland
For super group work to produce a cave painting

Kea House: England
For her fantastic contribution at Aston University

Harvey House: N. Ireland
For creating a brilliant cave painting

Logan House: Wales
For his fantastic contribution at Aston University

Ava House: N. Ireland
For her short story from a different character's point of view

Hayden House: N. Ireland
For super group work to produce a cave painting

Kai House: Wales
For his BRILLIANT diary writing as Dug from the film Early Man

Well done to all of these children!

Yes I Can

Our "Yes I Can" Roll of Honour Board - these are children that have faced something difficult, haven't given up and have then succeeded - this month we have had:

Y3 - Alesha - for really making a brilliant effort in maths and English. She is keen to work and she is improving because of her attitude.

Y5 - Tinotenda - for her attitude to learning a formal written method for multiplication. At the beginning, she found it difficult but persevered and has made good progress. Keep it up!

Y6 - Rianna - for her participation and fantastic effort in lessons. Keep up the super attitude Rianna!