



Bellfield Infant School News

16th February 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have finally arrived at half term! There has been a lot of illness in school over the last couple of weeks and this has had a massive impact on our attendance. Hopefully the half term week will give everyone the opportunity to rest and feel better for when we return to school on Monday 26th February.

Mrs G Simm

Head teacher

On Monday we had a monitoring visit from Ruth Broadhead, our Read, Write Inc. trainer to see how our implementation of this initiative is going and she gave us some fantastic feedback. All staff are delivering it successfully and the children are making good progress.

Also on Monday Mrs Clark, Chair of Governors, and Mrs Simm met with our two new parent governors, Mr Fisk and Mr Tranter. This gave them the opportunity to find out more about our school and ask any questions concerning their role in governance. We are very grateful that they have volunteered to give their time to join our Governing Body and support the school moving forward.

We also had a visit from Mrs Griffiths, another one of our governors, who came to meet with Mrs Farrell to find out about our SEN department and the intervention we put in place for the children.

We are still taking applications to join our Nursery classes for this September. Application forms are available from the school office.

Rev Dave Tubby came on Shrove Tuesday to take our morning assembly; we were very excited when he produced a frying pan and hob as we thought it was going to be pancakes all round! The children made the batter whilst Rev Tubby explained the story of Shrove Tuesday. Unfortunately Mr Miley was on cooking duty and it became obvious he needed more practice. The children always enjoy Rev Tubby's assemblies and we look forward to many more.

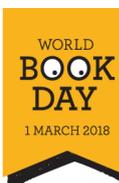
Attendance this week (excluding Nursery) was 88.52%

Nursery	91.85%
RA	93.33%
RD	86.13%
1E	88.67%
1S	85.81%
1T	89.33%
2B	87.33%
2H	85.17%
2S	92.41%



Well Done to Class RA who achieved the highest attendance this week!

The week we come back we shall be celebrating 'World Book Day' and although it falls on a Thursday we will have our dress up day on Friday. The children can dress as their favourite book character and we look forward to seeing them.



World Book Day
The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character on **Friday 2nd March** to celebrate.

To report your child's absence from School. Please report between 8:00am - 9:00am

Call 0121 464 4855/4857 or Text 07900 351 202 after 8:00am. Please leave Child's name, Class and Reason for absence.

Passport Achievers

Friday morning has been the reward for all our children who have completed their passport books successfully this half term. They had a fun bowling session in the hall, competing against one another as well as other activities.

Spring 1 Passport Achievers	
Reception	46%
Year1	40%
Year2	48%

To qualify for the reward they had to read every night to an adult and get their book signed; do their homework and hand it in on time; come to school on time and make sure their behaviour was consistently good. From the results you can see the number of children who are not achieving this and it is very worrying as it shows us the lack of support some children have at home.

On Friday 9th March, we shall be sharing our **Mother's Day** assemblies so please save the date! Mum's (and Nan's) are invited to come along.

Nursery and Reception: 9:15am - Hall
Year 1 and 2: 2:40pm - Hall

Dates for your Diary

Every Friday - SEN Parent Drop-in 2:00pm

Monday 19/02/2018 - Friday 23/02/2018 - Half term (School closed)

Thursday 01/03/2018 - World Book Day

Friday 02/03/2018 - Non-school uniform. Dress as your favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day.

Thursday 08/03/2018 - Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm(excl Nursery)

Friday 09/03/2018 - Mother's Day Assemblies

Tuesday 13/03/2018 - Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm(excl Nursery)

Tuesday 27/03/2018 - Reception Class Eye Tests

Thursday 29/03/2018 - Easter Bonnet Parade 2:30pm

Thursday 29/03/2018 - Last Day of Spring term

Friday 30/03/2018 - Friday 13/04/2018 - Easter Holidays (school closed)

Monday 16th April is a Teacher training day therefore the Summer term will begin on Tuesday 17th April.

This afternoon the Parents of Bellfield arranged a pyjama party for the children to raise money for the school. The children changed into their pyjamas and went to the hall where there was a variety of fun activities for them to do as well as receiving some refreshments. The children really did have a lovely time. A big thank you goes to the 'Parents of Bellfield' who give their time freely to organise such enjoyable events for the children.

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Happy Chinese New Year!

Year of the Dog

Today (16/2) we welcome in a new Chinese New year, the Year of the Dog!



Year 2 children cooked and tasted some delicious Chinese food as part of the celebrations. They had noodles, vegetable curry, prawn crackers and fortune cookies and the children said "it was the best day ever!"

