



Bellfield Junior School

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28th March 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been a short, but very busy term since Christmas! I have had the privilege of visiting classrooms to see how the teaching and learning is going and am extremely proud of the teaching, but in particular the learning! The children are very enthusiastic and the standard of work is increasing. The engagement of children is high and they enjoy telling me, and any other visitors we have, just how much they are enjoying whatever it is they are learning at the time. You have some great children!

There are a few things that we have been looking at and I wanted to share these before the holiday.

Mr N. Attwood
Head Teacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM – policy update

At the Governors' Meeting this week, our policy on school uniform was discussed. The Governors have agreed to keep the current policy as it is, but have one addition: this is around the wearing of **headscarves**. They agreed as follows:

The wearing of headscarves for religious reasons is optional. They should be plain in colour (white or blue) and should have no pins or fastenings and should have no words or other decoration.

A parent had asked if the Governors would consider allowing girls to wear leggings for outside PE. However, the Governors felt that the current policy on PE uniform should remain the same and that leggings were not suitable for PE. As a reminder, can you please ensure that your children have the following PE kit in school:

For health and safety reasons it is important that your child needs to wear the appropriate clothes for PE and swimming. PE and swimming are important/ compulsory parts of the curriculum and we expect kit to be available in school. You will be informed when PE is timetabled for your child. Please ensure kit is washed regularly. PE kits should be in the school colours.

Your child should bring a pump bag containing:-

- ✚ Black pumps (a pair of trainers for outside PE can be sent also)
- ✚ Black or navy blue shorts (not beach wear) : tracksuit bottoms are acceptable for outside PE
- ✚ Plain white or yellow or navy tee shirt

It is recommended that children bring in PE kits on the first day of each half term and keep them in school, taking them home on the last day of the half term.

Just a couple of reminders :

- School shoes in black. All black trainers that do not have any colour are also acceptable.
- For safety reasons we ask parents not to send their children to school with jewellery. If ears are pierced, please ensure that only STUDS are worn. *We assume you have given permission for children to wear stud earrings for PE and that you take responsibility unless you tell us otherwise.* Also, for safety reasons hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up.
- It is important that sensible shoes, suitable for school, are worn. Do not send the children to school in fashion pumps, canvas shoes, shoes with heels, footwear with coloured laces or patterned / coloured socks.

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- We do not allow children to wear nail varnish, nail extensions, have coloured hair or inappropriate hair designs – hair styles are expected to be sensible and modest.

Thank you for your support in this area.

Changes to the timetable for the Summer Term:

There are some slight changes to the timetable as we prepare for 30 extra children in September.

The changes are as follows:

Assemblies on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will now be at the end of the school day rather than in the morning. Friday 'celebration' assemblies will be as normal at 9am.

Playtimes are to be staggered – Years 3 & 4 10.30-10.45am and Years 5 & 6 10.50-11.05am. This is because of the number of children we will have in school (5 years ago = 176 and from Sept there will be 285!) and will ensure there is plenty of space for everyone to enjoy their playtimes.

Lunchtimes will change slightly. Years 3 & 4 will be 12.10-1.05pm and Years 5 & 6 will be 12.20-1.15pm. This will allow us to ensure that the playground and dining room are not over-crowded. We are trialling this and may make small adaptations over the term, and will inform you how these are working.



Girls and after-school clubs

We are looking to encourage girls to be more involved in after-school clubs, especially sports. Although the participation of girls is increasing, it is still approximately 40% girls compared to 60% boys. Please talk to your daughter about clubs and if they have any preferences of a sports club, or any other type of club, that we are not currently offering, please email enquiry@bellfield-jun.bham.sch.uk and let us know.

PLEASE NOTE: Afterschool clubs begin the second week (w/c 23.4.18) back after Easter.

Year 6 SATs

Just a reminder that SATs week for Year 6 is the week commencing 14th May 2018 (Monday-Thursday). We are asking that the children are in school by 8.30am, where there will be breakfast and some fun activities to get them going! We have a treat – the playbus – for the Friday so they can chill down! They have been very focussed and the teachers have been very impressed with their efforts.

Thank you for the fantastic support you have given your children this year!



Parents' Evening was attended by over 80% of families, which a fantastic turn-out. It allows us to discuss how well your child is doing and any concerns we/ you have so that we can work together. Thank you for supporting the school in this way.

NEW contact/ permission forms were completed by all families attending Parents' Evening. We have new forms for your contact details and for permission for things like photographs due to the new Data Protection laws (GDPR) coming into effect in 25.05.18. If you haven't completed this form, please come into school as soon as possible to complete this.

Have a great 2 weeks and enjoy some family time together!



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