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Bellfield Infant School News

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Dear Parents & Carers

Dear Families,

WELCOME BACK! We hope you had a lovely 6 weeks together. A big welcome to our new Day care, Nursery and Reception children and families.

We have had two Teacher Training Days. These are used to keep staff up to date, with things like changes to Safeguarding and KCSIE (Keeping Children Safe in Education), changes to the curriculum and to plan events for the year. It also gives the staff a chance to discuss planning, and make last minute preparations for the children's return.

As you know, we have had little change to staffing. Mr Duca left to pursue his ambition to train to be a teacher and we wish him well. We are very happy to have Mrs Bradley return into Y1 with Mrs Clamp. Mrs Davidson is staying with us in Sycamore (the Hub) too.

We have changed the class names to match trees. The class names are: Blossom (Day care), Willow (Nursery), Sycamore (Hub), Oak and Ash (Reception), Elm and Holly (Year 1) Hazel and Maple, (Year 2)

There has not been much in the way of site changes this summer - mainly tidying, repairing some areas and we had some volunteers from Cadent Gas who came in for a week to help with tidying the premises and cutting back some of the overgrown areas - they were a great help to the site team and we thank them! The site team have also made new areas in the Reception outside area, built an outdoor stage and improved the Forest School area, including a newly built mud kitchen. They have worked very hard through the Summer to get the jobs done ready for the children.

Please remember that we have 'Meet the Teacher' next week for parents/ carers: 2.30pm on Monday 8 Sept for Reception; 2.30pm on Tuesday 9 Sept for Y1; 2.30pm on Wednesday 10 Sept for Y2 and 2.30pm on Thursday 11 Sept for Nursery. Please do come along to meet your child's teacher, find out about the plans for learning for the year and to ask any questions you might have.

Just a reminder that together we want the best for your children. If there are any concerns or queries, please do make an appointment initially with the class teacher or with our Pastoral Manager Beccy, so we can work out any problems together. We have an open door policy, so we will always make time to see you as soon as possible.

We are looking for help with our PTA - Friends of Bellfield. If you can help organise events, like fayres and discos, or just give an hour or two every now and again, please do contact the office for more details - we'd love to have you on board as every penny allows us to do more for the children.

Please find some dates for your diaries for the coming few weeks, and also the school's development priorities for the year.

And finally, just to say how amazing your children have been these first three days. They came in on Wednesday calm, smiley and settled extremely quickly. Thank you to the staff for making this possible - but also to all the parents and carers for preparing the children so well!

We are looking forward to a great year together. Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Attwood

Dates for your Diary

Mon 08/09/25 - 2:30pm Reception parents -
Meet the Teachers

Tues 09/09/25 - 2:30pm Year 1 parents -
Meet the Teachers

Wed 10/09/25 - 2:30pm Year 2 parents -
Meet the Teachers

Thurs 11/09/25 - 2:30pm Nursery parents -
Meet the Teachers

Tues 30/09/25 - Rec, Yr 1 & Y2 Flu immunisations
Mon 20/10/25 - School Photographer

Wed 22/10/25 - Inset day (school closed)

Wed 22/10/25 - Parent Consultations 1:30pm - 6:00pm

Half term (School Closed)
Mon 27/10/25 - Fri 31/10/25

Fri 19/12/25 - Last Day of Autumn term

The children have settled well into Willow class this week. They have enjoyed exploring the classroom, and the different activities that have been out. We have been fishing in both the water tray and the fine motor tray. We enjoyed finding the dinosaurs hidden in the straw. We have also been practicing our fine motor skills by using scissor scoops in the coloured rice.

Reception has had a brilliant start to the school year! And it's been wonderful to see them all coming in with big smiles and making friends with their peers. The children have been learning all about our reception environment and our school rules 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. We have also explored our class names; looking at what an Ash tree and an Oak tree looks like!

From next Thursday (11th), children will start outdoor learning, both reception classes will have a turn, and we will swap each week. Oak class will be going first next week, and Ash the following week. PE is every Monday, so please dress your child in their PE kit for school.

Year 1 have had a fantastic few days. We have started exploring our whole school topic of the book "Leaf". It is all about a polar bear who gets lost. We have been learning all about polar bears, where they live and what they eat. We have been doing lots of artwork surrounding this too and the children have really shown their creativity! We are looking forward to continuing all of this next week.

In Year 2's first week, the children settled beautifully into their new classes, Maple and Hazel, and began exploring our whole school transition book, *Leaf*. In English, we made thoughtful predictions about the story, described the main character, and created engaging story maps. In Maths, we explored two-digit numbers, practised ordering them, and even created our own pictograms. Our Geography lesson took us on a journey comparing the Arctic with the UK, while in RE we reflected on the question, "Is it easy to always be kind?" We also had fun experimenting with digital art in Computing and kicked off our Gymnastics unit with Mr K. It's been a busy and exciting start to Year 2!

Blossom News

Day care staff would like to welcome new and old families, and their children into the Blossom room.

This week has been all about "getting to know you!" not only for the children but also for the staff and the families too. We realise that this is a very stressful and anxious time as parents are entrusting their children into our Day care. The children have explored all of the environments with growing confidence and although it has been a short week the children have settled in well with just a few tears. They especially like to be in the garden (when we are avoiding the rain) and are beginning to become familiar with the daily routine. The children who are staying for lunch are confident, enjoying this time to socialise with staff and their peers. All of the staff are impressed with how well the children have been able to adapt to our routine.



It is important that you choose your child's lunches on **ParentPay**. Please sit with your child during the weekend to choose their meals.



Pastoral News

Hello everyone

Welcome back to school for another busy year! Our children have settled in brilliantly and we are so proud of them all.

Please remember that your child **MUST** bring a drink to school in a named bottle. Children need regular drinks throughout the day to keep them hydrated. Dehydration will impact on your child's wellbeing as well as their concentration.

Please make sure everything is named, including coats. Children have already misplaced things and we can only return them to the right child if they are named! Please make sure your child has all their belongings at the end of the day. Staff encourage children to take everything home but are not responsible for making sure this happens.

The only jewellery children are allowed to wear is one small pair of stud earrings. It is not safe for children to wear hoop earrings, bracelets, necklaces or rings at school. We prioritise your child's safety and jewellery can cause injury during activities such as emergency drills and P.E.

Please book your child's lunch on ParentPay. If you don't, they will be given a sandwich. Also, please talk to your child about what they would like because this week, several children have not wanted what has been ordered for them. If you cannot get onto ParentPay, please go to the school office for assistance.

Attendance this week has been amazing, with only 2 children absent on Thursday which almost never happens! Please remember that if your child is absent, you must phone school or send a text.

ClassDojo cannot be used for reporting absence.

Thank you to parents who already do all of the above!

Question for your children this week is 'what has been the best thing about school this week?'

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, Beccy 🍏

Attendance this week (excluding Willow)

96.27%



Class	Attendance %
Willow	96.58%
Oak	92.36%
Ash	98%
Elm	97.83%
Holly	91.27%
Hazel	98.41%
Maple	100%



Well Done to Class Maple who achieved 100% attendance this week!