



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you for the spring term parent/carer evening – if you haven't booked an appointment yet, please do so as bookings will close on Saturday. It will be a 10 minute appointment to discuss how your child is doing in school – we will continue to work with you throughout the summer term to support your child and anticipate that many conversations will continue informally during the term.

We have had a disrupted year and can see effects of that in some children's wellbeing. For example, perhaps now that the initial excitement of the return to school has worn off, we are seeing more children of all ages being more sensitive in their responses to their friends or adults and also finding the separation from being at home more difficult. If you are also noticing this in your child, it's OK, it can in many ways be expected and we will continue to work with you to support your child.

With children's learning, we are seeing that more children need more time to practise some of the basic skills again e.g. name writing in Nursery, remembering to use punctuation marks in writing and calculation methods in maths accurately and some children are finding handwriting more difficult than before.

If there are areas that need more development for your child we will let you know, adapt the teaching so that there is more support in school to consolidate and also let you know how you can support at home should you wish to. At this stage, we have a good amount of time before the end of term to work on any issues that we are seeing now, just three weeks since the full re-opening of school.

We know that some parents/carers who had their children at home for most of the spring term are worried that they may be 'behind', in comparison with the minority who were in school. We are seeing children, from both circumstances, who need more support and also children from both circumstances who are ready to be extended and challenged more.

We always focus on what each child needs to be successful and how we can help them make progress. Teachers are very skilled at assessing children throughout lessons and in their written work to see what they can do and what they need to learn next.

We have carried out some specific assessments in reading this week to see how our younger children are doing with their phonics knowledge and for Years 2 – 6 how their independent comprehension skills are. This information will help us to adapt our teaching for the rest of the year. Similarly, after Easter, we will do some maths assessments to make sure our teaching in the summer term precisely matches the children's needs. We will re-assess these areas again towards the end of the year.

We hope this is helpful to you and should you wish to book an appointment to speak with ourselves or any of our senior team or specialist teachers, please do contact the office to request a time.

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteachers Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteachers Juniors)



**Belleville**  
Primary School

**News**



You have surpassed yourselves with your generosity this year – thank you.  
The total raised so far is:

**£3,295**

If you would like to donate, you can go to the school's collection page here: [Just Giving](#)

### Message from the PTA

We think we would all agree it's been a crazy year and if there is one thing our kids need is some joy and something to smile about - fun events are essential to our children's mental health and happiness 😊

That is why on the last day of school not only is it non-uniform day, we would like children to come in with their best CRAZY HAIR and give a donation to the PTA! Use your imagination: bunches, ribbons, colours, bands, gel, clips, magnificent bows, wigs .....Easter themes welcome 🐣🐰

As you know the EGGciting Easter Raffle will be drawn on this day and although not everyone can win, all children will be given 'not just any doughnut' but a Marks and Spencer's doughnut. You'd be doughNUTS not to take part 🍩

Sadly, we can't have the much anticipated cake sale or the popular Easter Bonnet Parade this year but we can have crazy hair and delicious doughnuts 🍩🍌🍩

**DOUGHnations start at £2 per child at [bellevillepta.com](http://bellevillepta.com).**



### EGGciting PTA Easter Raffle

The eggs you can WIN are ABSOLUTELY HUGE!  
Bigger than an ostrich egg, bigger than a dinosaur egg, bigger than your average baby!

- 🐼 Monster Egg 5kg
- 🐣 Giant Egg 3kg
- 🐣 Family Egg 1.5kg

Raffle tickets online only at  
<https://www.bellevillepta.org/shop>

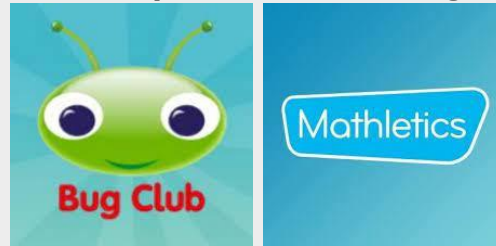




## Last Day of Term – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

The timings of the start and end of the school day will be as usual. Children can wear their own clothes for the last day of term.

## Holiday Access to Learning



The teachers will set homework next week as usual to be completed for the first week back.

If you would like your child to have more practise, the Bug Club access remains as well as the 'Let's Learn' section on Mathletics. Teachers will clear any tasks that have not been done yet on Mathletics so that your child can access this. We will also ensure children have at least one book with them to read over the holidays.

Oak Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/> and BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> resources are also good quality and can be used to support your child at any time.

## Belleville Book Amnesty Please look and return!



We are missing hundreds of books from our guided reading sets as well as books from the class libraries.

We would really appreciate it if you could have a good look around and return any books at home, before the end of term so that we can check how many missing texts we need to replace.

## Free Uniform

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 12 – 3pm at Webb's Road



We have a large amount of unlabelled and unclaimed uniform that you are welcome to have **for free** (much of it is nearly new). We know that when we offered this in September it was useful to many of you and Ms Young has kindly offered to organise a collection again next week.

Come along to the top playground on the Webb's Road site (use the gate by the school house on Wakehurst Road) to collect as many items as you need. We thank Ms Young again for her outstanding community spirit!



## Farewell to Mrs Ford

Many of you will have known Jane Ford from her many years at Belleville and in the last two years working with the Trust central team. Sadly for us, she will be leaving the Trust at Easter to spend more time with her family. We thank her for everything she has done for the children and families at Belleville in the last 20 years and are sure you will join us in wishing her the best for the future.



## Spring Term 2021

Last day of Spring 2 term: Wednesday 31st March

\*Children will finish at their usual times of 3.05pm (Y4- 6); 3.15pm (Y1 – 3), 3.25pm (Reception) and 3.30pm (Nursery)

## Summer Term 2021

Inset Day: Monday 19th April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Tuesday 20th April

Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May – school closed to children

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery closed for local elections

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 28th May

Summer half term holiday: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

First day of Summer 2 term: Monday 7th June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 23rd July

## Autumn Term 2021

Inset Days: Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd September – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1 term: Monday 6th September

Last day of Autumn 1 term: Friday 22nd October

Autumn half term holiday: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

First day of Autumn 2 term: Monday 1st November

Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 17th December

## Spring Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 4th January – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 5th January

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: Friday 22nd July

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

Please do email us on [enquiries@bellevilleschool.org](mailto:enquiries@bellevilleschool.org)