



Newsletter for Belle Vue Primary & Nursery School



It has been lovely seeing children back in school this week after the half term break. We are now halfway through the academic year! Spring is certainly in the air with brighter mornings and longer days. Hopefully we'll start seeing the sun coming out more often, but it can still be quite chilly in the mornings so please make sure children have their coats!

World Thinking Day

On Thursday 22nd February it is "World Thinking Day" and ("Founder's Day" for Scouts). We are asking that all our girl guides, Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts come to school in their uniforms on this day to celebrate belonging to their organisation.



School Lunches: All meals have to be booked in advance. The kitchen will not cater for children whose meal has not been booked by **9:45am**. Our online system allows you to book until midnight the night before, if you are unable to book online please ensure that you ring the school office by **9:45am**. The office staff will then book a meal for your child.

Please do not request lunches via email. The emails are not always checked regularly enough to make sure that any orders are placed in time.

Please be aware that if your child does not have a packed lunch or a meal booked by **9:45am**, the office staff will call or text parents/carers and ask them to bring a packed lunch to school.

Punctuality

Since coming back from half term there has been a noticeable increase in children coming in late for school. The school day starts at **8.50am** with children starting their learning for the day shortly afterwards. We understand that things happen – roadworks especially at this time of year. However, It is really important that children get to school on time so they don't miss parts of their learning or disrupt the learning of others when they come into the classroom. For some children the thought of being the focus of attention when they arrive late is detrimental to their self esteem. If you are having trouble getting your children into school please contact school for assistance, Mrs Slater – our family support worker – is more than willing to help. The school gates will be shut at 9am, any child who is late after that point must be taken to the office and registered there. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Staff

As you're aware Mrs Bell left us just before half term for a new role in a Special school in Worcester. We have appointed a replacement whom some of you may already know. Mrs Millinchip has been working at GylInn Primary for a few years and is ready for a new challenge working at Belle Vue as our new Admin Manager. She will start on the **11th March**. Mrs Fisher, who has been off after suffering a heart attack, will be rejoining us from this week. It has been great to see her back in school with the children!

New Parent Governor

Harbi Duggal is your newly elected parent Governor, Mum to Joel and Caleb Duggal. It was a very close vote with all three candidates getting a good share of the votes each. Thank you to all the parents that took part in the process.

Our whole school attendance for week beginning **5th—9th February 2024** is **93.8%**

(National expectation is **96%**)

YEAR GROUP	PERCENTAGE	YEAR GROUP	PERCENTAGE
RRJ	91.2%	RT	90.3%
YEAR 1P	92.4%	1V	93.2%
YEAR 2W	92.2%	2C-S	91.3%
YEAR 3W	97.3%	3P	98%
YEAR 4CM	94.8%	4L	91.8%
YEAR 5W	98.9%	5P	92.3%
YEAR 6HA	96%	6HO	95.3%

School Office Opening Hours: Please note that our school office opening hours are **8:30am—**



3:45pm. When contacting the office please call/visit between these times, no calls will be answered before **8:30am** or after **3:45pm** but you can send emails outside of these hours. If you need to report an absence before **8:30am** please leave a message on the absence line (**Option 1**)

Thank you

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 22nd February

World Thinking Day (and Founder's Day for Scouts)

Monday 4th—Wednesday 6th March

Year 4 Frank Chapman residential

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day, (info to follow very soon)

Monday 11th March

Heights and Weights, Reception only

Friday 15th March

Comic Relief (info to follow shortly)

Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April

Half Term— School Closed

Monday 8th April

Term Starts—School Open

Thursday 2nd May

Polling Day—School Closed to pupils

Monday 6th May

May Bank Holiday—School Closed

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May

Half Term—School Closed

Monday 3rd June

Term Starts—School Open

Change of Uniform Supplier

Due to our current uniform supplier “Gooddies” rising their retail prices, we are writing to inform you that we will be changing the supplier of our school uniform from Gooddies back to Totally Uniform, who used to supply our uniform around 3 years ago. When undertaking this review, we focused on the quality and price point of the uniform, but also on the convenience and service. Totally Uniform is based in Kingswinford which will enable you to buy in person. Children can try clothes on in store and you will be able to purchase items there and then! If ordering online, you can select to collect from store for **FREE** or Home Delivery is charged at **£5.95** (Free over £50). Totally Uniform have a free 30 day returns policy, regardless of the delivery.

Since 1989, Totally Uniform has sat in the heart of the Community in Kingswinford for over 35 years supplying quality school uniform at affordable prices to over 50+ schools.

Totally Uniform will become the uniform supplier for Belle-Vue from **Friday 1st March 2024**.

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Please note: We do have a small amount of Gooddies stock still available to purchase from school, which we will still sell at 2023 retail prices. If you would like to place an order please can you pop into the school office and collect an order form. Please note that any items not in stock will not be ordered, you will need to order from Totally Uniform.

Thank you