

## Newsletter for Belle Vue Primary & Nursery School

We are proud to announce that Delia, our crossing patrol of 45 years, won a prestigious Community Inspiration Award! Delia was nominated earlier in March and after a busy time of public voting she received her award at a special ceremony in Birmingham on Tuesday evening. We are really pleased that Delia has been recognised for her hard work, dedication and commitment to the many generations of pupils, families and staff that she guides across the road. Well done Delia!



### Local Elections—Thursday 5th May 2022

Due to the Local Elections school will be closed for all pupils on **Thursday 5th May** as we are a Polling Station.

**Playground Safety:** With our ever growing school there are more people in the playgrounds in the morning and after school. Please can you help us to keep our children safe by reminding your children to dismount from their bikes and scooters when they enter the school grounds. Please do not allow your children or their younger siblings to play on the playground equipment including the wobbly bench or climb trees before or after school.

**SATs Week:** Year 6 have their SATs week commencing **9th May**. It is really important that all Year 6 children are in on time and well rested for that week. As with any other day, can you please make sure your child has had a good nights sleep and eaten breakfast before they arrive to school.



**Foodbank Appeal :** We have decided to extend the deadline for food contributions. Please support the Foodbank by taking part in their '80 Can Challenge' we would like to collect at least 80 items for them during Lent. We have attached a flyer with more details. If you would like to contribute, then please place the items in the large bag in the school office or send them into class with your child. The last date for contributing will be 6th April. All contributions will be shared out between Kingswinford Foodbank and the Hindu Temple "Mata Da Mandir".

### Nursery Application Deadline

Please note that all Nursery applications need to be returned to the school office by **Friday 8th April.**

Thank you



### **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER GREEN FINGERED GARDENERS!**

Mrs Craddock and Mr Marshall are starting an afterschool gardening club for years 4 and 5, after Easter. Children across the rest of the school will have the opportunity to help the gardening club during the school day. If you or any of your family members would like to volunteer and help the gardening club or help during the school day please call the school office.



Thank you for the kind donations towards Red Nose Day and even though our uniform is red, it was lovely to see a different element of red and some very red noses!

We managed to raise over **£360!**



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 8th April 2022**

**Monday 25th April 2022**

**Monday 2nd May 2022**

**Thursday 5th May 2022**

**W/C Monday 9th May**

**Friday 13th May**

**Tuesday 17th May 2022**

**Friday 27th May 2022**

**Monday 6th June 2022**

**Wednesday 8th June 2022**

**Wednesday 20th July 2022**

**Thursday 21st July 2022**

**Friday 22nd July 2022**

**Last Day of Term**

**First Day of Term**

**May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed**

**Whole School Closed for Voting**

**SATs Week for Year 6**

**Year 2 Trip—The Black Country Museum**

**Reception Trip to Bishops Wood**

**Break up for Half Term**

**Return to School**

**Year 1 Trip—National Sea Life Centre**

**End of Year**

**School Closed to pupils-Teacher Training Day**

**Start of the Summer Holidays and Queen's Jubilee—School Closed**



## Do something different for Lent in 2022 - join in our 80 can challenge!

Foodbanks are facing more pressure as energy costs soar, food prices increase and many face financial worries. We hope to be able to support people through these difficult times and can only do that with the incredible support we receive from our donors. Please join our 80 Can Challenge!

Lent lasts 40 days and 40 nights so we challenge as many of you as possible to collect and donate 80 cans/packets of food to Black Country Foodbank.

This challenge can be taken up in the workplace, at school, in your church community, faith community, at home with your family or neighbours or in those clubs and societies that you are members of.

How you do it is up to you, but please be encouraged to take up the challenge!

For suggestions as to what you can donate please see the list below:-

- 1L CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- 1L CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE (FROM CONCENTRATE)
- JARS OF COOKING SAUCE
- PACKETS OF MASHED POTATOES
- JAM/MARMALADE
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNERED BEEF)
- INSTANT NOODLES
- PKTS BISCUITS
- BATH SPONGES/FACE CLOTHS
- SHAMPOO
- SHOWER GEL
- DEODORANT
- SHAVING FOAM
- TOILET ROLL
- SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES
- TOOTHPASTE
- HANDWASH
- CAN OPENERS

It need not just be cans – packets and toiletry items are needed too.

Once you have collected your items if you would like us to collect them, please contact [admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk) or phone 01384 671250

For more information, please see our website [www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk)





Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March myself and 8 boys represented the school in our brand-new football kit at a friendly match against Alder Coppice Primary school. We didn't win but we played really well as a team and rocked our new kit professionally.



After Easter half term year 3 Multi-Sports After School Club will start on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. We have had a fantastic amount of letters sent back. Due to a high demand we will split the children into two after school clubs again so no children will miss out on attending. All letters and dates will be given to children next week. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask myself or the office.

There are a couple more spaces available for **4W** After School Club on a **Wednesday 3:30-4:30**. This will start week commencing **09/05/22** and will be led by myself. If your child would like to attend please see the office to add their names to the list.

**Please make sure your children have brought back their PE kit as we are having children who do not have their kit for PE in school. All children need to have a pair of pumps and trainers in school, as it is not safe for children to be doing PE in their school shoes. Unless their kit is dirty or wet please can we keep kits in school.**

**Indoor and outdoor kit needs to be in school every week as we will be doing as much PE outside as we can. Children are also able to wear coats, gloves, hats, snoods or scarfs if this wish too. It is essential that all children have trainers to wear outdoors as school shoes are not permitted and pumps are not ideal.**

- \* **Indoor PE kit:** white t-shirt, red short and pumps.
- \* **Outdoor PE kit:** Black/Navy or Grey joggers, hoodie or jacket, white t-shirt and trainers.

If they attend after school clubs and go home in their PE kits please ensure PE kits are returned.

PE days for the children;

**Year 1 PE days** – Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning.

**Year 2 PE days** – Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon.

**Year 3 PE days** – Monday morning and Tuesday morning.

**Year 4 PE days** – Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon.

**Year 5 PE days** – Wednesday afternoon and Friday afternoon.

**Year 6 PE days** – Monday morning, Thursday morning.



Dear Parent/Carer

## **Election of Parent Governor April 2022 - Belle Vue Primary School**

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for 3 parent governors and there are currently 2 vacancies.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;

Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and

Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills, **HR, Health and Safety, Legal, Safeguarding, etc.** Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend free induction training.

### **How to nominate someone to stand for election**

Any Parent with a pupil at the School may stand as a candidate for election as a Parent Governor so long as none of the disqualifications listed on the reverse of the nomination form apply.

Each candidate must first sign a form agreeing to his/her nomination. For each candidate the name, address and signature of a proposer and seconder is required, both of whom must have pupils at the school. No person may sign more than two nomination papers.

Candidates should submit a short personal statement, in about 150 words, which will be circulated to Parents if a ballot is necessary. This statement should cover the skills and experience required by the governing body as detailed above and a commitment to undertake training to acquire or develop the skills to be an effective governor. If you are an existing governor seeking re-election you may include details of your contribution to the work of the governing body during your previous term of office and how you plan to contribute to the future work of the governing body.

You may nominate yourself for one of the vacancies, but will still require a proposer and seconder, one of whom may be your spouse/partner.

Parent Governors will be elected for four years and do not cease to hold office when their child leaves the School, though they may wish to do so. You may nominate up to two Parents for appointment to the Governing Body.

Nomination forms should be completed and returned to the School by your child. You may, if you wish, post the form to the School, but it must be with the Headteacher by the date shown on the form.

### **The Election**

If the number of candidates exceeds the number of spaces on the Governing Body there will need to be an election. If this happens you will be sent a ballot paper during week commencing **25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

If you would like more information about Governors' Meetings, or the eligibility of Parents to stand for election and vote, please contact the Headteacher in the first instance.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Marshall**  
**Headteacher**



## **Our School need Governors**

### **Are you interested in making a positive contribution to children's education?**

- If so, then becoming a parent governor could be just the opportunity you are looking for.
- You don't need to be an expert in educational issues to become a school governor.
- The most important contributions you can offer are time, enthusiasm and skills you use in everyday life.
- As a school governor, you will have the opportunity to contribute ideas and influence decisions.
- On appointment it is expected that you will attend training in your role and responsibilities as a governor as well as child protection. A full range of additional training courses will be available to you to help you in your role.
- \* The Local Authority offers a helpline where you can get advice and support during office hours

### **By becoming a school governor, you will have an opportunity:**

- To work as part of a team
- To play a vital part in raising standards
- To help ensure that every child at the school reaches their full potential
- To make an important contribution to your local community
- \* To apply and extend your skills and knowledge.

### **How much time is involved?**

- School governors are the largest volunteer group in this country. Approximately 1% of the adult population are serving as governors.
- You will need to be able to give time to your role as a school governor, which can at times be quite demanding but also extremely rewarding for you.
- You will need to be able to attend meetings, usually in the evening, and set aside time to prepare for meetings and read up on relevant issues.
- School governors usually attend one or two full governing body meetings each term together with perhaps one or two committee meetings each term.
- \* You may, as a school governor, be invited to be involved in an activity during the day.

### **Quotation from existing parent governor**

*"School is a big part of my child's life and, through being a governor, I now have a better understanding of the education system and the issues facing the school".*

## Election of Parent Governor(s)

Name of Candidate  
(Surname First)

Email Address

Home Address

Full name of Registered

Age

Pupil(s) at the school

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The above-named, having a child/children at XXXX School, is willing to serve if elected and is hereby nominated for consideration for appointment as a Governor of the School. A personal statement for inclusion on the voting paper is given below:-

Proposed by

Signature

Print Name and Address

Seconded by

Signature

Print Name and Address

I accept nomination and declare that I am 18 or over

Signature

If you wish to make a personal statement in support of your nomination, it should be around 150 words. Please complete the section below in block letters and continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the School **no later than 12 noon on Thursday 7th April 2022**

**Please note this post is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Check**

## Qualifications and disqualifications to serve as a school governor

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- \* is the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or an interim order, a debt relief restrictions order, an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- \* has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- \* is subject to:
  - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
  - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
  - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
  - an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- \* has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body;
- \* is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people;
- \* is barred from any regulated activity relating to children;
- \* is disqualified from working with children or from registering for child-minding or providing day care;
- \* is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State;
- \* has been sentenced to three months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- \* has received a prison sentence of 2 years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- \* has at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- \* has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- \* is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for parent governor at the same school;
- \* is an elected member of the Local Authority (applies to parent governors only);
- \* has refused a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a criminal records certificate.
- \* has been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months
- \* has been removed from office as an elected Governor within the last five years.

I confirm that I have read the above disqualifications and confirm that none apply.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_