

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

## Newsletter for Belle Vue Primary & Nursery School



We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We hope you had a restful break and are ready for the term ahead!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for helping and supporting the school last term and supporting the PTA; your help is greatly appreciated.



We are very pleased to welcome the 4th Kingswinford guides and the 1st Dudley Brook Scout Group to Belle-Vue. They will be running their clubs from our school hall. Please let the school office know if your child/children are interested in joining , scouts, beavers, cubs, or guides. We look forward to working closely with the groups in the future.

**School Lunches:** A polite reminder that school lunches need to be ordered via the SchoolMoney app. **The office can not input any late orders after 10:30am.** Your child will not be guaranteed a meal if a lunch has not been placed.

Thank you



**Flu Catch-up Session:** We have been informed by vaccination UK that they will be attending school on **Monday 17th January 2022**, they will attend school later part of the morning to complete the outstanding flu vaccinations.

If your child has had their flu vaccination at an alternative clinic, can you let school know by emailing: **info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk**

Thank you



**Monday 17th January**

**Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February**

**Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April**

**Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June**

**Flu Catch-up Session**

**Spring Half Term — School Closed**

**Easter Holiday—School Closed**

**Half Term—School Closed**



We are in our second term and have new sports underway. The children in all year groups are enjoying our new sports, games and activities we are doing each lesson.

Year 3 have completed their first 6 weeks at Dodgeball after school club and every single one of them enjoyed themselves and have requested if they can come back again. On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January** the second group of year 3's will be starting Dodgeball up until half term.

Football is back up and underway after school and schools are getting in touch for upcoming matches. Letters will go out with all details attached.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the new Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre which looks absolutely amazing. I feel the new leisure centre will benefit our children even more with their new facilities. Year 5's first lesson will be on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. It is important that all children with long hair have their hair tied back and in a swimming hat. Goggles are allowed to be worn as long as the child can adjust the goggles themselves and put them on. Swim socks are also acceptable to wear as long as they have a soft sole.

**Please ensure children have outdoor kit in the new year as we will be doing as much PE outside as we can.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Year 6 PE days** – Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.

As winter is here, we are making the most of the dry weather. Can we make sure that all children have both their indoor and outdoor PE kit.

**Indoor PE kit:** white t-shirt, red short and pumps.

**Outdoor PE kit:** joggers, hoodie or jacket, white t-shirt and trainers.

Children still don't have PE kits in school or do not have a full PE kit. School shoes are not ideal for doing PE in. It is **important that all children have their PE kits in school every term**. If they attend after school clubs and go home in their PE kits please ensure PE kits are returned.

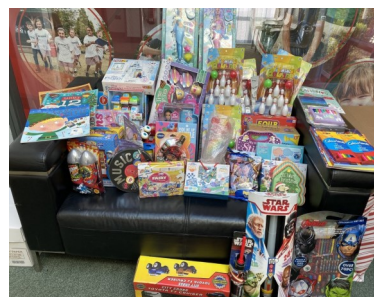


### **Family Support Update**

We start the New Year with lots of plans for new projects and ways to provide support. We look forward to telling you more about them, in this and future newsletters.

### **Toy Donations**

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for the toys and other items you donated before Christmas. As you can see from the photos, we were able to make a significant donation to the appeals. The items were divided equally between the Black Country Santa Appeal and Leslie's Care Packages. Both charities were extremely grateful.



Along with Stourbridge Foodbank, the two charities also supported some of our families over Christmas. Vi Wood from LCP provided an amazing amount of support and also donated a large amount of food to us to pass onto our families.



Unfortunately, Vi can no longer use the premises she was running her charity from and is desperately in search of a new storage space for free or a small rent. If you know of any suitable spaces please let me know.

### **Financial Support and Advice**

With fuel and food bills rising and the increase in job losses, more families in our school community are struggling financially. If this is your family, please don't feel embarrassed about contacting me for support. I may be able to provide you with some support and advice.

### **Parenting Courses**

We held our first Triple P parenting course this week, looking at how to deal with challenging behaviour. The parents who attended found it helpful and also valued the chance to be able to talk to other parents encountering the same difficulties. We will run this session again in the future for those unable to attend this one. Our next session will focus on difficulties around sleep and will take place on **Wednesday 9th March (9-11)**.

If you are unable to attend the sessions in school hours, then you may be interested in the online sessions. Please contact me for details.

### **Support Group for Parents of Children with SEND**

On **Tuesday 25th January (9.00-10.30)** we are launching our new support group for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. If you have a child at Belle Vue with SEND, or they have a sibling who does, then we would like to invite you to join us. Initially, it will be a chance to have a coffee and a chat with parents in a similar situation but as we progress we aim to invite speakers in, to provide information and advice. If you would like to attend, please let me know in advance so we don't run out of biscuits!

### **Anxiety Workshop**

If your child is struggling with anxiety, then you may be interested in this workshop via Zoom. I have attended a previous session and I found it very informative and useful. It is provided by a company called Educational Psychology for Everyone who provide our school with support. They have provided the details below.

**Following the success of our previous "Supporting Children with Anxiety" workshops and due to continued demand, we are pleased to announce that we will be running the session again on 27th January 2022 at 7pm.**

**The workshop will be delivered via Zoom and will be followed by a Q&A session with the facilitators where you will have the chance to ask any questions you may have.**

**Tickets are available for £5 per household and you will be sent a Zoom link to access the workshop prior to the event.**

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-children-with-anxiety-tickets-244587175827>**

If you wish to contact me regarding any of these aspects or any other concerns you may have, then please contact me via the school office or email me at [family@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:family@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

Mrs Slater