



# Belleville News

24 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a restful half term break. It is good to see all the children back in school and enjoying their learning.

We all feel horrified by the catastrophic events in Turkey and Syria and our thoughts are with everyone affected by this tragedy. We continue to include a link in this newsletter where families can contribute financial support to help. We are supporting the [Disasters Emergency Committee appeal](#) where the first £5m raised was matched by funding from the UK Government. Thank you very much for your support.

You will be aware that next Thursday 2nd March is the second day of strike action by the NEU in their funding and pay dispute with the government. We hope that agreement can be reached before this date, but disruption is likely. We shall contact you as soon as we have further information to share.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

**NEU Planned Strike Day** – Thursday 2 March.

**World Book Day** - Friday 3 March. Children can wear a book-related costume to school. No donations needed.

**Ghana Day** – Monday 6 March. Children can wear the colours of Ghana's flag. There will be a voluntary donation of £1 for our partner schools in Ghana.

**PTA Quiz Night** – Friday 10 March, 7.30pm, Meteor Street.

**NEU Planned Strike Days** – Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March.

**Wandsworth Music Brighter Sounds Concert - Royal Albert Hall**  
Tuesday 28 March, 7pm (Year 6, and Year 4 Brass players).

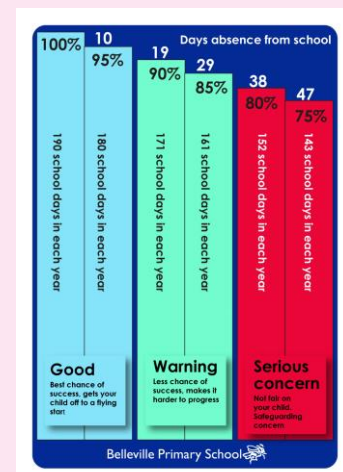
**Last day of Spring 2 term:** Friday 31 March.

## School Attendance

School attendance is very important to make sure that every child reaches their full potential not only academically but also socially and emotionally.

We expect all children to attend school every day and to be in the playground at the start of the day. Periods of absence and poor punctuality are disruptive to the children's learning and send poor messages about the value of education. Please can you support us to ensure your children do not miss out through unnecessary absences.

For information about our attendance expectations, holidays, reporting absence and sickness, [please visit our website.](#)





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## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3 March**. Children will be able to come to school dressed up in a book-themed costume.

The costume can be as simple or elaborate as you wish (as long as it is safe for your child and others!), but we would encourage you to reuse or recycle items you already have at home rather than purchasing new items for the day.

All children will also be given a £1 World Book Day token which can be redeemed for a free book at [local participating retailers](#).

## Ghana Day

To celebrate and raise awareness and funding for our schools in Ghana we will be hosting a Ghana Day on **Monday 6 March**, which is Ghana Independence Day. Children will be able to wear any/all the colours of Ghana's flag (red, yellow, green or black).

During assembly we will celebrate our ongoing support programme. We would be grateful for a voluntary £1 donation for our Ghana partner schools. Here is our very own Miss Nyedige delivering computers donated by Belleville Primary School to DD (Dzogbedze/ Deme) United Basic school Alavanyo, the same school she attended as a child.



## Music

Year 1 are learning about dynamics this term in music and created a dynamic performance of the hairy scary castle songs with sounds that are loud (f) and quiet (p).





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## Reception

This week Reception launched their Traditional Tales topic with the story of The Gingerbread Man. The children have been learning about story language, how to act in the role of a character to retell a story and following instructions to make their very own delicious gingerbread men. We are all looking forward to our visit to the Polka Theatre to watch 'Jack v Giant' over the next couple of weeks.



## Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

Our thoughts continue to be with all those who have been affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, including families within our community.

Tens of thousands of people have been killed, hundreds of buildings have been destroyed and survivors are facing freezing conditions and need urgent aid to survive.

If you are able to, please [donate to the DEC.](#)



## Online Safety

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Belleville and celebrating Safer Internet



Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, UK Safer Internet have created some free activities and information for parents and carers [which are available here.](#)

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Our first priority is to ensure all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



## Your PTA needs you!



The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with several roles from this term onwards. They cannot run activities and raise money for the school without their team of volunteers, so please consider getting involved. They are looking for:

- PTA Head of Meteor (1 or 2 people)
- PTA Secretary
- 2-3 people to run Belleville's Got Talent
- Editor of Belleville Buzz
- Designer
- 2-3 people to support the Shopping Evening team.

To volunteer or find out more, please email [hello@bellevillepta.org](mailto:hello@bellevillepta.org)

### School Term Dates

#### Spring Term 2023

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 31 March

#### Summer Term 2023

Inset day: Mon 17 April – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 18 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May – school closed.

Bank Holiday for Coronation of King Charles III:

Monday 8 May – school closed.

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 26 May

Summer half term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset day: Monday 5 June - school closed to children.

First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 6 June

Last day of Summer 2: Friday 21 July

#### Autumn Term 2023

Inset Days: Mon 4 & Tues 5 Sept - school closed to children.

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 6 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 20 October

Autumn half term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October

First day of Autumn 2: Monday 30 October

Last day of Autumn 2: Thursday 21 December

#### Spring Term 2024

Inset Day: Mon 8 Jan – school closed to children.

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 9 January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 9 February

Spring half term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 19 February

Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 28 March

#### Summer Term 2024

Inset Day: Mon 15 April – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 16 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May – school closed.

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 24 May

Summer half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

Inset Day: Monday 3 June – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 4 June

Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July