



January 2022

Getting ready for Whole school Christmas lunch !



Attendance

Year 6 – 94%

Year 5 – 95%

Year 4 – 94.7%

Year 3 – 90.3%

Year 2 – 91.3%

Year 1 – 96.4%

Reception – 91.4%

Well done to Year 5!

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing break and happy new year to you all!

As you know, we were very sorry that we had to place some restrictions on our Christmas activities. Despite not having an audience, the children performed incredibly well in their Christmas productions and they were of an incredibly high quality – what talented performers we have! It made me so very proud watching them, but you, as audience members, were very much missed! We have placed all of the Christmas performances on the website and I do hope that you found time over the break to watch them.

I would like to thank all of you who bought raffle tickets and congratulations to the lucky winners (a list was emailed out to parents on the last day of term.) We appreciate the generosity of everyone who donated prizes, including Bedz on the Rye; L8NBS beauty salon and the Good food shop.

As you are aware, coronavirus levels remain very high in London. Therefore, we have the following extra precautions as well as the ones in place since September. These will be reviewed on the 26th January.

- Assemblies are remote and after school clubs have been postponed to minimise classes mixing together.
- Visitors are restricted from entering school, and all visitors who do come into school are asked to take a lateral flow test first.
- All adults wear a mask (unless exempt in communal areas)

We will continue to follow any guidance issued from the DFE.

Warmest wishes,

Julie Ireland

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

I would like to welcome the new nursery children who have settled in so well, and some of the nursery children enjoyed a visit to the park to feed the ducks. Last term, the whole school enjoyed a fantastic Christmas lunch altogether and enjoyed decorating their place mats. Year 2 have been very busy since we have returned – practising their number skills and enjoying learning about their new topic ‘The Great Fire of London.’ Year 1 have enjoyed being story tellers and have been rewriting ‘Little Red Riding Hood.’ Please do follow us on Instagram to see more of our pictures showing all of our hard work!



Clubs

We hope to resume our after school clubs' provision in a few weeks' time, depending on the government review of the Plan B restrictions on the 26th January. We will send out information regarding which clubs are available and for which year groups prior to them starting. Once more, the majority of clubs will be free (there are some exceptions to this.) Do consider encouraging your child to try a different club this term – after all, variety is the spice of life!

Year 6 tuition

We will begin tuition for Year 6 pupils once again every Monday from Monday 7th January for a 7 week block. If you have a child in Year 6, I strongly recommend that your child attends in order to prepare for their SATS tests. Children are placed in small groups and receive high-quality provision. This term, our focus will be maths. If you have a Year 6 child and you would like them to attend, please do complete the permission slip and hand in to Miss Crandon or Miss Tracy.

Online maths platforms

We have invested in a range of online maths platforms to give children the opportunity to develop their maths skills, so please ensure your child is using these at home. Your child has passwords for numbots (Years 1 and 2); mathletics and times tables rock stars (Years 3 -6.) We receive points every time a child goes on Times tables rock stars and we are sent information comparing how many points we have to other schools in Southwark – and we are quite low down, so please help us reach the top! If you do not know your child's passwords, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary

Please note that the Year 4 class assembly has now been moved to Friday 27th May at 9.00. We are hoping that the Y6 trip to London Zoo will go ahead on Friday 11th February. As restrictions (hopefully) ease, other classes will begin booking their class visits.

Please note we break up on Friday 11th February at 3.30 and return on Monday 21st February.

Swimming

We are delighted that we have been able to provide swimming tuition once more this academic year. This term, Year 5 will go swimming for the term, and Years 3 and 4 will go in the summer term. It is our aim that every child leaves Bellenden being able to swim at least 25 metres competently, confidently and proficiently. Please do make sure that your child attends, even in the cold weather, as being able to swim is a vital skill that could be life-saving.

Reception applications for 2022-2023

If you have a child who is eligible for starting the reception class in September 2022 (i.e. your child has turned four by September 2022) then you need to fill in the online application form by 15th January. If you need any help with this, then please contact Susan.

