



28th February
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Newsletter No. 8

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are being kept updated regularly via the county, regarding the management of the Coronavirus. In the interest of reducing the need for continual school comms, I will post the links on our Twitter Page. Obviously if the situation escalates, we would then follow our normal critical incident procedures and you would be informed appropriately using those channels.

The latest link is as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Despite the miserable weather we have had this week, the children have come back with an enthusiasm for learning.

The year 2s started the week with a fabulous visit from History off the Page which included a wide variety of workshops relating to the great Fire of London. The children dressed up, as did the adults, and all enjoyed a wonderful day of learning. The writing produced by the children subsequently has been of a very high quality, reflecting the engagement and enjoyment that the children have clearly had with this topic.

The heavy rain did not put off the year 3s, who enjoyed their trip to Colchester Zoo this week, in support of their work on the Amazon Rain Forest. Although it was a bit cold for some of the animals to emerge from their warm dens, there was still plenty for the children to see and learn. Evidently, the workshop leaders were very impressed by the knowledge demonstrated by our pupils about the rainforest.

The teachers were extremely impressed by the behaviour of all of our pupils for both of these events and very grateful to the excellent support of accompanying parents. Thank you.

We constantly seek to work together to improve the outcomes for all of our pupils at The Bellbird. Information has been shared with you recently regarding the start times to the school day and the impact a regular few 'late minutes' has on learning. From Monday, we ask that parents who are too late for the side gates, which close at 8:55am, please bring their child into the foyer and write in the book, which will be kept on the table in the foyer. This allows the hatch and office staff to be available to deal with other morning matters.

Please be aware that whilst diary dates are sent out on the newsletters, the calendar on the website has the latest, most up to date diary events including any alterations which sometimes, unfortunately, can happen at the last minute.

There are a few FABS events coming up, so keep a look out for these and do come along to enjoy a great time!

With kind regards
Mrs Kendall | Headteacher

Year 6 Hoodies

Thank you very much to Mrs Lavender for organising the year 6 hoodies again for our pupils. I would like to confirm that these hoodies should not be used to replace coats, fleeces or sweat-shirts at school, but may be worn as part of the outdoor PE kits. They will be super for the Y6 residential and may be worn at the Leavers Assembly. Other than these occasions, we ask that the children stick to the normal school uniform.

Many thanks for your support.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Friday 28th February	KS1 Disco 5—6pm KS2 Disco 6:30—8pm
Friday 20th March	NO Celebration assembly—Bellbirds Got Talent Show! FABS event Family Springo
Wednesday 25th March	Full reports home for pupils in Y1—Y6
Monday 24th March	Y3 School trip to Colchester Y2 Great Fire of London workshop day
Thursday 26th March	Parent consultation—morning 8—11am (Note—change of date)
Tuesday 31st March	Parent consultation—evening 3:40—7pm
Wednesday 1st April	Easter breakfast LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Thursday/ Friday 2/3 rd April	INSET day—SCHOOL CLOSED