

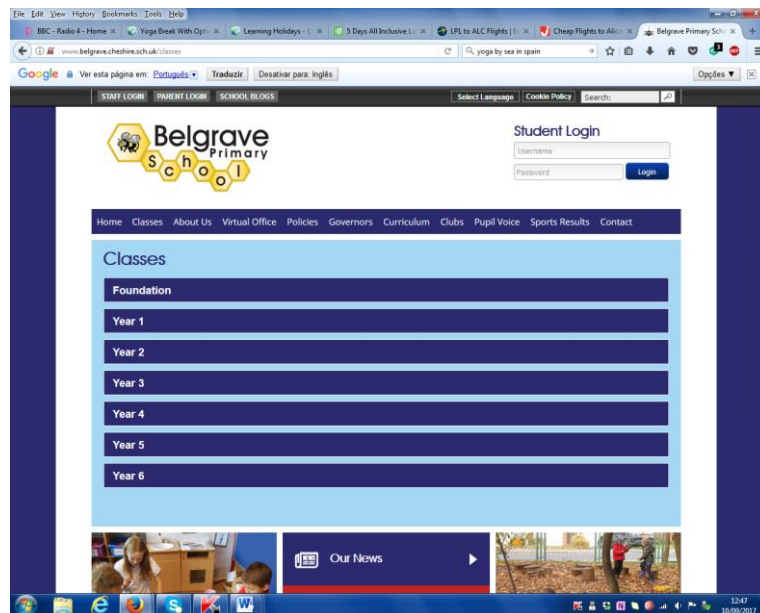
September Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

Welcome to the school year and we hope you have had a chance to enjoy a break over the summer. The children have come back to school ready for learning and have enjoyed seeing friends and staff and sharing their news. This newsletter will provide you with updates and dates for the school year. When we add additional dates they will be in bold.

In 2018 the school will be having a Gold Anniversary celebration as the school was opened in 1968. This event on the 29th June will include events during both the school day and the evening. More information and ideas will be discussed at the PTA meeting on Tuesday the 12th September at 7:15. Information about the PTA meeting has been emailed to parents and is also on the schools website under NEWS. There is no need for a password to open most of the pages on the school's website.

During the last school year we started to send more information by email; this will continue this year, we are also promoting use of the website. The teachers will be sending out the Autumn term newsletter this week (this will be emailed) and then in future teachers we will be putting information on the website regularly to keep you informed about what is happening in each class.



You can access your child's class by clicking on the second tab on the left of the screen **Classes** and then clicking on the class. Homework will be sent home in the most appropriate way for the task. This may be written in the children's Home School Book, Planner or their homework book.

We are striving to use less paper to communicate but sometimes there will be letters sent home so please still check book bags and school bags.

We are delighted to be able to inform you that we have received a grant from the Earl of Chester for the school's band and there will be no donation needed from parents for this excellent provision. Alex Harper will be continuing to lead band. Band is on Thursdays at 3:15 until 4:15 and is open to all Year 5 and 6 pupils who have continued to have group lessons to play a musical instrument. Unfortunately the Cheshire Music Service cannot offer percussion instrument lessons at school but these are offered after school at Bishop's High School. Please see Mrs Hancock, the school's music co-ordinator, or call in to talk to me if you have any questions. Mrs Hancock will be leading the school choir and the children will be practising on Friday lunchtimes.

On Friday we shared a brilliant presentation sent by Mr Moss about his conservation work in Costa Rica on a turtle reserve. I have included a link as the children have been really interested. The children have sent questions to Mr Moss who will answer these during the week.

<http://reservaplayatortuga.org/babyturtles/>



We would like to welcome back Mrs Sharp who is teaching Year 3 this year. Mrs Sharp and Miss Taylor will be teaching recorders to pupils during a lunch time. There will be two groups; a Year 2 beginners group and a Junior group.

Booking at the School's Before and After School Club:

Please could parents **book places for the After School Club** as we need to plan the staffing and be sure of who is attending. It is less of an issue in the morning as we can register as the children arrive but there is sometimes confusion at the end of the school day as to where pupils should be. There is no charge if the place is cancelled by 2:30pm but earlier notice is preferable. If a child is absent from school no charge is applied.

We do need parents to sign children out for health and safety reasons. There are two rates: £4 until 4:15 and £5 4:15 until 5:30 or £9 for the whole session. There has had to be a late charge as we need to pay staff for additional time. The after school staff pass the records to the office and we request that the charges are not discussed with the staff managing the club as they need to focus on looking after the children. Children will be in the foyer for collection at 5:30.

The After School Curriculum Clubs

Club	Pupils	Day & Time	Provider / Contact	Starts
Games ~ Football Netball in autumn and spring and Cricket and Athletics in summer	Year 5/6	Monday 3:15–4:15	Mark Phillips – Sports Coach Mrs Redmond Tom Mulligan -Sports Coach	Register at first session
Drama (payment to Ravanne Cottier)	Juniors	Tuesday 3:15-4:15	Ravanne Cottier (Private Provider) 07901 822481	
Art (£4 to school)	Yr 1-6 Each year group has half a term	Tuesday 3:15-4:15	Mrs Bates and Miss Hopkins	Letters will be sent out
Football (payment to S4YC)	Year 1+	Tuesday Autumn & Summer	Football4YourCommunity (Private Provider) 07734 705559	Letters will be sent out
Football – girls	Year 5/6	Wednesday – lunchtime	Mark Phillips	Register at first session
Recorders	Year 3	Wednesday - lunchtime	Rachael Sharp	
Gymnastics (£4 to school)	Year 1/2	Wednesday 8.00am	Mark Phillips	Register at first session
Multi skills/games	Year 3/4	Wednesday 3:15-4:15	Mark Phillips	Register at first session
Chess Club (£4)	Juniors	Thursday 8.00 – 8.45	Mark Phillips	Letters will be sent out
Recorders (school funded)	Year 2	TBC	L Taylor	Letters will be sent out
Junior Choir (school funded)	Year 3-6	Thursday - lunchtime	Music Service	
Drama (payment to private provider)	Year Rec/1/2	Thursday 3:10 – 4:15	Ravanne Cottier (Private Provider) 07901 822481	Letters will be sent out
Band NO CHARGE	Year 5/6	Thursday 3:15-4:15	Alex Harper	Register at the first session
Dodgeball (£4 to school)	Year 5/6 Autumn Year 3/4 Spring 5/6 Summer	Friday 8.00	School	Register on first session
Street Dance (payment to private provider)	Year 3/4/5/6	Friday 3:15 – 4:15	Miss G Gibbard (Private Provider) 07771538485	Letters will be sent out
Tag Rugby (funded by school)	Year 5/6	Friday 3:15 – 4:00	Mr Clifton	Register at first session

Our MP Chris Matheson will be visiting the school at the end of this month and meeting all the pupils as he walks around the school. We will be arranging a discussion with a group of pupils who will no doubt have some excellent views to express. We have written to Chris Matheson about a range of subjects e.g. assessment, funding for schools, special needs provision. He has been very pro-active about education. The teachers are currently organising representatives from each Year 1 to Year 6 class for the School Council, Eco Committee, Sports Council , Road Safety and E-Safety roles in school.

Budgets continue to be a concern as costs have risen and there has been no increase in what schools receive. We had no choice but to charge for some before and after school curriculum clubs that had previously been funded by school. Please note that our teachers provide clubs at no cost to parents, except Art Club where we need to provide consumable resources, and we fund some of the sports clubs from our sports premium grant. We have just heard that the sports premium grant has been increased for all schools so our staff and governors we will be looking at how we can use this grant to benefit all pupils. This information is on the website under Sports Premium.

Please can parents read the Behaviour Policy on the website under Policies in order that you are familiar with the rewards and sanctions system. This will enable you to support us with maintaining the school's vision.

Jane Redmond (PE Co-ordinator) has been arranging visitors to school linked to our Healthy Schools Week on 18th September. There will be a focus during the week on exercise, healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. Thank you to the parents who have offered to share their expertise. We will use some of our Sports Premium to fund some of the activities during this week as we know that a focussed week will have impact on all of the pupils. It is exciting to see children trying new activities and gaining confidence and enjoyment. We have never had so many Year 3 joining Street Dance! Keep dancing!!!



Fixed Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holidays

Letters from the LA were sent to parents at the end of last term to clarify the position regarding issuing Fixed Penalty Notices. It has been established in the Supreme Court that there are sound policy reasons for not allowing term time holidays. This is unless the holiday absence meets the exceptional circumstances criteria. If you require further information a summary can be found at:

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/case/docs/uksc-2016-0155-press-summary.pdf>

There is a definite link between Attendance and Attainment at school. In 2016 when we looked at attendance and pupil's assessment we found that there was definite correlation.

(Belgrave data 2015-16 shared with parents and governors. This continues to be an accurate picture.)

Absence reflected in days absence in a year	% attendance	% of pupils at the expected + level
More than 19 days	Less than 90%	30% of pupils at expected or above
10-19 days	90%-95%	67% at expected or above
6-9 days	95%-97%	83% at expected or above
Less than 6 days	97%- 100%	86% at expected or above

Parents receive their children's record of attendance twice in the school year unless the school and/or the educational welfare officer is monitoring your child's attendance.

If a child is not fit for school we require you to telephone the school by 9:00. You can leave a message on the answer machine with some information about the illness. If your child has a medical appointment during the school day they can be collected during the day and then returned to school. Their arrival time and return time will be recorded in the signing out/in book. Please be assured that we will contact you if your child is unwell during the school day.

On the Attendance Certificate illness is coded I and medical appointments M. The full key for the symbols is included on the certificate. If your child is suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting they need to be absent for 48hours after their symptoms have gone.

Outstanding Key Stage 2 SAT's Results 2017

Our results page on the school website has the highlights of the statutory tests in Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. This will be added to in the next few weeks. We have now received data with the comparisons with the LA and National for the Year 6 SATS results. They are as follows:

2017 Year 6 Results

	Belgrave	LA	National
Reading expected	100%	73.5%	71.5%
Reading high attainers *	55.2%	25.9%	24.4%
Writing expected	89.7%	73.7%	76.3%
Writing high attainers*	27.6%	17.9%	17.7%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling expected	93.1%	78.5%	76.9%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling high attainers*	62.1%	30%	30.8%
Maths expected	93.1%	73.5%	74.8%
Maths high attainers*	37.9%	21.9%	22.5%

(*High attainers is defined as 110 scaled score+)

Working Together

The Year Group Expectation Meeting during the next few weeks will give you information about the school's curriculum and ways you can support your child. We hope to see as many parents as possible at this meeting which we have found to be invaluable to parents and children and it helps us to establish an excellent partnership.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Welcome Back Social on Friday 22nd September which is our first PTA event of the year. It is a relaxed event which gives you an opportunity to socialise. This events starts at 5:30 and ends at 7:30.

Kind regards,

Deanne Garratt

**DATES
2017-18**

September

Tue 12 th	Cheese and Wine PTA Events/Ideas/AGM 7.15pm
Wed 13 th	Year 4 Expectation Meeting with parents 6.30pm
Thur 14 th	Year 1 Expectation Meeting with parents 6.30pm
Mon 18 th	Year 6 Expectation Meeting with parents 6.30pm
Wed 20 th	Year 2 Expectation Meeting with parents 6.30pm
Fri 22 nd	Welcome Back Event 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tue 26 th	Year 3 Expectation Meeting with parents 6.30pm
Mon 25 th – 29 th	Year 6 Residential Visit to Conway Centre
Thur 28 th	Year 5 Expectation Meeting with parents 6.30pm

October

Tue 3 rd	Reception Expectation Meeting with parents 6.30pm
Sat 14 th	Family Grounds Day 9.30am – 12.00 midday
Fri 20 th	Harvest Festival 9.30am Rec/KS1 & 2.30pm KS2
Mon 23 rd	Reception Reading Workshop for parents 6.30pm
Thur 26 th	Halloween Disco 5.30pm – 6.30pm Reception/KS1 6.45pm – 7.45pm KS2

Half Term 30th October to 3rd November

November

Tue 7 th	Tempest Individual Photos 8.00am
Fri 17 th	PTA Pamper Night – provisional
Mon 27 th	Reception/KS1 Parent's Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Tue 28 th	Year 3, 5 & 6 Parent's Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Wed 29 th	All Years Parent's Appointments 3.30pm – 7.00pm
Thur 30 th	Year 4 Parent's Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm

December

Fri 8 th	Christmas Fair
Week beg. 11 th	KS1 Plays
Thur 14 th	KS2 Carols
Fri 15 th	KS2 Carols
Mon 18 th	KS2 Carols
Tue 19 th	Party Day/Panto

21st December

Last Day of Term

January 2018

Fri 26 th	Key Strings
Fri 26 th	PTA Quiz Night

March

Mon 12 th	Reception/KS1 Parent's Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Tue 13 th	Year 3, 5 & 6 Parent's Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Wed 14 th	All Years Parent's Appointments 3.30pm – 7.00pm
Thur 15 th	Year 4 Parent's Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Thur 22 nd	PTA Disco

Fri 23rd Non Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle
Sat 24th Family Grounds Day 9.30am – 12.00 midday
Tue 27th – 29th Year 5 Residential visit to Conway

April

Tue 17th & 18th Year 4 Residential visit to Burwardsley
Mon 23rd Tempest – Class Groups
Fri 27th PTA Here Comes Summer! Rainbow Raffle Draw

May

Mon 14th KS2 SATs
KS1 SATs

June

Wed 6th & 7th Year 3 Residential visit to Beeston
Week beg. 11th Phonics Screening
Fri 29th Day and Evening 50th Anniversary of School

July

Fri 6th Afternoon performance KS2 Play 1.45pm performance
Mon 9th Year 6 Bikeability All Week
Tue 10th KS2 Play 6.30pm Performance
Wed 11th KS2 Play 6.30pm Performance
Mon 16th Open Afternoon
Tue 17th Reception/KS1 assembly for Parents 9.30am
Tue 17th Year 6 Presentation for Parents 2.15pm
Tue 17th Year 6 Leavers Disco
Wed 18th Year 6 Fun Day
Fri 20th Last Day of Term