

Belgrave Primary School

November Newsletter 2017

9th November 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

I hope you managed to have a break during half term; it is great to see that children have returned to school refreshed and ready for the second half of the term.

I have informed the school's governors I will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term 2018. My intention has been to give the school ample time to advertise the post and complete the recruitment process this academic year.

I would like to say that I am very grateful for the support I have received from parents, governors and staff since my appointment in September 2003 and the opportunity to have been the head teacher of a school which has been through such an exciting journey, particularly between 2006 and 2008 when we transitioned from an infant school to a primary school.

The success of Belgrave Primary School is due to the whole hearted commitment of the whole school community. The team at Belgrave Primary School are exceptional due to their skills, enthusiasm and loyalty to the school and I am impressed every day by the excellent learning that goes on.

I continue to be excited and enthusiastic about my role in school and am looking forward to the rest of the academic year. I do of course appreciate that this will include ensuring there is a successful and effective hand over to the newly appointed head teacher.

Belgrave will always be at the forefront of my thoughts and I would like to continue to be involved in the school in the future if this is possible.

The remainder of the newsletter will be "business as usual" with so much going on in school and out and about in the community.

Yours truly,

Deanne Garratt

Visitors to School

On our first day back we welcomed Lou Ellis to school to present a Road Safety Assembly supported by the two Year 6 Safety Officers. We also recreated a 2017 version of a photo that was taken in 1968 for the school's 50th.



The pupils in Years 1-6 also had Money Your Future workshops lead by Lloyds Bank staff which were interesting and linked well with the school's curriculum and aim to extend learning to real situations.



The children listened attentively and asked excellent questions.

Kier Bin Lorry Design Competition

On the 23rd October representatives from Kier visited school to present a prize to Morven in Year 5 who was 3rd in this national competition for her innovative design. Morven received a fantastic art set. All the children who entered were also given a token prize.

Harvest Collection

Save the Family have thanked us for the food that was donated; the letter is in the events album in the foyer. The collection of £284.32 for Alder Hey has been sent to the Oncology ward at the hospital. Thank you all for your generosity.

News from Mr Moss

Mr Moss has been travelling for 3 months and is thoroughly enjoying the experience. Here is his most recent newsletter for the children.

"After my short stay in Panama I flew to southern Mexico where I started a tour from Mexico down through Belize and into Guatemala...I then headed down to San Ignacio where I did some hiking and played some football.

Then into Guatemala. Every country in Central America has an entry fee. Most are \$10 or \$20 and I'm told it tends to depend what mood the colonel in charge of immigration is in! For whatever reason when entering Guatemala I got charged nothing- either the colonel was in a good mood or they're seriously undervaluing themselves.

Heading from north to south I visited the Mayan ruins of Tikal, the small lake island Flores, Rio Dulce where the Spanish built a castle to protect their Mayan gold from British pirates. I then went to the colonial mountain city of Antigua where I overnight hiked and camped on the active volcano Pacaya. Then to Lake Atitla, where I stayed with a traditional Mayan family, before rounding off my time in Guatemala with a couple of days surfing in El Paredon. Or as my boss in Costa Rica would say jokingly, "Kelly Slater surfs. You play in the waves." He's spot on really!

I've just arrived in Granada, Nicaragua. I'd got used to the cooler 20 degree climate of the mountain regions of Guatemala so 35 degrees is a shock to the system! I'm in Nicaragua for 10 days with no plan at the moment apart from to see the volcanoes at Ometepe.

After that I head to Peru where I'm meeting my sister for 3 weeks. We'll hike the Inca Trail for 4 days to Machu Picchu before heading to Bolivia and then the Galápagos Islands.

Like all good sibling relationships it's either going to be a great few weeks or a few very long weeks!

Mr Moss

Before and After School Club

Thank you for all the parents who are pre-booking places at the clubs. The number of children arriving at club without being booked in is far less than it was. It is particularly important to book for the after school club for health and safety reasons. We need to ensure we have the children's names on the register, the correct staffing and amount of food for the snacks.

Planting Crocus Bulbs

We were asked by Colin Dollimore, from the WPCA, and Pete Fryer, President of Riverside Rotary, if we would plant some bulbs around the school grounds to raise awareness about the importance of polio vaccinations around the world. The symbol of the purple crocus was selected as a purple lollipop was given to children in the past, and more recently a purple dot put on children's hands to ensure they only had the vaccination once.



Book Fair: Open until Friday 10th November



Thank you to all the helpers who are running the fair from 8:30am to 9:00am and 3:00pm until 3:45pm daily. If you would like to purchase a book after 3:45pm a member of the school staff will be able to help you. There is a great selection of books for you and the children to look at. We take the commission received in books so this is an excellent way to supplement the school's library.

**DATES
2017-18**

November

Mon 13 th	Year 3 Wildlife Trust Workshop
Tue 14 th	Year 2 Wildlife Trust Workshop
Fri 17 th	Children in Need
Fri 17 th	PTA Pamper Night – provisional TBC
Tue 21 st	Year 4 Wildlife Trust Workshop
Wed 22 nd	Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day @ QPHS
Wed 22 nd	Year 6 Curriculum Challenge Day @ CCHS
Mon 27 th	Reception/KS1 Parents' Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Tue 28 th	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Parents' Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Wed 29 th	All Years Parents' Appointments 3.30pm – 7.00pm

December

Mon 4th	Choir performing in Angel Voices at St Mary's Centre*
Wed 6th	Choir performing at the Westminster Park Lights Switch On*
Fri 8 th	PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 11 th	Reception/KS1 Play ~ full rehearsal 9.45am
Tue 12 th	Reception/KS1 Play 1.45pm
Thur 14 th	Reception/KS1 Play 9.30am
Thur 14th	KS2 Carols Year 5 & 6, Band and Choir @ 6.30pm*
Fri 15th	KS2 Carols Year 3 & 4 and Choir @ 9.30am*
Fri 15th	KS2 Carols Year 5 & 6 and Choir @ 10.30am*
Sun 17th	Carols on the Green Band and Choir @ 6.00pm*
Mon 18th	KS2 Carols Year 3 & 4 and Choir @ 6.30pm*
Tue 19 th	Party Day/Panto

21st December

Last Day of Term

January 2018

Mon 8 th	Year 3/4 Judo 5 week course
Tue 23rd	Year 4 Enterprise Project at QPHS*
Fri 26 th	Key Strings performing for children
Fri 26 th	PTA Quiz Night

February

Mon 26 th	Year 5/6 Judo 5 week course
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March

Thur 1 st	Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day CCHS
Wed 7 th	Year 5 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm
Mon 12 th	Reception/KS1 Parents' Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Tue 13 th	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Parents' Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Wed 14 th	All Years Parents' Appointments 3.30pm – 7.00pm
Wed 21 st	Year 4 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm
Thur 22 nd	PTA Disco
Fri 23 rd	Non Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle
Sat 24 th	Family Grounds Day 9.30am – 12.00 midday
Tue 27 th – 29 th	Year 5 Residential visit to Conway

April

Tue 17th & 18th

Mon 23rd

Fri 27th

Year 4 Residential visit to Tattenhall

Tempest – photos of Class Groups

PTA Here Comes Summer! Rainbow Raffle Draw

May

During May

Week beg. Mon 14th

Thurs 17th

KS1 SATs

KS2 SATs

Year 3 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm

June

Wed 6th & 7th

Week beg. 11th

Wed 13th

Sat 23rd

Fri 29th

Year 3 Residential visit to Beeston

Phonics Screening Check

Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day QPHS

Year 2 Midsummer Watch Parade TBC

Day and Evening Golden Anniversary Celebration
of 50 years of School Education

July

Tue 3rd

Fri 6th

Mon 9th

Tue 10th

Wed 11th

Mon 16th

Tue 17th

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Wed 18th

Fri 20th

Year 6 Transition Day QPHS & CCHS

Afternoon performance KS2 Play 1.45pm performance

Year 6 Bikeability All Week

KS2 Play 6.30pm Performance

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Open Afternoon 3.20pm – 6.00pm

Reception/KS1 assembly for Parents 9.30am

Year 6 Presentation for Parents 2.15pm

Year 6 Leavers Disco

Year 6 Fun Day

Last Day of Term