

Belgrave Primary School's January 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

I would like to start by wishing you a happy and healthy New Year. We talked about New Year's resolutions during the first week of term and many children were familiar with the idea of making resolutions. I thought something I heard about making a resolution weekly was a good idea! Once we make a change for a week it can change how we do things and it is not daunting. Assemblies are often a good place to reflect on some of the big, and small, changes that we can make.

Thank you to everyone for your support with community events.

Belgrave's choir and Band performances were appreciated by the community when they played at the Curzon Park Residents' Association "Carols on the Green".



The children have settled back into school life after family time over the holiday and have been ready for learning. Thank you for your support with making sure the children have their P.E. kit, their homework completed and come to school with an excellent attitude to school life.

This newsletter will have information about the first two weeks of term and what we have planned for the rest of the term to date.

Thank you to all the participants who entered the Eco Committee's recycling competition. The entries were really imaginative and creative. It was decided to give a prize to everyone who entered, a 1st and 2nd prize to Rec/KS1 and KS2; In addition, this year there was a prize for the largest and smallest entries. Congratulations to the winners!



PTA

The PTA met on 18th January to add some dates and to plan more events. (See dates at the end of the newsletter)

Thank you to the PTA for all the hard work that went into planning a magical Christmas Fair and a really attractive school calendar. The Christmas Fair raised £1,700 and the calendars £700.

The next meeting will be at Tracey Casey's house at 7:30 on the 6th March. There will then be a specific meeting to organise the "Here Comes Summer Event" at Tracey's on the 27th March. Tracey's mobile is: 07957 438 533 and her address is 10, Cotgreaves Close, Westminster Park. We would love to hear your fund raising ideas and always need offers of help to run social events, support behind the scenes in a variety of ways including requesting companies to donate raffle prizes. If you come along to events and take part that is brilliant!

Don't forget The Reading Challenge will be starting on the 16th February and this year it will last for 2 weeks. We will award a prize for the pupil who reads for the most minutes in each class and a cake for the class that reads for the most minutes. Information about the Challenge will be sent home on the 14th February. This year our target is to have 105 pupils taking part. Last year 99 children took up the challenge!!

On Friday 26th January we have the PTA Quiz starting at 7:30. There will be a bar and snacks. You can join a team when you arrive or encourage others to attend with you to make up a team. It is very light hearted and there is no strict number for each team. Tickets are £5 each and requests for tickets need to be returned to school by Tuesday 23rd January. Letters have been sent home about this event but if you haven't received it you can just send in the money or a cheque to Belgrave PTA in an envelope.

The most recent PTA purchase (£1.9K) is the great new sound system in the hall which has four microphones. The Reception children used it on Friday in Celebration Assembly to read out their letters to Goldilocks, tell the story of the Gingerbread Man and talk about their Maths. The information about each week's Celebration Assembly and a photo of the children who celebrated is put on the website each Friday evening. There is a tab for Weekly Celebrations on the Home Page.

Co-op Local Community Fund 12th November until 27th October

<https://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund>

We have been chosen to receive funding from the Co-op for the development of a Reading Bee Hive on the playground. We will receive 1% of purchases from the co-op members who have selected our cause. £34.00 has been raised so far.

To gain funds we all need to:

1. Be members of the Co-op.
2. Go on line and choose our cause[Belgrave Primary School PTA](#)
3. Present our Co-op. members card every time we shop.

We need funds to replace the "Bee Hive" that we painted at the Autumn Term Grounds Day as this was irreparably damaged by the strong wind. We now need to purchase an alternative structure for this purpose. We are looking for a structure that will have seating, shelves for books and be a comfortable place for children who choose to read at playtimes. This will also be available for parents before and after school. The wood from the seating that we purchased was used to replace the seating on the train. **Please encourage everyone to become Co-op members and to select our cause.**

Last Summer Year 1 and 2 had the opportunity to visit Media City and be in the audience for an episode of **Swashbuckle**. The title is Pirate Puzzle Map and it will be shown on CBeebies on 3/2/18 at 10:15 am. Please feel free to share the transmission date with friends and family.

Kitchen

Just before Christmas Garnette Peace, our school cook, resigned her position at the school with Edsential. Garnette has moved house and has a position nearer her home. We are delighted that a brilliant school cook, Jo Gentile, will be joining us on the 29th January. Miss Campbell and I visited Jo at J.H.Godwin during lunchtime where Jo has worked for ten years. We were really impressed with what we saw and are looking forward to introducing some new ideas at Belgrave. Jo is really enthusiastic about giving children tastes of different foods. The menus won't be changing at the moment but we expect that your children will notice a difference with the menus that we have.

Jo Gentile and Jan Barlow (Edsential) will be available on 14th March, which is the day many parents will be coming to school for the Parent and Teacher appointments, between 3-4 pm with food for you to taste.

Curriculum Club News

In the Summer Term Key Stage 2 will be able to sign up for Archery at 7:45 am on Monday mornings. This will be for 5 weeks starting on the 11th June until 9th July. A maximum of 20 pupils will be able to attend. The information will be sent out after an assembly about Archery on the 21st May. This will be run by a private provider.

The Gym Club for Year 1 and 2 pupils will continue until Easter. We will not be running this club in the Summer Term as the numbers are too low.

Payments to School

It is essential that school meals and bookings for clubs are paid for in advance or on time. This will reduce admin costs and also reduce the amount of texts and emails the school sends making a saving to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking

Our PCSO Lauren Davies was outside school at the end of the day on Wednesday 17th January to monitor parking. She will continue to check that cars are parked safely around school. We have alerted the police that students at King's, who are parking on Manor Road and other local roads, have been reported to be driving too fast. If you witness this please take note of the registration number, make and colour of the car. I have written to the head of King's and will pass on any information to the police and the King's School.

Free Mini-Mandarin Club at the Queen's Lower School

Year 2 can enjoy weekly Mandarin lessons at The Queen's Lower School, Liverpool Road, Chester CH1 2NN

This is open to both boys and girls from any school. The lessons start on 25th January at 4-4.45. Register on line: jtaylor@thequeensschool.co.uk

Cycle Training at Half Term

This takes place at Cheshire County Officers Cricket Club, Mannings Lane, Upton, Chester CH2 4EU. Children will require a roadworthy bike and a helmet. The training is free but there is a £5 booking fee.

Parents need to register on the site and then book. Courses available are Balance and Ride for 5-11 years and Level 1 7-9 years. Use the following link to book.

<http://www.cycleexperience.com>

Lost Property and Naming Property

We always have a full box of items that are not named and end up in the Lost Property Box in the hall.

Mrs Halewood has sorted the lost property that we have and has drawn up a list which is attached. At the end of each month we will put the lost property in a bag with the date. If property is not collected after one month it will be given to charity.

The Lost Property Bag will be in the foyer for you to check.

We check the lost property for names and return the items to the child. Naming clothing, shoes, lunchboxes and water containers means that they can be returned.

Kind regards,

Deanne Garratt

DATES
2017-18
New dates are in bold

January 2018

Tue 23 rd	Year 6 Visit to Dangerpoint
Tue 23 rd	Year 4 Enterprise Project at QPHS
Fri 26 th	Key Strings performing for children
Fri 26 th	PTA Quiz Night 7.00pm for 7.30pm

February

Fri 2nd	Waterwise Education Programme for all classes*
Mon 12th	Junior Maths Workshop @ 6.00pm*
16th – 2nd March	Reading Challenge begins*
Mon 26 th	Year 5/6 Judo 5 week course

March

Thur 1 st	Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day CCHS
Fri 2nd	Book Character Day to celebrate World Book Day*
Mon 5th	KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Maths Workshop @ 6.00pm*
Wed 7 th	Year 5 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm
Thur 8th	Author Andrew Glennon to meet Year 5 and 6*
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 14th	Jo Gentile (new cook) and Jan Barlow (Edsential) in the foyer between 3.00-4.00pm with food for you to taste*
Wed 21st	Down's Syndrome Awareness Biscuit Sale (50p) and Odd Sock Day*
Wed 21 st	Year 4 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm
Thur 22nd	Music Celebration for parents of Year 4, Band, Choir and Recorders at 2.30pm – 3.00pm*
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 27th	Year 4 Let's Walk*
Tue 27 th – 29 th	Year 5 Residential visit to Conway
Wed 28th	Year 4 Let's Walk*

April

Tue 17 th & 18 th	Year 4 Residential visit to Tattenhall
Mon 23 rd	Tempest – photos of Class Groups
Fri 27th	PTA Here Comes Summer Fayre! Rainbow Raffle Draw Reception pupils and Street Dancers performing to open the event!!

May

During May
 Week beg. Mon 14th
 Thurs 17th
Tue 22nd

KS1 SATs
 KS2 SATs
 Year 3 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm
Year 6 Farming and Food Workshop*

June

Wed 6th & 7th
 Week beg. 11th
 Wed 13th
Thur 21st
 Sat 23rd
Fri 29th

Year 3 Residential visit to Beeston
 Phonics Screening Check
 Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day QPHS
Year 4 Performing with the Hallé in Manchester*
 Year 2 Midsummer Watch Parade TBC
Belgrave's Golden Anniversary Celebration during the school day and Family Goldfest Celebration in the evening 6.00 - 9.00pm! Lots of WOW... glittering golden ideas to mark 50 years of the school's life!*

July

Tue 3rd
 Fri 6th
Sat 7th
 Mon 9th
 Tue 10th
 Wed 11th
 Mon 16th
 Tue 17th
 Tue 17th
 Tue 17th
 Wed 18th
Fri 20th

Year 6 Transition Day QPHS & CCHS
 Afternoon performance KS2 Play 1.45pm performance
Community Summer Fayre – TBC
 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

Lost Property - January 2018

Grey cardigan, no sleeves – (age 3-4 Next)
 Blue plain cardigan – (age 3-4 F & F)
 Red plain sweatshirt (age 6-7 School Life)
 Blue school cardigan (torn label – KS2)
 Red school sweatshirt (torn label – KS2)
 Navy wool v-neck jumper (No labels)
 Blue plain sweatshirt (age 7-8 Nutmeg)
 Red plain sweatshirt (age 7-8 George)
 White polo shirt (age 8-9 George)
 Navy blue legging shorts (age 8-9 Geoge)
 Navy plain cardigan (age 8-9 F & F)
 Red plain wool cardigan (age 8 School Life)
 Red school sweatshirt (26")
 Black joggers (age 9-10 George)
 Navy shorts (age 9 – 10 F & F)
 Belgrave White P.E. shirt (age 11-13 - 30")
 White plain P.E. shirt (age 11/12 Rebel)
 Red school sweatshirt (age 12-13 Tesco)

Footwear

Clarks Boys shoes (size 2 ½ G)
 Black pumps (size 5 F and F)
 Right black pump with strap and flower (size 13 M&S)
 Left black pump with strap – plain (size 3F Clarks)

Accessories

Puma black lunchbox – small with turquoise trim
 Navy wool gloves
 Black wool scarf (Atmosphere)
 Pink watch – Little Tix with pony on face
 Umbro small P E Bag – Navy/Blue footballer.
 Blue snood with black trim (Dare 2B)
 Navy patterned hat with ear flaps/pompoms (Matalan one size)
 Black/beige squared hat (sheepskin lined) (Cotton on kids)