

Belgrave Primary School's February Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

We were delighted to receive the letter below and would like to thank you for your support with reading. Your attendance at the workshops, parents and teacher appointments (100%), feedback in the Home School Books and Planners all contributes to the success of the school. Children at Belgrave love reading and we hope they will enjoy taking part in this year's Reading Challenge.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who come into school to support with reading and other activities in the classroom.



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Dear Mrs Garratt,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's very high standard of achievement in reading in the 2017 key stage 2 assessments.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading at the end of key stage 2. This means that your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England for achievement in reading.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all your pupils.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

As you are aware from the letter emailed on the 14th February the governors have appointed Mrs Juliette Benton to the post of head teacher from September. We have written to both congratulate her and welcome her to Belgrave Primary School. Over the coming months we will be making arrangements to plan for the following year and there will be many opportunities for meetings both with parents and with staff. This is a wonderful school to work in due to the dedicated staff, supportive parents and governors and enthusiastic children. I can vividly remember my first visit to the school as the newly appointed head teacher; fifteen years has flown by!

As we approach half term we are planning for the next half term which will be busy with sports fixtures, World Book Day celebrations, a visit from the author Andrew Glennon for Years 5/6, a concert for Year 4 at QPHS, a Curriculum Challenge Day for Year 5 at CCHS, Grounds Day, a Hindu dance workshop for KS2 and Parent and Teacher appointments. There are bound to be more events than this so there is much to look forward to.

In the first week back on Thursday 1st March at 6pm Mr Clifton will be leading a Year 6 SATS meeting for parents of Year 6 pupils. The Year 6 SATS take place during the week beginning 14th May and the Year 2 SATS have to be taken during the month of May. Year 2 and Year 6 Teacher Assessment for writing has to be submitted to the DfE by mid- June. Please can I remind parents that we are unable to authorise absences that do not meet the DfE's exceptional criteria at any time in the school year and that attendance and performance in school are directly related.

On Friday the 2nd March children, and staff, can come to school dressed as a character from a book to celebrate World Book Day. There is no need for anyone to go shopping, or "get sewing", as there are many book characters who wear clothes that everyone has in their wardrobe.

The PTA have published a newsletter that will be sent to you very shortly. We are very grateful to the PTA for their amazing contribution to the life of the school. Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz on the 26th January...it was fun and we raised £403! Thank you to Dave Richardson who was our quizmaster.

After School Club Reminder

After half term the cost of each session will be 50p more due the increased costs for staffing and the snacks as explained in the letter dated 2nd February. The cost of the first session will be £4.50 and the second £5.50.

Thank you to everyone for booking ahead, this has much improved our planning and enabled the catering to be accurate which helps to keep the costs down.

School Lunches and Snack for Club

Our new cook Jo Gentile's cooking is appreciated by the children and staff as the following comments by the children illustrate.

We love: the variety of salads, vegetables that are nicely cooked, amazing potato wedges, more choice of puddings, the rotating sauce bowls, the butter on the bread, tasty food, couscous, bigger beef burgers, chicken curry that isn't spicy!

Sports Events and Results

On Wednesday our two Year 6 Sports Ambassadors took part in a training day for "change4life" initiatives and we are looking forward to hearing about this in assembly. They attended the training with Mrs Clethro and they will be reporting to the school's Sports Council which is led this year by Mrs Redmond. Look out for news about this programme after half term.

The school's sports results are on the website under Sports Results. Today the Year 5 and 6 netball team took part in a tournament and came 3rd out of 6. They played well and won 2 matches, drew 2 and lost 2.



Thank you to Mrs Redmond and to all the parents for providing transport.

Half Term Activity

20th February 3pm to 6pm West Community Safety Wardens

Supported by Cheshire West and Chester Youth Service.

Come along and join us at Westminster Park, there will be -

- Panna Football
- Xbox and PlayStation Gaming
- Pop Up Youth Zone

Swashbuckle

Last summer Year 1 and 2 (these children are now Year 2 and 3) were invited to be in the audience for the filming of an episode of CBBC's programme Swashbuckle. It is now available on BBC's iplayer and is the episode called Pirate's Treasure Map. The Belgrave pirate crew certainly cheered and participated superbly.

Kings Camps

Kings Camps is a charity and it offers a 25% to 100% subsidy of the costs of the camp to families who are eligible. If you would like to apply for subsidised places at the sports camps or want to know more about Kings Camps visit the website:

www.kingscamps.org

Best wishes for half term; we are back at school on the 26th February.

Kind regards,

Deanne Garratt

DATES
2017-18
New dates are in bold

February

16th – 2nd March Reading Challenge begins
Mon 26th Year 5/6 Judo 5 week course

March

Thur 1st 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 7th Year 5 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm
Thur 8th Author Andrew Glennon to meet Year 5 and 6
Mon 12th Reception/KS1 Parents' Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Tue 13th Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Parents' Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Wed 14th 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 21st 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 22nd PTA Disco
Fri 23rd Non Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle
Sat 24th Family Grounds Day 9.30am – 12.00 midday
Tue 27th Year 4 Let's Walk
Tue 27th – 29th Year 5 Residential visit to Conway
Wed 28th Year 4 Let's Walk

April

Tue 17th & 18th Year 4 Residential visit to Tattenhall
Mon 23rd 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 KS1 SATs
Week beg. Mon 14th KS2 SATs
Thurs 17th Year 3 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm
Tue 22nd Year 6 Farming and Food Workshop

June

Wed 6th & 7th Year 3 Residential visit to Beeston
Week beg. 11th Phonics Screening Check
Tue 12th **Rec/KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm***
Wed 13th Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day QPHS
Thur 14th **Reception New Parent's Meeting @ 6.30pm* TBC**
Thur 21st Year 4 Performing with the Hallé in Manchester

Fri 15th
Mon 18th
Fri 22nd
Sat 23rd
Fri 29th

Rec/KS1 Reserve Sports Day 1.30pm*
KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm*
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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
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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
KS2 Play 6.30pm Performance
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