

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

Welcome to the new school year and we hope you have had an enjoyable break over the summer. A warm welcome particularly to our new Reception families! The children have come back to school ready for learning, and have enjoyed seeing friends and staff and sharing their news as well as some outstanding pieces of homework. This newsletter will provide you with updates and dates for the forthcoming school year.

“The best thing about Belgrave is being in Year 1!”
Robert C (Y1)

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the staff, children and parents for the warm and friendly welcome that has been given to me since starting in my new role as Head Teacher here at Belgrave. It is very clear that Belgrave is a special place that everyone holds in high regard and cares very much about. I have really enjoyed meeting lots of families this week and I now begin the challenge of trying to remember new names!

“The best thing about school is the people!”
Eddie M (Y5)

We endeavour to send as much information as possible by email. We are striving to use less paper to communicate but occasionally there will be letters sent home so please still check book bags and school bags. We will also be setting up a communication tool: Class Dojo, which will give you updates on your child’s learning through photographs and annotation, details of how to log on will follow in the next couple of weeks.



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 12:00 midday but earlier notice is preferable. If a child is absent from school no charge is applied.

“The best thing is playing with my friends and having my favourite snack: cheese strings!”

Millie C (Y2)

We do need parents to sign children out for health and safety reasons. There are two rates: £4.50 until 4:15 and £5.50 4:15 until 5:30 or £10.00 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.

Pupil Leadership Roles



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.

Behaviour Policy

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.

The After School Curriculum Clubs for Autumn Term

Club	Pupils	Day & Time	Provider / Contact	Starts
Multi skills/Games ~ * Football Netball in autumn and spring and Cricket and Athletics in summer	Year 5/6	Monday 3:15–4:15	Mrs Redmond Mr Moss Sports Coach	Register at first session
Drama (payment to Joseph Mann)	Juniors	Tuesday 3:15-4:15	Joseph Mann (Private Provider) Joseph_mann@live.co.uk	
Art (£4 to school)	Yr 1-6 Each year group has half a term	Tuesday 3:15-4:15	Mrs Bates	Letters will be sent out
Football (payment to S4YC)	Year 1+	Tuesday Autumn & Summer	Football4YourCommunity (Private Provider) 07734 705559	Letters have already gone
Chess Club (£4)	Juniors	Wednesday 8.00 – 8.45	Mark Phillips	Places still available
Football – girls*	Year 5/6	Wednesday – lunchtime	Mark Phillips	Register at first session
Recorders (school funded)	Year 2/3	Wednesday – lunchtime	Miss L Taylor Mrs Sharp	Letters will be sent out
Multi skills/games*	Year 3/4	Wednesday 3:15-4:15	Mark Phillips	Register at first session
Band	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 8.00-8.45	School Tom Mulligan – Sports Coach	Register on first session
Junior Choir (school funded)	Year 3-6	Friday - lunchtime	Mrs A Hancock	
Street Dance (payment to private provider)	Year 3/4/5/6	Friday 3:15 – 4:15	Miss G Gibbard (Private Provider) 07771538485	Please contact Georgina for places
Homework Club	Year 6	Friday 3:15 – 4:00	Mr Clifton	Register at first session

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.

Absences

If a child is not fit for school, we require you to telephone the school by 9:00am. 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. Please be assured that we *will* contact you if your child is unwell during the school day. If your child is suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting they need to be absent for 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.

Working Together

The Year Group Expectation Meetings during the next few weeks will give you information

“The best thing about school is being able to play with my friends!”
Alice L (Y1)

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 and set clear expectations for the year ahead. Meetings begin at 6pm and will last approximately 30 minutes.



French link

It’s really exciting that years 5 and 6 are continuing to communicate with students from Ecole Jules Ferry School in Brittany, France. Mrs Woodman is continuing this link through writing letters with Belgrave pupils once a half term, très bien!

Grounds Day

Grounds day will be on Saturday 20th October. This is a popular family event which helps us to maintain the school grounds and bring some more colour to the play areas. Please join us at this fun family event which is towards the end of the Autumn term. More information will follow nearer the time.

“At Grounds Day I can do loads of jobs and get a bacon butty!”
Thomas W (Y3)

PTA

Belgrave PTA raise invaluable amounts of money to benefit school in many different ways. With current budget cuts and tight financial constraints, this money is vital to aiding projects



and resources. Recent fundraising events have been used to purchase laptops, i-pads and towards the new Reading Shed which will be installed in the next couple of weeks. PTA are always looking for new volunteers to help out with events, you are welcome to attend the AGM on Tuesday 11th September at 6pm at Belgrave. Reception parents are invited to 'Tea and Tissues' event on Wednesday 19th September 9-10am, when your child will attend school for the first time for a full day! Mixed emotions for parents! We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Welcome Back Social on Friday 21st September 5-7pm which is our first PTA event of the year. Our continued thanks goes to all of the PTA who continue to do an amazing job at raising money for our school. ☺

PHOTO CONSENT

It is our policy to request permission for photographs of pupils to celebrate achievement or publicise the school. These photographs may be published on the school website or in the media in compliance with GDPR. It is the school's policy that children's names will not be published alongside photographs. If you have not sent your consent form back to school for this academic year then please do so as soon as possible.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION ON LEARNING THIS TERM

A reminder that your child's class teacher/s have completed their overview/newsletter for this term on the website. Please go to the **Classes** tab and choose your child's year group. This will inform you of the learning taking place over the term and any other important information for that particular class.



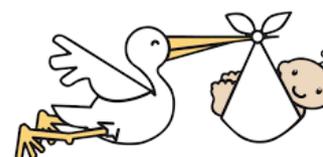
ACHIEVEMENTS



If your child has achieved any special awards or celebrations out of school, or helped out in the community in any way, then please share this information with us so we can celebrate their achievements in school too! We would like to invite any parents of children who will be receiving a certificate in Celebration Assembly to join us on Fridays at 2.30pm. You will receive a text message informing you if this is your child. ★

AND FINALLY.....

We say goodbye (for now only!) and good luck to **Miss Hopkins** who starts her maternity leave today. We wish her the very best wishes for the arrival of her new baby which is due in the next couple of weeks. We will keep you posted with any news....



Congratulations to Mrs Sharp who got engaged over the Summer break and is due to get married next year!

Kind regards,

Juliette Benton - Headteacher

DATES

2018-19

New dates are in bold

Sep	
Tue 11 th	PTA AGM @ 6.00pm
Wed 12 th	Year 5 Walk My Journey Project to St. Clare's
Fri 14 th	Year 5 trip to the Racecourse
Mon 17 th	Year 6 Year Group Parents' Meeting @ 6.00pm
Tue 18 th	Year 5 Walk My Journey Project to Catholic High Year 4 Year Group Parents' Meeting @ 6.00pm
Wed 19 th	PTA Tea and Tissues Event for Reception Parents @ 9.00am Year 2 Year Group Parents' Meeting @ 6.00pm
Thur 20 th	Year 5 Year Group Parents' Meeting @ 6.00pm
Fri 21 st	PTA Welcome Back Event @ 5pm
Mon 24 th	Year 6 Residential Trip to Menai – all week Year 2 Woodland Walk
Tue 25 th	Year 3 Woodland Walk Year 1 Year Group Parents' Meeting @ 6.00pm
Wed 26 th	Year 3 Year Group Parents' Meeting @ 6.00pm
Fri 28 th	Year 4 Woodland Walk Non-uniform day in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
Oct	
Tues 2 nd	Year 3 Meet the Forrester
Wed 3 rd	Year 5 Walk My Journey Project to Chester Racecourse Reception Expectation & Reading Meeting @ 6.00pm
Thur 4 th	Reception Expectation & Reading Meeting @ 9.00am
Wed 17 th	TEMPEST Portraits
Sat 20 th	Grounds Day
Thu 25 th	PTA Halloween Disco KS1 5.00pm – 6.00pm, KS2 6.30pm – 7.30pm Finish for Half term
Nov	
Mon 5 th	First Day Back
Mon 19 th	Parents' Appointments Reception & KS1 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Fri 16 th	Children In Need Day
Tue 20 th	Parents' Appointments KS2 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Wed 21 st	Parents' Appointments All classes 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 28 th	Year 5 Walk My Journey Project Rehearsal
Thurs 29 th	Year 5 Walk My Journey Project Evening Performance
Dec	
Tue 4 th	NSPCC
Fri 7 th	Christmas Fair 5.00pm
Tue 18 th	Panto & Party Day
Fri 21 st	Finish for Christmas
Jan	
Mon 7 th	First Day Back

