

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

It's amazing how much has been achieved by Belgrave pupils in September! Some highlights include: Exciting outdoor learning in Reception with all our learners in full time now and completing challenges based on the book 'A jar of happiness'; making and tasting vegetable soup focusing on 'Oliver's Vegetables'

"People at Belgrave are very kind"
Emily C (Y2)

book in year 1; careful investigating and brilliant creative writing by year 2 in 'The Case Of Boy In The Woods' and the strange happenings; researching and writing in the style of Julia Donaldson in year 3;

"We had loads of fun and the whole experience was amazing at the Chester Racecourse"
Phoebe R-B (Y5)

fantastic artwork and writing linked to our whole school project on 'The Hueys' all about being different in year 4; intricate Hunderwasser artwork created in year 5 trips along with trips to Chester Racecourse and 'Walk My Journey' singing project; and finally....five days away at the Conway Centre for year 6 on their successful residential which included gorge walking, high ropes, canoeing, abseiling and much much more! Wow! What busy learning!



COMMUNICATION

Please remember that we aim 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. Class Dojo will be used for reminders and updates on your child's learning through photographs and annotation. If you haven't consented or signed up or need some help, please see your class teacher.

EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIRS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR BELGRAVE FAMILIES

Following the email sent out to all parents on Friday, please note that from Monday 8th October the emergency repair works to the roof at the Community Centre will commence for approximately six weeks. There have been several health and safety checks and risk assessments put in place to ensure the safety of our pupils. If you enter school through the community centre entrance, there will be a walkway around the fencing so that you can walk around the cordoned off area to the Junior entrances as normal. The barked playground area will still be available to use but we will be losing the use of the year 5/6 playground whilst the works take place. Alternative arrangements have been made for break and lunchtimes. Please take extra care when walking with your children around the playground.



PTA

It was great to see so many Reception families at the PTA Welcome back event last month. Thank you to all the people who supported the event either by planning, preparation, organising, running a stall, clearing up or attending. £415 was raised in total which is fantastic! **Please read an important update by the PTA at the end of the newsletter.**

CHARITIES

Last week we have had a focus on charities in assembly. Our non-school uniform day last Friday raised over £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to you all for your kind donations. We will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 16th November.

BREAK TIME SNACKS



Children can bring in a piece of fruit; a fruit-based snack or a healthy cereal bar (not sugary cereal bars such as Coco Pops or chocolate covered) to eat at break times. Please remember that pupils cannot bring in nuts as a snack or any cereal bar which contains nuts. We also encourage you to pack a healthy, balanced packed lunch which, again, does not contain nuts. Thank you for your continued support with this.

“We are learning songs to welcome three refugees to England. We have learnt about refugees and their journeys here. We are reading a book ‘Shadow’ about refugees”

Jack M (Y5)

PUPIL LEADERSHIP ROLES

Leaders for the School Council, Eco Committee, Sports Council, Road Safety and E-Safety roles are now prioritising their plans for the year ahead.

HARVEST

Harvest assemblies will be on Friday 19th October. Reception and Key stage 1 will be at 9.10am and Key Stage 2 will be at 2.30pm. You are



warmly welcome to attend these assemblies where each class will perform a Harvest poem, song or similar linked to Harvest around the world. We are asking for any donations of non-perishable food on this day which will be donated to **Save the Family**.

PIANO LESSONS IN SCHOOL

If you are interested in piano lesson for your child then please look at the message from Stephanie at Mini Mozart: Turn your child into a Mini Mozart with our fun innovative Piano & Theory Lessons for children aged 4+ - Coming to Belgrave Primary School. Our piano lessons are based on one-to-one learning with every lesson being packed with fun musical games to help the younger children learn in a fun way. We also provide the opportunity for your child to sit their examinations through London College of Music. If you would like any more information or would like to turn your child into a Mini Mozart, contact Steph on steph@minimozartsmusic.com or visit us at www.minimozartsmusic.com

All communication is with Mini Mozart directly and not with the school office.

UNIFORM

A reminder of school uniform at Belgrave: Grey trousers/ skirt with a red or blue sweatshirt or cardigan and polo-shirt in red, white or blue. The uniform for Physical Education is black shorts and a white T-shirt which is also available from Uniformity (Shop in Handbridge) or online at www.uniformityschools.com. In Key Stage Two children will also need to bring tracksuits / jogging bottoms and a black sweatshirt for outdoor sport. Parents are asked to provide their children with plimsolls/pumps suitable for all physical activities in a named shoe bag. In sunny weather children will need to have a sun hat in school.

“The activities we got to experience on the residential were challenging and inspiring!”

Rose(Y6)

School shoes need to be black, flat and sensible to walk in. In Key Stage Two tights and socks should be **plain** and co-ordinate with the school uniform. **Boots are not permitted to be worn in school.**

Jewellery should not be worn to school and to ensure children are safe earrings should be removed before P.E. or covered with surgical tape. Watches can be worn in Key Stage Two although parents are asked to note that we cannot accept responsibility for loss of, or damage to, personal property.

WOODLAND TALK AND WALK FROM FORESTER

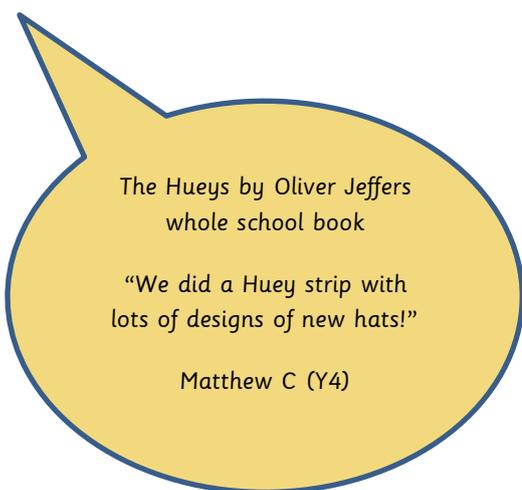
The forester came into school last week and presented to classes about oil, sustainability, using wood instead of plastic and planting new trees. Year 3 will visit the Eaton Estate as part of the project and then plant some new trees in November.



LETTERS FROM THE QUEEN!

Congratulations to Nia and Eddie from year 5 who received reply letters from the Queen after writing her a letter in the Summer term asking if she would like to join Belgrave at Goldfest! Nia and Eddie were also sent some additional information leaflets about the life of the Queen, her pets and residencies.

GROUNDS DAY



Grounds Day will be on Saturday 20th October 9.30am – 12.00pm. This is a family event which helps us to maintain the school grounds and bring some more colour to the play areas. We would be very grateful for donations of plants and shrubs that would be suitable for the pots, planters and woods. These could be dropped off on Friday 19th October if you are unable to attend please. If you have your own tools and gardening gloves, then please bring these along. We do have a box of children's gloves! We are very pleased that Mrs Amner will be running a craft workshop from 10am – 12pm in the reception area. PTA are kindly providing refreshments. Jobs will be written up on the whiteboard as you arrive for you to sign up for. Please join us if you can!



SPECIAL LUNCH MENU DAY – ITALY!

There will be an Italian themed lunch menu on Thursday 4th October (tomorrow) if your child would like to try an Italian food choice.



GUITAR CLUB

We had a guitar assembly by Andrew Miller on Monday and children brought home a flier about a guitar after school club. If you are interested, then please send your slip with your record of interest to the school office by Tuesday. All communication will then be through Mr Miller direct with you.

FOOD HYGIENE RATING 5

We have, again, received the top rating of five stars from the Environmental Department for Food Hygiene!



NO CYCLING, SCOOTING ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.....OR DOGS!



Please can you ensure that for health and safety reasons, your child is not riding their bike or scooter before or after school on the playground. And a reminder that there are no dogs allowed on school premises.

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 have had a positive response from parents who have attended celebration assembly where their child has received a certificate. You will receive a text message inviting you when your child has been chosen.

SCHOOL MONEY ACCOUNTS

Please can you try and endeavour to keep your School Money account in credit, this will mean the office will not need to send email reminders to you.

ELECTRONIC SIGNING IN SYSTEM

We have a new electronic signing in/out system in the front entrance for staff, visitors and children who arrive late or from a medical appointment. Mrs Pilling or Mrs Wilcox will help you if needed.

AND FINALLY.....

If you lost a key at the PTA Welcome Event, please ask at the school office.



Individual school photographs will be on Wednesday 17th October. If you require sibling photographs then this will be from 8am, more information to follow.....

Kind regards,
Juliette Benton - Headteacher

"I like to play with
Meredith"

Rowan C(Y3)

DATES

2018-19

New dates are in bold

Oct

Wed 3rd Year 5 Walk My Journey Project to Chester Racecourse
Reception Expectation & Reading Meeting @ 6.00pm
Wed 17th TEMPEST Portraits
Sat 20th Grounds Day
Tue 23rd **Y3 Woodland Walk**
Thu 25th **PTA Halloween Disco KS1 5.00pm – 6.00pm, KS2 6.30pm – 7.30pm**
Finish for Half term

Nov

Mon 5th First Day Back
Fri 16th Children In Need Day
Mon 19th Parents' Appointments Reception & KS1 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Tue 20th Parents' Appointments KS2 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Wed 21st Parents' Appointments All classes 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 28th Year 5 Walk My Journey Project Rehearsal
Thurs 29th **Year 5 Challenge day at QPHS**
Thurs 29th Year 5 Walk My Journey Project Evening Performance

Dec

Tue 4th NSPCC assemblies and workshops
Thurs 6th **Westminster Park shop lights switch on – Belgrave choir**
Fri 7th **Christmas Fair 5.00pm**

Mon 10 th	KS1 Play Dress Rehearsal
Tues 11 th	KS1 Play 1.45pm
Thurs 13 th	KS1 Play 9.30am
Thurs 13th	Year 3 / 4 Carol Concert 5.00pm
Thurs 13th	Year 5 / 6 Carol Concert 6.00pm
Fri 14 th	Year 3 / 4 Carol Concert 9.30am
Fri 14th	Year 5 / 6 Carol Concert 10.30am
Tue 18 th	Panto & Party Day
Fri 21 st	Finish for Christmas

Jan

Mon 7 th	First Day Back
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PTA Update – October 2018

The PTA held their AGM on 11th September where our Head Teacher, Juliette Benton, assumed the role of PTA President and the following parents voted into key roles:

PTA Chair	Liz Lucas
PTA Vice Chairs	Victoria Harrod and Sarah Wood

Thank you to the outgoing Tracey Casey, Lucy Grattan and Kate Smith (Chair and Vice Chairs respectively) for their hard work over a number of years.

As a PTA we organise a mix of both fundraising and social events through the school year. At the AGM Sian Clarke (Treasurer) reported that for 2017/18 we raised £8277 – this came from the events held at school, in conjunction with the terrific Half Marathon team’s sponsorship (start training now for the 2019 Team!), the children’s annual Reading Challenge, our 50th birthday Goldfest celebrations and easyfundraising.co.uk.

We spent some of these funds by donating over £2000 towards the Year 6 Residential (equivalent to £75 per pupil) and a further £2000 for a new sound system in the hall along with a number of smaller equipment purchases the school requested.

Autumn Term Events are already underway. “Tears and Tissues” was an opportunity for new Reception parents to meet each other on their children’s first full school day. The Welcome Back Event enabled existing and new parents, pupils and teaching staff to catch up after the summer break. It was a lovely evening with a great atmosphere – we trust you enjoyed it as much as we did – and kick started the new fundraising year with £415. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated baked items or supported as volunteers.

Our next events in the calendar start with **Grounds Day** on the morning of **Saturday 20th October** which is an opportunity for “many hands (to) make light work” of tidying up the school grounds. Ensuring the environment for our children and the teaching staff in tip top shape ready for winter and spring. Parents and children are welcome....and in exchange for your participation the PTA will provide late morning drinks and bacon sandwiches!

The children’s **Fancy Dress Disco** will be held after school on the last day of the current half term, **Thursday 25th October**. Reception and KS1 join us for a bop between 5pm-6pm and KS2 boogie from 6.30-7.30pm. This is a hugely popular evening for the children and whilst many dress up it is optional. We will be requesting parent/carer volunteers closer to the event to help make sure the evening runs safely and smoothly.

Our legendary **Christmas Fair** will commence at 5pm -7pm on **Friday 7th December** – open to family and friends with food stalls, our fabulous raffle and children’s games. Don’t miss the opportunity to catch up with Father Christmas and his Elves to confirm those last minute present requests and ensure that you are not on the naughty list!

Christmas Cards and 2019 Belgrave School Calendars

This year the PTA have reintroduced the opportunity for your child/children to create a unique, personalised Christmas card design at home (please check your little one’s book bag) which can be ordered and printed up for the very reasonable price of £5 for 12 cards. For each pack that is ordered £1.25 is donated to the school. It’s a quick turnaround so **please return your Christmas card design to school by Thursday 11th October.**

The much loved school calendar for 2019 calendar is now also available to order. Our children have been busily drawing their latest self-portraits at school, which will feature in their birthday month. As well as being super practical, it’s a fabulous gift for relatives and friends and a beautiful memento to keep after the year has expired. **Please return the calendar order form (copies forwarded in book bags) with payment by the 17th October.** To avoid disappointment ensure you have all the copies you want by ordering in advance.

New for 2018

Launching this year is the **Christmas Jumper Swop Shop** for adults and children. If you are bored of the same old jumper emerging each year from your wardrobe then embrace the school’s ethos of recycling, whilst taking the opportunity to refresh your 2018 festive look at a bargain price! As we herald autumn and bring out the winter woollies please bear our swop opportunity in mind and get your Christmas jumpers ready.

Can You Help?

www.easyfundraising.org.uk – if you (or any of your family/friends) are an online shopper then collect donations for Belgrave Primary School with minimal effort every time you shop. Simply log on and register with easy fundraising and search for “belgravepta”. It really is *free money* for the school.

Raffle Prizes - The PTA approach local businesses for raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair and are extremely grateful for the support they receive – however our parents are one of our best source of prizes! If you either work for or have a business (goods or services) and are able to offer a prize please do let your Year Rep know.

PTA Secretary Role – we currently have a vacancy for a secretary if you have an inkling for getting more involved and would like to take on this vital role please speak to your Year Rep.

Volunteers either for a one off event, to donate skills (such as copy writing) or become part of the committee who meet regularly are always welcome. We fully appreciate parents/carers have busy lives and not everyone is able to commit to regular support however any help is appreciated.

Idea’s and feedback are always welcome – our aim is to not just fundraise to but have fun socially too and enjoy being part of the Belgrave School Community. If you have an idea or have

experienced a great event elsewhere please do share. Feedback is really useful too – catch any of the committee or your Year Rep and let us know your thoughts, positive and things we could do better.

Facebook - School PTA Webpage

To keep up to date with all our future events and to find out how you can help and join in, please 'Like' and 'Follow' our Facebook page named *Belgrave PTA*.