

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful half term break. It was great to see so many families at Grounds Day last month, what a huge difference the families made to how our grounds look – thank you very much for your support - there was a great turn out and a lovely atmosphere throughout the

“I really enjoyed PE with Mr Connolly especially the hockey skills.”
Healy (Y5)

“Grounds day was really good”
Maxwell (Y2)

morning. Thank you also to everyone who attended the Harvest assemblies before half term and the donations which were sent to **Save The Family**. The PTA Fancy Dress disco was a real hit with some fantastic costumes and great dance moves! Thank you to all of the volunteers which made this another extremely successful event.

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



PARKRUN: A huge congratulations to Aoife in year 3 who competed in her 12th Junior Parkrun on 21st October which meant she was awarded a half marathon wrist band and certificate as she has run the equivalent distance. She has taken part in the Junior Park Run at Alyn Waters Country Park each week come rain or shine and is now working towards her next challenge of 21 Parkruns which is the equivalent to a marathon. ★ I was also impressed to hear that Olly in year 6 also enjoys running and has run 52 Parkruns at Whitby Park in Ellesmere



Port. ★



CROSS COUNTRY ACHIEVEMENTS: Well done to all of the children from Key Stage 2 who took part in the Essar West Cheshire Athletics club races on Saturday morning at the end of October. Maya from year 3 celebrated a gold medal win on her 800m run – what a fantastic achievement! These children will now have the opportunity to improve their time over the next few runs. ★

HOCKEY: Evan in year 5 has scored six goals across many hockey matches (winning every one) which he plays in the U11s Chester team – well done Evan! ★

OLIVER PRODUCTION AT STORYHOUSE: Joseph in year 5 has performed two nights at the Storyhouse playing one of the workhouse boys – a fantastic opportunity to take part in live theatre with professional actors! ★



CHARITY WORK: Phoebe in year 5 has raised a fantastic £100 for Hearing Dogs For Deaf People charity. What thoughtful and kind work after our own Deaf Awareness assembly in school in October (see section below). ★

GYMNASTICS COMPETITION: Congratulations to Leo and Heidi who took part in a gymnastics competition last weekend in Ellesmere Port. Both children completed vault and floor work and received medals. They also got to meet Beth Tweddle! Well done year 2s! ★

DEAF AWARENESS ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Noah for helping to lead this assembly with Mrs Johnson in October. The assembly including signing the alphabet, learning about parts of the ear and how difficult it is to lip read. We were all given useful tips to help our pupils who have hearing difficulties here at Belgrave. Our thanks also to Noah's parents who joined us for the assembly.

DEAF AWARENESS COMPETITION

Following on from the assembly, Belgrave School Council launched a competition to design a poster for the awareness of the deaf. There was a winning entry from each year group and these posters will be displayed on each classroom door. Well done to everyone who entered the competition – some amazing entries!

CHILDREN IN NEED.

"We enjoy dodgeball with Mr Mulligan in morning club because he does fun games!"

Sam C (Y6)

We will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 16th November. Pupils can come to school dressed in stars or spots on this day.



SAFETY

Please ensure that children are not walking across the staff car park before or after school and do not park in the staff car park.

HOME SCHOOL READING BOOK

It would be lovely for staff to hear what your child is reading at home through your comments in the home / school reading book. Please could you check this book regularly as there are sometimes additional reading tasks for your child to do in there. If you are writing a message for the class teacher then please can **your child** alert the teacher to this, as it would be unmanageable for every diary to be checked every day and staff don't want to miss any important messages. Thank you.

PLAYGROUND LEADERS

A big thank you and well done to Theo, Annabel, Lilly, Emma, Phoebe and Sophie from year 5 who spent a day of their half term on a Playground Leaders Course. All the children had a brilliant time, learning how to become engaging and positive role models in their school. They developed their leadership skills and were taught how to deliver playground games to younger children in their school. Their task now is to work with other leaders to develop and deliver playground games and activities here at Belgrave.



NEW MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL

Guitar club and piano lessons are now up and running at Belgrave – we look forward to hearing of the musical journeys of the pupils involved.

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

Our new Junior Road Safety Officers are Anastasia and Morven. Well done to them both for their introductory assembly to the whole school, sharing their intentions for the year and updating the notice board in the hall.

ADVANCED NOTICE

There will be **NO** after school club on Friday 21st December. All pupils will need to be collected from school at the normal finishing time of 3.10pm (KS1) or 3.15pm (KS2).

BALANCE BIKES



If any families own a child's balance bike which your children have now grown out of, please can you kindly donate it to school. We are in need for our Reception / Year 1 outdoor area. Many thanks!

EMMA'S POEM

Emma in year 5 delighted us by choosing to write a poem in her free writing book:

My Dog Eats Everything

Leg of a chair,
My teddy bear,
Handle of door,
Or apple core,
Anything left on the floor.

Sweeping brush,
Hair brush,
Toilet brush,

Important work,
Not important work,
Homework.

The cat's food,
Our food,
Not her own food,

Kitchen cupboard,
Bathroom cupboard,
Laundry room cupboard,
That's the thing; my dog eats everything!



"I have enjoyed
the 1600 London
work in topic!"

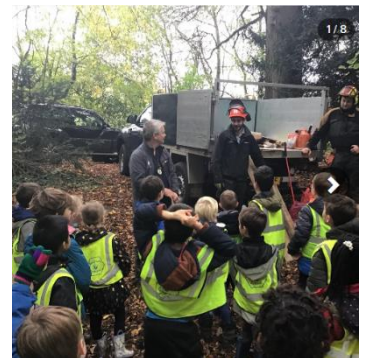
Owen (Y2)

"I enjoy doing History
with Mr Moss and
maths – taking away"

Eve (Y3)

PUPIL VOICE: USE LESS PLASTIC AND ELECTRICITY MESSAGE

Emma and Isabella from year 5 have confidently shared their Powerpoint presentations in assembly about using less electricity and plastics and the effect this has on the environment, giving very strong messages to fellow pupils. Annabel has put forward during an Eco Committee meeting about using less plastic for serving fruit in the lunch hall and at PTA events. She is collecting plastic cups to be washed each lunchtime and doing a grand job – well done! The leadership group are now looking at ways to make this a success! Great pupil voice!



KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT CHANGE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Following the success of the Key Stage 2 Harvest assembly organisation before half term, and the staff's plans for the Key Stage 2 Christmas concert, the Junior concert will now involve all of the classes performing together (Year 3 -6) instead of the original separate upper and lower Key Stage 2 classes. Therefore, the three opportunities to watch the Key Stage 2 carol concert will be on:

5.30pm on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December and **9.30am** on Friday 14th December.

CASHLESS SCHOOL



Please note that we are striving to become a cashless school with all payments through School Money. Please keep all School Money accounts in credit.

There is now a secure letter box in the entrance for you to put any monies linked to the **PTA ONLY** which will be collected regularly.

AND FINALLY.....

Our well wishes go to Mrs Hancock who, unfortunately, has broken her ankle in three places and had to have an operation over the half term holidays. Wishing you a speedy recovery Mrs Hancock!

If your child has achieved any special awards, personal goals 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 our school newsletter too!

Congratulations to our music teachers Mr and Mrs Harper who have a new baby boy named George – all are doing well!

Kind regards,

Juliette Benton - Headteacher

"I think buddying is a great thing because the little ones look up to you and it is so much fun to play with them."

Olivia H (Y6)

DATES

2018-19

New dates are in bold

Nov

Mon 5 th	First Day Back
Mon 12 th	Wear odd socks to recognise Anti-Bullying week
Tue 13 th	Tempest Photos (Pre-school siblings from 8.15am)
Fri 16 th	Children In Need Day
Mon 19 th	Parents' Appointments Reception & KS1 1.00pm – 5.30pm
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 Challenge day at QPHS
Thurs 29 th	Year 5 Walk My Journey Project Evening Performance

Dec

Tue 4 th	NSPCC assemblies and workshops
Thurs 6 th	Westminster Park shop lights switch on – Belgrave choir 5pm
Fri 7 th	Christmas Fair 5.00pm
Mon 10 th	KS1 Play Dress Rehearsal
Tues 11 th	KS1 Play 1.45pm
Wed 12 th	KS2 Carol Concert 5.30pm
Thurs 13 th	KS1 Play 9.30am
Thurs 13 th	KS2 Carol Concert 5.30pm
Fri 14 th	KS2 Carol Concert 9.30am
Tue 18 th	Panto & Party Day
Fri 21 st	Finish for Christmas (No after school club)

Jan

Mon 7 th	First Day Back
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November PTA Newsletter Segment:

Rounding off the half term the PTA Fancy Dress Disco saw 170 pupils take to the dance floor and play games in a wonderful array of costumes! As always thank you to the teaching staff and parent volunteers who helped look after our little ones - rumour has it they were seen having the odd boogie themselves – which raised a further £300 for the school.

We hope you enjoyed the refreshments at the Grounds Day too – another fabulous turn out and what a difference a morning makes.

Turning our attention to the next half term what is in the pipeline?

Hopefully you've had a chance to dig out one of the least worn items in your wardrobe – your Christmas jumpers (children and adults) - ready to take part in our brand new for 2018 “**Xmas Jumper Swap Shop**”. It's a terrific, environmentally friendly message for our children if we re-wear, reuse and recycle whilst raising a few pounds for our school. Simply bring your exiting festive fashion donations into school between the 5th to 9th November and then join us for our seasonal wardrobe refresh sale in the hall on the 15th and 16th November (after drop off and pick up).

We trust that our legendary **Christmas Fair on Friday December 7th** has a place in your schedule. Whilst we can't promise the snowy weather we had last year, you will find our hall decked with holly for a 5pm opening and a one stop shop for all things yule related to get you in a (nut) cracking mood.

No-el need to worry about making a meal that evening - make the most of having a night off because our kitchen elves will have Bebbington's top quality burgers and sausages ready for a family feast, washed down with age appropriate mulled beverages and followed by some naughty and nice puddings available on the cake stall.

The children will be able to personally remind Father Christmas in his grotto of what is on their Christmas wish list (rest assured, no gift commitments will be made by Santa...).

Returning by hugely popular demand there will be an opportunity for the children to treat parents and carer's in the “Secret Wrapping Room”. Here the children can select and wrap a gift to give that is entirely their choice for their loved ones. For 2018 we will have two rooms running to minimise waiting times and keep the little ones feeling jolly.

If you do miss out on the initial Xmas Jumper Swap Shop sale in mid-November, there will be a second opportunity to buy one at the Fair – just in time for this year's national Christmas Jumper Day on December the 14th.

Finally, this year's first prize in our raffle will be a “sleigh” full of all the tipples you will need to keep family, friends and any Grinch's you know merry and bright through the holly-days. Keep an eye out for the mistletoe and rumour has it the Sugarplum Fairy may be dropping by...