

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

Another month behind us – it is always this time of year when progress is showing in children’s books and they are becoming more confident in their abilities within their year group. We recognised Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks on the Monday – a

“I like counting in 5s in Maths.”  
Rowan (Yr 3)

successful week of activities linked to this important topic. Rehearsals are now under way for Christmas

“I like everything in Reception. My favourite is playing with the bricks.” Tess (Rec)

performances and we look forward to all the festive events planned in December, including the Westminster Park lights switch on and the pantomime. Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire, results will be shared with you shortly from both the parent and pupil questionnaire. A reminder that communication from Belgrave is through the monthly newsletter sent by email; frequent Class and Whole School Dojos for celebrations, class learning and reminders; and letters are sent out by paper. These will be put onto the Recent Letters section of the website if you misplace yours. If you have a query or concern please see your class teacher or email [admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk) where Mrs Wilcox or Mrs Pilling will alert the person who will be best placed to help you with your enquiry.



**HUGE AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM CO-OP!**



Thank you to everyone for nominating Belgrave Primary School as their charity when using their Co-op loyalty card in store. PTA members and pupils collected a cheque for **£3957.49** which has paid for the Reading Bee on the front playground.

A fantastic amount of money which again benefits our pupils directly. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support.

**ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

**SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS:** Congratulations to Oliver in Year 1 who achieved his Stage 1 swimming certificate last month! ★



**DANCE SHOWCASE:** Well done to Grace in Year 2 who has taken part in a dancing showcase with her dancing group ‘Dancing Gems’. Grace performed a dance with the rest of her group who were then awarded with a special T-shirt and pictures. ★



**PARK RUN:** Chloe in Year 6 has continued to run Park Run with her Dad on Saturdays and has now run 6 – Well done Chloe! ★



## SWIMMING EXPECTATIONS

As part of the National Curriculum swimming expectations are, by the end of primary school, to be able to:

“We had a lot of fun at the Newton Day. I enjoyed hearing some of the books the author had written.”

Oliver R (Y6)

- Swim unaided for a sustained period of time over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use recognised arm and leg actions, lying on their front and back
- Use a range of recognised stroke and personal survival skills (such as front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, sculling, floating and surface dives)



All pupils in Key Stage 2 have 30 hours of swimming lessons in a block term at Chester City Baths. This week, Year 5 have been mastering the life-saving element of the swimming curriculum.

## BELGRAVE CASHLESS SCHOOL AND PTA MONEY ORGANISATION

We would appreciate it if you would top up your School Money account to keep it in credit. The office staff do not like being debt collectors! Reminder that you are welcome to bring your credit/debit card into the office and they can process your payment for you. As Belgrave is endeavouring to become cashless, we do not keep cash in the office and unfortunately, we cannot help with giving change.

Thank you for using the secure green post box in the entrance for PTA correspondence only. Please can we remind you to put all money for PTA in a sealed envelope to help avoid any mix up of payments.

## SPORTS



Belgrave continue to take part in many sporting competitions arranged by Mr Moss, and so far this year have competed in:

- Rugby tournament at Chester Rugby Club
- League football match against Newton Primary School (away)
- Quick Sticks Hockey at Upton High School
- U11s Girls Football tournament at Christleton High School
- League football match against Huntington at Belgrave Primary School

Thank you to Mr Moss for giving up his free time for pupils to take part in these events.

## CHARITIES



We raised an amazing **£838.06** for **Children in Need** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your kind donations of cakes and coins on Pudsey Bear sheets. And a special mention to Mrs Clethro who organised this special event. We have already raised money for **Macmillan**; sent Harvest donations to **Save The Family**; and are collecting for **Save The Children** on Christmas Jumper Day.



## COMPLETED ROOFING WORKS

Thank you for your patience whilst the roofing works have been carried out on the Community Centre. Year 5 and 6 are particularly pleased to have the extra room on Willow Playground again!

## ENGLISH AND MATHS EVENTS AT NEWTON PRIMARY AND THE KING'S SCHOOL

A group of Year 5 and 6 pupils attended an Author day at Newton Primary School and a Cubic Maths challenge at The King's School last month. Both Mrs Dougherty and Mrs Clethro were very impressed with the participation from

Belgrave pupils. All children had a great time and represented our school impressively! Special congratulations to Alex in Year 6 who came third out of 80 children in an individual maths competition – well done!

### TICKETS FOR KEY STAGE 1 AND 2 PERFORMANCES

Letters have gone out regarding tickets for the Christmas performances. The Key Stage 1 performance will be filmed on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and a letter has gone out to purchase a DVD as a keepsake. For Health and Safety reasons, there will be **NO STANDING** at any of the performances and all people must have a ticket for the events.

### SPORTS AMBASSADORS

Well done to Rose and Frank who attended the Sports Ambassadors afternoon at Blacon High School in November.

They will be creating competitions and arranging sports activities for the rest of school in the new year.

"I like playing with *all* my friends!"

Holly (Y1)

### WALK MY JOURNEY / LANTERN PARADE

Year 5 represented Belgrave at the Lantern Parade in Chester City Centre on Thursday evening. This was also

"I am looking forward to making lanterns in Year 5. It's fun making Christmas baubles with Mrs Halewood but it's a 2-day job!"

Kaitlin (Y4)



linked to the 'Walk My Journey' project which the pupils have been working on since September. Approximately 20 schools were part of the project which culminated in a moving performance of one of the songs outside the cathedral and a film about the refugee's lives. Well done to everyone for all your hard work and to Mrs Bowle who organised this for our children. Thank you to the parents who kindly volunteered their time to help us at

the parade and to all the family and friends who came to spectate.

### LATEST PLASTIC CUPS COUNT

Thank you to Annabel, Nia, Marie, Phoebe, Emma and Lilly-Ella; the latest count on plastic cups collected from lunchtime and recycled is 375. Well done – you are really encouraging Belgrave to look after our environment.

### AND FINALLY.....



Governors continue to volunteer in their capacity as Belgrave governors. Please see the annual Governor Impact statement on our website or follow this link: [http://www.belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/302249](http://www.belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/302249)

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!

**FINAL REMINDER:** There will be NO after school clubs on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. All pupils need collecting at 3.10pm (KS1) / 3.15pm (KS2).

"Wishing you a happy Christmas and healthy New Year 2019!"

From all the staff at Belgrave Primary School

We hope to see you at the Christmas performances over the next couple of weeks. We wish you all a happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019!

Kind regards,

Juliette Benton - Headteacher



## DATES

### 2018-19

#### Dec

Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC assemblies and workshops
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Judo Assembly
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Westminster Park shop lights switch on – Belgrave choir 5pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair 5.00pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Play Dress Rehearsal
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Play 1.45pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Concert 5.30pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Play 9.30am
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Concert 5.30pm
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Concert 9.30am
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Toy Day (Pupils can bring in a toy or board game – no electricals or remote controlled toys)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Finish for Christmas (No after school club)

#### Jan

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Day Back
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Judo Year 5 & 6 for 5 weeks
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Trip to Dangerpoint
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Deaf Awareness Assembly & Year 4 Workshop
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Allergy Awareness Assembly & Year 3 Workshop
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics

#### Feb

18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half Term
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Judo Year 3 & 4

#### Mar

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Residential Pre-meeting @ 6.00pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Residential Pre-meeting @ 6.00pm
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term

#### Apr

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	First Day Back
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Residential Visit to Tattenhall



### **December PTA Newsletter Segment:**

Unbelievably we are in the homeward stretch to the holidays....and that can only mean one thing, the annual Belgrave Christmas Fair extravaganza! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday when our doors open at 5pm.

Thank you for the heart-warming response to our request for tombola, wrapping room and bottle donations. In addition there are some epic raffle prizes up for grabs – tickets are still available.

Cake donations are hugely appreciated (shop bought or homemade – either are very popular) there are no Gwendolyn's from Bad Mom's in our school!

*Crumbs the term is nearly ended*

*Hopes are high that our fair is splendid*

*Raffle prizes at the ready*

*I hope we don't win the giant teddy...*

*(no room at this inn - I've only just de-cluttered!)*

*Santa's sleigh of beer and wine? Now*

*That will help me wine and dine!*

*My friends and family will be merry*

*And I'll eat cakes from Mary Berry*

*(or the Co-op/Morrisons/Tesco - it doesn't matter, it's cake)*

*So grab the kids, forget making dinner*

*For ready cooked burger and sausage is a winner*

*Admire how the school comes together*

*Ideally minus last year's snowy weather.*

*Right it's nearly time, don't be late*

*See you 5pm at the usual gate!*

PS: Our new calendar of events will be advised early next term – including a terrific finale to “Dry January” for those planning a healthy start to 2019!