

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic break over Christmas and managed a rest too. The dark Winter days are certainly upon us now, but we are looking forward to an action-packed Spring term with many exciting events to look forward to in the forthcoming months.

CHRISTMAS SUCCESSES



Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas fair, whether it was in the planning, running a stall, organising or spending your money! A whopping amount of **£1900** was raised. PTA have already bought new basketball posts, and Cuisenaire maths equipment since September and the money from the fair will go towards purchasing new lockers for children in Key Stage 1 and 2. A fantastic amount of money which again benefits our pupils directly. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support.

Well done to the choir who sang beautifully at the Westminster Park light switch on before Christmas. We received some lovely comments about

the children's behaviour and talented singing from members of the community.

"Please congratulate the children on their lovely singing and impeccable behaviour." Email from member of the community.

"This term I have enjoyed e-safety on the computers."
Healy (Y5).

Christmas dinner was a huge hit – some governors and volunteers were also able to join us for the event and it was a great festive atmosphere. Thanks to the kitchen staff for making it so successful!



And all pupils performed exceptionally well in their performances: 'Two Thousand Years Ago' and 'The Grinch' Carol Concert. Belgrave has such talented children!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IMPORTANT NOTICE

Numbers have increasingly grown at after school club and our risk assessment is continually reviewed to ensure the safety and welfare of all children who attend. For this to remain a priority, and due to staffing and pupil ratios and snack to be ordered and made in advance, we have a limited number of places at after school club for both sessions. Therefore, you must book your child into club in advance. Unfortunately, when we reach our limit we cannot take any extra pupils. If your child is not booked into club but still attends then there will be a charge of £10 in addition to the club charge. A reminder that after school club charges have not been increased and are:

- 3.15pm – 4.15pm £4.50
- 4.15pm – 5.30pm £5.50
- 3.15pm – 5.30pm £10.00

You can cancel a booking up to 12 noon on the day. After this time, charges will apply. Bookings will be taken on the day dependant on spaces available.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS: Congratulations to Clara in Year 2 who achieved her 20 metres swimming certificate last month! ★

MARTIAL ARTS AND SWIMMING: Well done to Erin in Year 2 who has achieved her orange belt in Martial Arts and her 50 metres swimming certificate – what a busy bee you are!

Congratulations Erin! ★



RACE FOR LIFE: Congratulations to Isana in Year 6 who ran the Race For Life and came 10th out of 90 runners! A really fantastic achievement for such an admirable charity. Applause also goes to Isana's Mum who had her hair shaved off for Cancer charity in December too! ★★



NSPCC



We had a visitor from the NSPCC at Belgrave delivering an assembly for all pupils about keeping safe. Key Stage 2 pupils also received a workshop about staying safe and who can help. Thank you to the 31 parents who attended the parent workshop, feedback tells us that you found the session useful.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IN AID OF SAVE THE CHILDREN

Thank you to everyone who donated for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper day which coincided with Christmas dinner day this year. We raised £114.25



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Belgrave took part in the Chester football tournament in Upton at the end of last term. They played brilliantly as a team and this led them to make it through to the semi-finals where they beat Newton Primary and then into the final. They were pipped at the post in the last minute when Malpas secured the winning goal. A fantastic team effort by all our players and being runners up means the team have qualified to be in the Cheshire tournament at the end of January in Crewe – well done team Belgrave!



PARKING

Before Christmas, we had a couple of complaints from residents about parking. Please can you ensure that you are not parking on the yellow zig zag lines in front of school or dropping off here either. A reminder that pupils should also not be walking across the car park to enter or leave school. Many thanks for your cooperation in keeping all of our children safe at all times.

“How lovely to have pupils showing parents around school.”

Parent on a walk around for a place in next year's Reception Dec 2018

AMBASSADORS FOR BELGRAVE

Well done to Rose and Frank who attended the Sports Ambassadors day in December. They are now working with the playground leaders from year 5 to plan and deliver games for other children at lunchtimes.

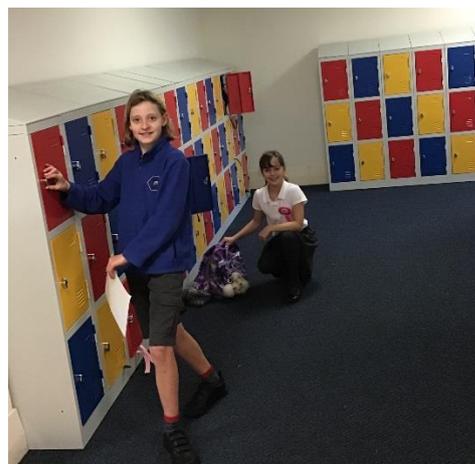
"I enjoyed making my Christmas art work!"

Matthew (Y1)

LOCKERS

Year 5 and 6 are very excited to already be using their lockers bought by PTA with money raised by you. With health and safety, a priority and keeping cloakrooms tidy and clutter-free, pupils agreed that lockers would be a great idea. We are also hoping that lost property will now be very small in comparison. A reminder that any

new uniform needs labelling please.



LATEST PLASTIC CUPS COUNT

Thank you to Annabel, Nia, Maria, Phoebe, Emma and Lilly-Ella; the latest count on plastic cups collected from lunchtime and recycled is a whopping 987! Well done – you are really encouraging Belgrave to look after our environment.

ITEMS FOUND

Various glasses, keys and watches have been handed into the school office over recent months. Please pop into the office if you have misplaced any of these items.

PUPILS PLAYING ON WILLOW PLAYGROUND BEFORE SCHOOL

A reminder that children are able to play on the Willow playground before and after school but you as parents and carers are responsible for your own child's safety until school doors open at 8.45am.

POUND FOR POUND (£ for £) / FUND MATCHING SCHEMES BY EMPLOYERS

The school was incredibly grateful for the huge MBNA grant it received at the end of our last school year which was proposed by one of our parents, Kuowei Leung and in December the terrific donation we received from the Co-op as their nominated charity. These additional funds are simply critical for supporting our children's learning opportunities - by providing equipment and facilities we otherwise could simply not afford from our primary Local Authority budget allocation.

We have also been made aware that increasingly employers are offering a Pound for Pound (£for£) or Fund Matching scheme primarily for charitable work or fundraising their employees support. In this regard can I ask parents who may have access to a scheme, but haven't applied for their 2018/2019 allocation, that as our PTA is a registered charity if you have volunteered at a fund raising event (school disco/Christmas Fair) or undertaken any fundraising (e.g. the Chester Marathon) that meets your employer's requirement we would be very grateful if you would apply on our behalf - every pound helps!

If your scheme requires the PTA's charity number for your application please e-mail the School office, who will be happy to provide details. Many thanks in advance of any help you can offer in regards to this.

AND FINALLY.....

If you have a query or concern please see your class teacher or email 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.

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!

Kind regards,

Juliette Benton - Headteacher

"Happy New Year!"

From all the staff at
Belgrave Primary School

DATES

2019

Jan

Mon 14 th	Judo Year 5 & 6 for 5 weeks
Tue 15 th	Year 6 Trip to Dangerpoint
Thurs 17 th	Themed lunch
Tue 22 nd	Deaf Awareness Roadshow & Year 3/4 Workshop
Wed 23 rd	Allergy Awareness Assembly & Year 3 Workshop
Thurs 24 th	Cheshire Schools FA Cup football match at Crewe
Tues 29 th	Water Village Assembly and workshops
Wed 30 th	Year 5/6 Sports hall Athletics

Feb

Tues 5 th	Whole School Challenge Day – Enabling Enterprise
Mon 11 th	Y5 to QPHS to watch Grease
18 th – 22 nd	Half Term
Mon 25 th	Judo Year 3 & 4 for 5 weeks
Tues 26 th	Y3 Quick Sticks Hockey

Mar

Wed 6 th	Year 5 Residential Pre-meeting @ 6.00pm
Wed 20 th – Fri 22 nd	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th	Atlantic Rowing Sports week
Tue 26 th	Year 4 Residential Pre-meeting @ 6.00pm
Thurs 28 th	Wear Sportswear Day for end of Atlantic Rowing Week
Thurs 28 th	Last Day of Term
Fri 29 th	INSET DAY

Apr

Mon 15 th	First Day Back
Tues 16 th	Tempest class photos
Fri 19 th – Mon 22 nd	Closed for Easter
Tue 23 rd & 24 th	Year 4 Residential Visit to Tattenhall
Mon 29 th	Year 4 Music celebration @QPHS

May

Mon 6 th	No School - Bank Holiday
Thurs 9 th	Year 3 Residential pre-meeting @ 6.00pm
Thurs 16 th	Themed lunch day
Fri 24 th	Last day of term

June

Mon 3 rd	Inset Day
Tues 4 th	First Day Back
Tues 4 th - Wed 5 th	Year 3 Residential to Beeston



January PTA Message:

Happy New Year from the PTA!

This half term we have in the planning stage a couple of events focussing on the community element of the PTA's purpose - with a social event for parents (post dry January!) and a film night for the children. Further details will follow shortly so whilst we are finalising the details feel free to dig out the little one's favourite onesies and get ready for a pop & popcorn fest!

If your resolution is to be more organised in 2019 then you'll be delighted to know we have a handful of our exclusive Belgrave School Calendars left. Perfect to keep everyone in the right place at the right time – please ask your PTA Year Rep to reserve you one before they are all gone.

We will continue to support the “reduce/recycle/reuse” ethos wherever possible and appreciate the really positive response from parents and carers in regard to the pre-loved uniform sales and our festive wear recycling initiative. So whilst you are de-cluttering please would you keep to one side any Christmas jumpers/tops that have been grown out of ready for our Xmas Jumper Swop 2019 and any uniform that has life left in it. Clothes can then be dropped off at the school office ideally clearly marked for the PTA.

Thank you for your support in the Autumn term – we look forward to as many of you joining us as possible at our forthcoming event.

