

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

I do hope that you all enjoyed some rest over the festive period. Wishing you all a happy new year from all of us at Belgrave and very much hoping for a year of uninterrupted education despite an uncertain Covid start to the new term.

It was lovely to welcome pupils back to school and see them enthused about their learning.

ART



We have recently reviewed our art curriculum in school.

Year 3 were inspired by the artist Carl Giles and using their own photographs of their grandparents, they created their own Giles-inspired paintings. They look great!

Year 5 have been busy with their space themed artwork in the style

of illustrator Patrick Léger. He is known for his futuristic images of space and book cover designs for the James Bond series.



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Aoife in Reception received her stage 1 swimming badge and certificate before the holidays and is really enjoying her swimming lessons! That's great to hear!

Aoife in Year 6 really enjoyed attending the football match at Chester City FC on 28th December against AFC Fylde (score 2-2).



COVID-19 UPDATE

I am sure you will have seen the ever changing Covid situation unfold over the Christmas break. Please help keep yourself and our community safe by adhering to the guidance:

- Take tests twice weekly if you do not have symptoms to help manage your risk. Testing regularly increases the chances of detecting COVID-19 when you are infectious but are not displaying symptoms, helping to make sure you do not spread COVID-19 by staying at home and self-isolating immediately. Rapid lateral flow testing continues to be available free of charge. You can get tests from pharmacies or online.
- What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19:
The main symptoms of COVID-19 are the recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

If your child develops ***any of these symptoms***, then arrangements should be made for them to take a PCR test as soon as possible. Your child should remain at home while awaiting the PCR test result. Please note that if your child shows any of these symptoms whilst in school, we will phone you to ask you to pick up your child immediately and book a PCR test.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Please keep school informed of the result of the test by emailing admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk

- What to do if your child receives a positive PCR test result:
Self isolate for 10 days. If a Lateral Flow Test is negative on Day 6 and 7 then your child can return to school. If not, then your child must continue to self isolate for the full 10 days.
- What to do if your child is a close contact of someone who has COVID-19:
If your child is a close contact (this includes someone in your household), they should take daily Lateral Flow Tests for the next seven days. As long as these are negative, they can continue to attend school.
- We are following government guidance which means all staff will be wearing face coverings in communal areas and corridors. Wearing a face covering in the playground at drop off and collection is optional but advised. All visitors coming into school must wear a face covering and have taken a Lateral Flow Test.
- Please make all contact with school via email or phone to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and please rest assured that we will continue to monitor the situation carefully and will be guided by the advice from Cheshire West and Chester Public Health.

BUDDIES

Our buddy system at school continues to go from strength to strength.



Year 1 recently watched their Year 5 buddies perform a dance based on the 'The Coming of the Surfer'.



Year 6 regularly enjoy having lunch with their Reception buddies and enjoyed a final Forest School session with buddies before the Christmas break! Hide and seek and making decorations was a hit!



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

Happy New Year! We hope you and your children enjoyed the Christmas break. We would also like to warmly welcome your children back to school.

Governors will be meeting this term to discuss ongoing business-as-usual matters relating to the educational and financial management of the school, which officially converted to academy status and joined The Learning Trust on 1st December 2021.

We wish you all a very enjoyable and productive start to 2022.

Thank you,
Belgrave's Governing Board

PTA



A big thank you to everyone for your kind donations towards the Christmas Fair. Despite the fair being held during the school day, the PTA managed to gather enough volunteers to continue with Santa's Grotto and the very popular Wrapping Room. Along with sweetie cup purchases and the raffle, the PTA raised approximately £1800.

This is a fantastic amount and brings us very close to being able to purchase a new piece of long awaited playground equipment for the Willow Playground.

AND FINALLY.....

- Please continue to let us know of any achievements made outside school so that we can share them in our newsletters by emailing to admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk
- Please **do not** use Class Dojo to message staff. If you need to get in touch then email the school office: admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk who will contact the appropriate person.
- Please ensure your Schoolmoney account is in credit.

Juliette Benton
Headteacher



DIARY DATES

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January '22	
Tue 4 th	Inset Day
Wed 5 th	1 st Day of Term
Tue 18 th	Happy Puzzle Company workshops in school
February	
Fri 18 th	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 28 th	Return to School
April	
Fri 1 st	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Tue 19 th	1 st Day of Term
Wed 20 th	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway Centre
Thur 21 st	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway Centre
Fri 22 nd	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway Centre
Tue 26 th	Year 4 Residential Visit to Tattenhall
Wed 27 th	Year 4 Residential Visit to Tattenhall
May	
Mon 2 nd	Bank Holiday
Tue 3 rd	Return to School
Thur 26 th	Year 3 Residential Visit to Delamere
Fri 27 th	Year 3 Residential Visit to Delamere
Fri 27 th	Last Day of Half Term
June	
Mon 6 th	Inset Day
Tue 7 th	Return to School
July	
Wed 13 th	Year 6 trip to London
Thur 14 th	Year 6 trip to London
Fri 15 th	Year 6 return from London
Thur 21 st	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Fri 22 nd	Inset Day