

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

I hope that everyone enjoyed a break over half term ready for the darker nights and colder weeks ahead. It was heartening to see pupils back in school, calm and ready to learn. There is plenty of exciting learning planned for this half term and in the lead up to the festive period.

Thank you for supporting school events to keep our fundraising and exciting extra events running for our pupils. Children in Need is due to take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Mrs Clethro will be sending more information shortly but please save some coins for the Stick On Coins sheet. Children will also be able to come into school in non-uniform or Children in Need clothing / pyjamas. There also be a cake sale and raffle. ☺



### **BALANCE BIKES, SCOOTERS AND TRIKES NEEDED**



If anyone is having a clear out with Christmas on its way then please donate any trikes, bikes, balance bikes and scooters to our Early Years department. The children love whizzing around at break and lunchtimes on the Muga and we would love more. If they need some TLC then Mr Amner is amazing at fixing them up! Many thanks in advance! ☺

### **PTA SCHOOL DISCO AND BREAK THE RULES DAY**

We were delighted that nearly 200 pupils attended the recent school disco before half term. The fancy dress outfits were smashing and the dancing matched! A huge thank you to the Ramkelawan family who did the music for both the KS1 and KS2 disco on the evening.

Many rules were broken on the last day of half term providing much needed funds towards raising money for our playground equipment. We are so close to our £11,000 target now.

Thank you for your support and please now look out for details of the film night where parents can go and enjoy a couple of hours Christmas shopping time or a relax! And don't forget our extremely popular Christmas Fair on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 5-7pm. Please save the date for lots of festive fun for all the family!

### **SCHOOL CHOIR**



Our very popular School Choir are busy in their preparations for Christmas events in the lead up to the festive period. They are going to enter the Christmas Stars singing competition hosted by Dee Radio 106.3 as well as singing at Westminster Park Lights Switch On, The Christmas Story at Chester Cathedral and helping with Key Stage One Christmas performances. This is in addition to their own Christmas performances in Key Stage Two. Parents of children in the school choir, please can you save the dates in the diary dates on the last page of this newsletter. Many thanks in advance!

### **JASS IN NEW ACADEMIC YEAR**

The initial meeting for parents regarding JASS (Junior Award Scheme for Schools) for Year 5 children will be after school today 3.20pm – 3.45pm. Further information has been posted on ClassDojo.

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 takes place from Monday 14th – Friday 18th November with the theme 'Reach Out'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau. We will be getting involved, as we do each year, here at Belgrave.

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out. Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.

And it doesn't stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out. Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.

It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202022%20-%20Parent%20Pack.pdf> (Parent pack)

## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



It was lovely to hear that Evelyn in Year 4 has recently achieved her Grade One in ballet after taking lessons since she was 4 years old! Well done Evelyn! 😊

Last Saturday Harvey in Year 3 entered the competition on CBBC Saturday Mash Up and won, getting a call from the hosts live on air! He received his mountain of prizes and his picture featured on the show on Saturday morning. His favourite prize was from the hosts of the show 'One, Zoo, Three' and they have adopted a red

panda for him at their zoo. This is very exciting news – well done Harvey! 😊

Thank you so much to Heather in Year 4 and Blake in Yr 5 made a Bat Hotel in Saltney Cubs. They have donated it to school for us to have in our Forest School woodland area and Mr Amner is busy fixing it in position. 😊

Well done to Logan in Year 1 and Charlie W in Year 2 who completed their first race in the Foamtastic Colour Run on Sunday 9th October for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd at Chester Racecourse – a great achievement! 😊

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

We hope that you and your children have had a wonderful half-term break and that your children are settling back into school well.

We met as a full Board in October to discuss matters relating to the educational and financial management of the school and we are pleased to announce that we have recommended the appointment of a new governor to the Board, Deborah Forrest. Deborah has extensive experience working in primary education and we are delighted she has put herself forward to join us. Welcome Deborah!

Belgrave, as part of The Learning Trust, are still in communication with the Local Authority following our consultation period regarding the Moat Park school satellite provision on Wrexham Road. We have not yet submitted a Full Business Case review and we will keep you updated of any progress in future correspondence. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very good start to the second half of term.

Thank you, Belgrave Governing Board



## RUGBY TOURNAMENT



Well done to our Year 6 team who attended the recent rugby tournament at Chester Rugby Club just before half term. The team played 6 back to back games winning 3 games and drawing one.

They had an enjoyable time and Mr Moss was impressed with how the team represented Belgrave impeccably.

## HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Mr Clifton took a team of six hockey players to a tournament in the final week of term. The team won 4 games, drew 2 and lost 1. Well done to everyone involved! Mr Clifton was extremely impressed with team spirit and cooperation.



## AND FINALLY.....

- All of our Christmas Performance dates are in the diary dates below which we have tried to arrange around World Cup fixtures! More information about ticket allocation will be sent out nearer the time.
- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. Any holidays in term time cannot be authorised. Please report any pupil absences to the school office by 9.15am.
- Please continue to let us know of any achievements made outside school so that we can share them in our newsletters. Please send them by email to [admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk) who will contact the appropriate person.
- Dogs are NOT allowed on school premises and this includes all of the playgrounds. If you are leaving your dog tied up outside the school gates then please ensure that your dog will not block the gate entrance.

Juliette Benton

Headteacher



(My new portrait by Gabriella in Year 3!)

**DIARY DATES**

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<b>November</b>	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip to Western Approaches Museum
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to Youth Climate Forum at Chester Cathedral
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair sale in the school foyer before and after school
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country 4.00pm
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.10pm – 5.00pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lantern Parade Workshop – Year 4
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Individual School Photographs
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil flu vaccinations
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Lantern Parade in Chester City Centre approximately 6pm
<b>December</b>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Westminster Park Light Switch On (School Choir to sing) approximately 5pm
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sing The Christmas Story at Chester Cathedral (School Choir only)
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rec and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents 1.30pm
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Roman trip to Chester
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rec and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents 9.45am KS2 Christmas Performance for parents 5.00pm
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Performance for parents 9.30am
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 – 6 trip to Cinderella Pantomime at Floral Pavilion, New Brighton
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
<b>January '23</b>	
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>February</b>	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>March</b>	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
<b>April</b>	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>May</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday – no school
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Return to School
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 residential visit to Delamere (1 night)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 return from residential
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 return from residential
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
<b>June</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Class Photographs
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 return from residential
<b>July</b>	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)