

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

Welcome back to the new academic school year. We all hope you had an enjoyable summer break. It's been a lovely return to school with a buzz of busyness and happiness around the school building and grounds.

It's great to have all pupils back and our new Reception pupils who are now in full routine.

A very warm welcome to any new families starting at Belgrave!



We always begin our new academic year focused around a book which all classes use. This year we have chosen 'The Perfect Fit' by Naomi and James Jones. This is a story about fitting in and links with our No Outsiders message: Everyone is different, everyone is welcome.

*Meet Triangle and all the other shapes in this hilarious picture book about friendships, fun, and finding your place. No matter how hard she tries, Triangle doesn't roll like the circles, or stack like the squares . . . so she sets off to find friends that look exactly like her. But when she finds the other triangles, playtime isn't as fun. She misses the shapes that roll and stack; she misses having friends of all shapes and sizes! Can Triangle get all of the different shapes playing and having fun together?*

Classes will also be exploring the life of bees and our motto **Belong, Enjoy, Enthuse, Succeed**. They will be having age appropriate discussion around our behavioural expectations (Relationships Policy) which set out our aims, core values and implementation of behaviour here at Belgrave:

<http://www.belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk/page/behaviour/14737>

Sanctions and consequences are based around our three school rules:

Be Safe; Be Kind; Be a Good Listener and Learner

Please familiarise yourself with our Relationships Policy and our expectations for behaviour at all times at Belgrave.



## COMMUNICATION



It is the monthly newsletter which will provide the information, achievements and diary dates for the forthcoming year. We aim to provide you with dates as far in advance as possible. Some dates are subject to change. PTA will send more information before events but dates are on the list for you to save in your calendars! This newsletter is in addition to Class Dojo and emails that we use to send letters instead of paper copies. Class Dojo is the first form of communication for messages and notifications from staff. If you need to contact staff at school, please email [admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk) and Mrs Morgan will arrange for you to be contacted by the appropriate staff member. **Please do not use Class Dojo to message staff as we cannot guarantee that messages will be read.** Celebration assemblies will resume on Friday afternoons for one year group per week; you will receive a message on the Wednesday of that week if your child is sharing their work during that assembly to give you the opportunity to come and join us. All pupils will share their work over the course of the academic year.

## MOBILE PHONES REMINDER FOR PUPILS IN YEAR 5 AND 6

Quick reminder to the Year 5/6 children—mobile phones should not be visible on the playground before or after school. Keep them in your bags please until you leave the school grounds! As tempting as it may be to share the latest video or meme, this should not be happening on school premises. If parents could reinforce this at home it

would be greatly appreciated. All children bringing a mobile phone to school need to have a completed Mobile Phone Parental Permission letter. Mobile phones must be handed to Mr Clifton or Miss Edwards on arrival at school and are locked away safely for the school day. Phones are returned before being dismissed at the end of the day.

## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



If you are new to Belgrave, we welcome parents sending in any photographs / information of achievements 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)

James in Year 2 recently attended the Westminster Park Football Trophy Day and got a trophy for all his hard work in football last season.

Belgrave pupils have celebrated success at the end of last term achieving their new belts in Taekwon-do.

Well done to Julia and Matthew who have now moved onto secondary school, Abigail, Ananya, Mair and Jessica in Year 5. Free trial sessions are available for those who would like to try it; Mondays 6:05pm (KS1 finish 6:55, KS2 finish 7:10) in a new venue, the gym @Catholic High School. For more information visit: <https://www.tkd-chester.co.uk/>



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pupils were really smartly dressed in full school uniform this first week back at school. Please can I remind you that children should not wear nail polish or false nails to school. Jewellery permitted is a watch and stud earrings only. **Open toe sandals or boots** are not appropriate for school wear. It is not compulsory for uniform to have a Belgrave logo. Please ensure that all items brought into school are clearly labelled (including water bottles). We already have 4 items in lost property that are not labelled!



Safety Earrings: We have had this product brought to our attention, available from Amazon. It may be a useful alternative to earrings, which are required to be covered up/taped over for PE at school. Search for "Plastic Earring Posts Clear Rubber Safety Eardrop Backs" if you think they may be of use for your child. We cannot take earrings out or put them back in for any pupils.

## SCHOOL TIMES

We still have a number of children who are arriving after the gates have been locked.

Reception and Key Stage One pupils: **Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am.**

Key Stage Two pupils: **Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.50am.**

Pupils arriving after this time will need to come to the main entrance and will be recorded as late on the register. Please note that **no holidays will be authorised during term time.**





## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

Welcome back everyone!

The LGB are meeting on the last week of September.

This first meeting of the year is notably when we plan and schedule our visits to the school, which we use to review the school strategic priorities with subject leaders.

Please see the poster **How can I help?** below of how you can help as a parent / carer. The PTA AGM is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 4pm at school. We hope that many of you will be able to join us. The PTA are always looking for new parents to help.

Thank you,

Belgrave Governing Board

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE HAPPY HIVE



Please ensure that all bookings for Happy Hive before and after school clubs are made in advance (at least 24 hours). There are a limited number of places available and these fill up quickly.

Pick up until 4.15pm (Monday – Thursday):

Children in Reception and KS1: Middle door Y2 entrance on front playground

Children in KS2: Y4 entrance on Community Centre playground

Friday: All pupils to be collected from

Y4 entrance on Community Centre playground.

Pick up after 4.15pm:

All children from the hall entrance via the main gate on front playground

If we have an event on at school and the hall is being used, a message will be sent that day on Class Dojo. Please check before picking up your child.

## AND FINALLY.....

- A warm welcome to our 5 new members of staff who have joined the Belgrave team this academic year:  
Miss Edwards teaching Year 5; Miss Morgans, Miss Knowles, Miss Simpson and Mrs Green who are all support staff in Reception / KS1.
- Dogs are not permitted on school grounds; this includes all playgrounds. Please ensure that if you are leaving your dog at the school gate, they are not obstructing families passing in and out of school. Gates will be locked 10 minutes after the end of the school day. Please ensure that your children are not playing in the Forest School area after the gates close as they are on an automated timer.
- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.  
Please report all pupil absences to the **school office** by email or phone 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)
- Term dates are on the school website and a copy is below. **Please note the Inset day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October where school is closed for all pupils.**



As ever, we really appreciate your support, enthusiasm and partnership.

Juliette Benton  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024-25

	Close at 3.10/3.15 p.m. Except for end of school term closing at 2.00pm	Open at 8.45 a.m.
Summer 2024		Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Autumn half term	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Christmas 2024	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Close 2pm	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Spring half term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Break 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April Close 2pm	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
May Day 2025	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer half term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Summer 2025	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July Close 2pm	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025

### INSET DAYS

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025



## How can I help?

Parents, carers, extended family and close community are all Friends of Belgrave. Many among you will want to know how you can help the school to be an even better environment for all pupils.

### Belong

We all belong to the Belgrave community and must work together to ensure all the pupils achieve the best outcomes. There should be no 'them' and 'us'. Any concerns should be raised with a positive and open-minded approach, trusting the good intentions of everyone involved, and keeping the well-being of our students as our top priority.

### Participate

Our community is much more fun and cohesive when everyone joins in. Our Parent Teachers Association (PTA) works very hard to organise events that bring everyone together. The pupils love seeing their adults being involved with the school, getting to know their teachers and teaching assistants as well as their friends' families. Teachers will often encourage parents and carers to engage with a piece of homework, be it reading with the kids, or being quizzed on history or even maths. Please join in, don't be shy or afraid to show how much or little you know: simply joining in their learning journey has been proven to bring huge educational benefits!

### Volunteer

It takes a lot of time and effort to keep a school community thriving, and we will sometimes ask for volunteers to help us run a PTA event, ferry kids to a sporting competition or even dig out a playground or repaint a wall. If you can help, please do. We also welcome people who can tell a good story, explain what they do at work, or run a craft session. If you think you have something to offer, please reach out and we'll see whether we can use your help.

But please don't over promise, and be clear and honest about what and how much time you can commit, which is essential for our organisers to work their magic.

### Organise

Our PTA consists of a formal committee (chairs, secretary and treasurer) elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in early September, and a network of class representatives. Together they organise a busy calendar of fundraising events throughout the year, and will regularly ask for volunteers to pitch in. Remember the PTA cannot do this on their own and rely on parents, carers and families to help run these events as well as participate.

We also have a Local Governing Body (LGB) who sets and monitors the strategic progression of the school. This too consists of volunteers, who serve 4 year terms. New parent governors are elected every year or so, and we welcome parents and carers from all walks of life to put themselves forward for elections and help keep our LGB fresh and representative of the whole school community.

### Contribute

It is a sad fact that schools are continuously asked to do more with an increasingly insufficient budget. We rely on the funds raised through PTA events to buy equipment we can no longer afford with our government funding, such as the new [years 3-6 playground](#), or the iPads used in the classrooms. We are a registered charity (Nº 701864) and if you can afford to donate, or buy that cup of sweets, that burger, that beer, that second hand teddy, please do with the assurance your donation will go directly to improve the children's school day as well as their educational outcome.

**DIARY DATES**

*Confirmed dates are listed below. More dates for the academic year will be added next month.  
Please note that some dates may be subject to change.*

<b>September</b>	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Coffee morning for Reception parents at drop off 9am – 9.45am in school hall
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA AGM 4.00pm at school
<b>October</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
W/b 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to River Dee
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
W/b 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 walkaround trip around local area
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco KS1 4-5pm KS2 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Break The Rules day (more PTA information to follow for new families)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of half term
<b>November</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Flu vaccinations
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need day
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Individual and sibling photographs
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Lantern Parade 7pm Chester City Centre
<b>December</b>	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wider Opps music performance for Year 4 parents 2.45pm
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair 5.00pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 1.30pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 9.45am
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 – 6 trip to Peter Pan Pantomime at Floral Pavillion, New Brighton
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas party at school
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas performance 5.00pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas performance 9.30am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
<b>January 2025</b>	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 trip to Safety Central
<b>February</b>	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Movie night
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Break The Rules day
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>March</b>	
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Musical celebration for parents 2.15pm
<b>April</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Springo Bingo
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to Tattenhall
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Ness Gardens
<b>May</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – no school
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 KS2 SATs
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 return from residential
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
<b>June</b>	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Rec / KS1 Sports Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Social 5-7pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Prestatyn beach
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Break The Rules day
<b>July</b>	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wider Opps music performance for Year 4 parents 2.30pm
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 return from residential
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of year reports sent out
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)