



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 is 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 which will soon be upon us.

Please remember to sign up for a Pupil Learning Review to attend with your child in November to set targets for the next term.

Classes have lots of exciting learning planned before December is upon us and we embark upon performances, a pantomime visit or party and the PTA Christmas Fair, amongst other festive activities.

SUCCESSFUL GROUNDS DAY



It was a very successful Grounds Day before half term with some lovely Autumn sunshine! Many families attended and the difference it has made to our grounds is vast. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way during the Saturday morning, including donations of bulbs and compost. We look forward to seeing our grounds bloom in the spring.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO STOCKPORT AIR RAID SHELTERS



As part of their World War II topic, Year 6 have recently visited Stockport Air Raid Shelters to experience what life was like for people having to keep safe during the war.

Their informative visit included being down in the air raid shelters and getting their gas masks on swiftly. They learnt lots of new historic information through this experience and asked intriguing questions. They have completed lots of work linked to the visit on their return.



YEAR 1 TRIP AROUND THE LOCAL AREA

Year 1 enjoyed a morning walking around our local Westminster Park area last month identifying signs of autumn and collecting autumn treasures to use back in the classroom to inspire their learning. The children were very good at finding all the things on their checklists!

They also used an overhead map of the route to find out where they were and followed safety rules crossing roads.



YEAR 5 TRIP TO RIVER DEE



Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the River Dee in October to learn about sandstone, the weir, the tidal aspect of the Dee and also to sketch two bridges in preparation for artwork back at school.

They learnt about sandstone; the bedrock of Cheshire and saw examples of where it was used. The sun shone and the adults were really impressed with their impeccable behaviour.



YEAR 2 TRIP TO THE LADY LEVER ART GALLERY



Year 2 had the most amazing visit to the Lady Lever Art Gallery the week before half term. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were very excited to talk about the gallery when they returned to school. They looked around the gallery at the many different paintings, identifying many differing types of works and artist styles. They also did some sketching whilst they were there.

Miss Taylor was delighted that a member of the public commented how impeccable Year 2's behaviour was and their amazing artistic skills when sketching in the gallery. Well done Year 2! We are really pleased how mature they were during their visit.



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Logan in Year 3 recently achieved his red stripe belt in Taekwondo and Lia in Year 1 achieved her first award- a yellow stripe belt in Taekwondo. Fantastic achievement both of you! ☆



Natalka in Year 3 together with her friends from the singing group, performed a song "Chim Chim Cher-ee" from Mary Poppins. They put on an amazing performance in front of a very big audience. Despite stage fright she sang loudly and clearly and remembered all the actions. ☆



Fearne in Year 3 has been volunteering on Sundays helping to run the Westminster Park community apple press. Fearne picked lots of apples locally, and showed other children how to make their own juice. She also took part in the community clean up and planted lots of daffodils, learning so much from other volunteers in these local groups. ☆

Sophie in Year 5 and Ollie in Year 1 have recently taken part in the Chester Mini Marathon. They both look very proud – a brilliant achievement!



YEAR 2 PADDINGTON PHOTOGRAPH CHALLENGE!



Year 2 have been learning all about London including when Paddington arrives from Peru! Their challenge was not to leave Paddington lonely on his bench in Chester – some lovely photographs sent in of children with their own mini Paddingtons too! Their Paddington inspired work has been of a very high standard and they are excited to share this with parents at the upcoming Pupil Learning Reviews.

CHARITY DONATIONS

We raised a fabulous £223 for Childline from our Kindness Challenge week. Each year group had many kindness acts that they took part in at school and shared some from home too. Year 1 have...

- Tried to give everyone a smile
- Been helpful to our friends
- Tried our best to keep our classroom tidy
- Remembered to use our manners

Year 5 started one morning by writing a kind note for each other! Thank you for supporting and helping to make our world a kinder place. Well done everyone!

Thank you for all the generous donations for Harvest time this year. The goods were donated to Chester Food Bank who were delighted!



ECO TEAM: UPDATE FROM MRS CHILDS (ECO LEADER)

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, dedication and creativity of our 12 Eco Committee representatives. Their class peers elected them at the beginning of the school year and they are certainly taking their new responsibilities seriously. The Eco Committee met early in September to discuss their ideas for the year ahead and have already put some of their plans in action.

This half term they have been on a local walk about litter picking to help make the environment better for all in the community to enjoy. They received so many positive comments from the public. I hope they felt very proud of themselves, I know we were delighted by the local feedback. They helped to organise Grounds Day which was a great success. Thank you to all our Belgrave families who came and helped on the day.

We recently met to create an eco-awareness video. We will share it with you soon. It is truly fabulous! Look out for the new compost bin after half term. What a brilliant idea from the Eco Committee to provide the children with somewhere to put their apple cores etc. Well done Eco Committee for a fantastic first half term! ☆



MONSTER PHONICS DAY AND PHONICS / READING WORKSHOP



Pupils certainly embraced our Monster Phonics day and here are Year 1 representing all nine Monster Phonics characters!



Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Reading / Phonics workshop before half term with lots of useful information and strategies to help at home. This information has also been shared on Dojo for any parents who couldn't attend in those year groups.



SPORTS EVENTS



Well done to our Year 6 team who attended the recent Chester Schools Rugby Festival at Chester Rugby Club just before half term. The team played 6 games; winning 3 games and drawing two. They had an enjoyable time and Mr Moss was impressed with how the team represented Belgrave impeccably.



Mr Clifton took a team of six hockey players to a tournament in October. The team won 4 games, drew 2 and missed out on 1. Well done to everyone involved! Mr Clifton was extremely impressed with team spirit and cooperation.

IMPORTANT E-SAFETY MESSAGES FROM YEAR 4

Year 4 have been creating some e-safety learning based on the SMART crew. Miss Taylor has signposted some helpful information on Dojo for parents to keep your children safe online.



BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open from Friday 8th November through until Wednesday 13th November. If you purchase a book on Friday 8th or Monday 11th November, your name will be put into a draw to win a £5 book token which can be spent at the book fair by Wednesday 13th November.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

This month we will all start to schedule our linked-subject visits to the school, during which we observe and discuss specific areas of the school Annual Development Plan with teachers. These visits are always very informative and enjoyable, and scheduling them well in advance helps everyone make the most of them.

Our next local governing board meeting is at the end of November.

Thank you,
Belgrave Governing Board



AND FINALLY.....

- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. No holidays during term time will be authorised. Please report all pupil absences to the school office by email or phone. The school office will follow up any absences not reported 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

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



Juliette Benton

Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Confirmed dates are listed below. Please note that some dates may be subject to change.

November	
Mon 4 th	Return to school
Fri 8 th	Year 4 Roman Trip in Chester
Fri 8 th – Wed 13 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 11 th	Pupil Flu vaccinations
Mon 11 th	Year 1 Multi Skills Festival
Tues 12 th	Year 2 Multi Skills Festival
Tues 12 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm
Wed 13 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 14 th	Wear it Onederful – World Diabetes Day
Fri 15 th	Year 3 visit to Lache Library
Fri 15 th	Children in Need day
Fri 22 nd	Individual and sibling photographs
Thurs 28 th	Year 4 Lantern Parade 7pm Chester City Centre
December	
Thurs 5 th	Wider Opps music performance for Year 4 parents 2.45pm
Thurs 5 th	Westminster Park Light Switch On 5.00pm (Belgrave Choir singing)
Fri 6 th	PTA Christmas Fair 5.00pm
Tues 10 th	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 1.30pm
Wed 11 th	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 9.45am
Thurs 12 th	Y1 – 6 trip to Peter Pan Pantomime at Floral Pavillion, New Brighton
Thurs 12 th	Reception Christmas party at school
Mon 16 th	KS2 Christmas performance 5.00pm
Tues 17 th	KS2 Christmas performance 9.30am
Wed 18 th	Christmas dinner
Thurs 19 th	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Fri 20 th	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
January 2025	
Mon 6 th	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Tues 7 th	Pupils return to school
Spring Term	Year 5 swimming begins - dates TBC
W/b 20 th	Year 2 visit to Lache Library
Thurs 23 rd	Year 6 trip to Safety Central
Wed 29 th	Year 3 trip to Liverpool World Museum
February	
Wed 5 th	Reception and KS1 Bedtime Story session 4.15pm – 5.15pm
Wed 12 th	PTA Movie night
Fri 14 th	Break The Rules day
Fri 14 th	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 24 th	Pupils return to school
March	
Tues 11 th	Year 5 trip to Xplore Learning
W/b 17 th	Eco Team local visit
Tues 25 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 26 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm
Thurs 27 th	Musical celebration for parents 2.15pm
April	
Thurs 3 ^d	PTA Springo Bingo

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