



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan



Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 7th December 2018

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

★ Little Bells –

★ Year 1 – Alasdair Murnin

★ Year 3 – Alexa Culshaw

★ Year 5 – Loui Wilkins Hayes

★ Reception –

★ Year 2 – Marley Marcolini

★ Year 4 – Finlay Spedding

★ Year 6 – Evie Smith

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

It certainly has been a wet and windy week, let's hope the Christmas Fair brightens the gloom a little. Speaking of which – many thanks to all the parents and staff who have helped to organise the fair and to run the stalls today.

The year 6's managed to avoid the heaviest rain whilst on Bikeability, but showed true Belthorn grit in the chilly conditions on Monday and Tuesday – well done Year 6.

Last night the staff had an extra training session provided by Lancashire County Council on closing the vocabulary gap. We all came away motivated and raring to go. The session highlighted the importance of widening children's spoken vocabulary which in turn helps with reading and writing. Children, on average learn 1000 new words a year, but if they are not spoken to and engaged with in conversations this can lesson to 600 words a year, leaving them with a growing gap. They then need to learn 20 new additional words per day to bridge this gap. That is a lot of words!!



8.30am. Thank you.

The school gates open at 8.30am when there is an adult on duty to supervise. We have noticed that several children are arriving up to 15 minutes before this time and are left unsupervised outside school. We cannot ensure the safety of these children and therefore to safeguard them have to bring them into breakfast club, which is chargeable. Please ensure that you do not leave children unattended before

Attendance Award

Year 5 98.8%



Lancashire Adult Learning Centre are running a craft workshop for parents on Tuesday 18th December at 9.15am – 11.15am. We ran these sessions last year and they were a lovely opportunity to spend time doing something creative together. If any parents or grandparents want to come along, please ring school and let Mrs Nuttall know as places are limited. You will work with your children to produce something.



We are starting to attempt the mile a day. Mrs Brown will be outside at 8.30am on Fridays, and Mrs Rowan will be outside at 8.30am on Wednesdays. The aim is to run 10 times around the trim track. Studies have shown it is a great

benefit to focus and concentration, so a great way to start the day. Parents are welcome to join in too.

And Finally....

Miss Dugdale has asked me to remind you about the two Christmas appeals we have. The Children's Storehouse are asking for new baby items and Mission Christmas is asking for new, unopened toys. Both charities support families experiencing difficulties around the Christmas period.

Thank you

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn staff

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday: Battered min chicken fillets Quorn Dippers Quiche Pasta in Tomato Sauce Curly Fries, Baby corn cobs, Spaghetti Hoops Cheese and Tomato Pizza Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna Apple Crumble and Custard	Tuesday: Pork Meatballs in Gravy Quorn Frankfurt Sausages in Gravy Pasta in Tomato Sauce Mashed potatoes Swede, peas Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna Chocolate Brownie and Ice Cream	Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets Quorn Chicken Fillet Cheese Lattice Finger Pasta in Tomato Sauce Roast Potatoes Baton Carrots, broccoli Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna. Raspberry Mousse	Thursday: Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread Quorn Lasagne with Garlic bread Pasta in tomato Sauce New Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Peas Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna Sticky Toffee Pudding and custard	Friday: Fish Fingers Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pasta in Tomato Sauce Beans, Mushy Peas, chips. Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna Angel Delight
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Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit and yoghurt are available everyday