



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 13th December 2019



★ ★ This week's **BADGE WINNERS**... ★ ★

★ Year 1 – Summer Doody

★ Year 3 – Aisha Issa

★ Year 5 – Ewan Simpson Brown

★ Reception – Coby Higginson

★ Year 2 – Haashim Quraishi

★ Year 4 – Alina Ahmed

★ Year 6 – Lily Drugan

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Busy, Busy, Busy is the mantra of the week.

We started the week with some lovely singing at Blackburn Hospital, where the children spread a little Christmas Cheer. Well done to the choir, and thanks for all the volunteers who helped with transport. In the afternoon, children in Reception and Little Bells had a great time at the Pantomime.

Years 1 and 2 entertained us on Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon – some marvellous dancing and singing. The children's enthusiasm was infectious and we were so proud of them all. Thank you for coming along to support – we had full houses for both performances.

On Thursday night we had 100 children who stayed for our Grinch night – phew!! Huge thanks to Miss Egan for organising the event and for all the staff who stayed once again to help out. Mrs McGurk will be making hot turkey sandwiches in her sleep. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff who help us out to make memorable experiences for the children. Our PTFA is very depleted currently with only 2 or 3 active members. We would really appreciate parents becoming involved with the PTFA so we can share the workload. Grinch night wouldn't have been the same with our volunteer Grinch – you know whooooo you are – THANK YOU.

Year 5 went to Darwen Vale on Thursday morning to see their Christmas production. By all accounts it was very entertaining.

Yesterday we had a focus on Christianity as part of our continued RE work. Earlier this term we had an Islam day and next term we have Buddhism day – we already have a speaker lined up for this one. These days are intended to be a sharp focus on aspects of different religions, and hopefully provide the children with an understanding and a tolerance of different beliefs and traditions.

Today we had coffee and mince pies after assembly; again, thank you for your support. Raffle tickets have been on sale all week – many thanks to our parent's and local businesses who have donated prizes. The raffle will be drawn after the Nativity on Tuesday 17th December. If you haven't already

Attendance Award

Year 2 98%

bought tickets, but would like to – you can buy them from Miss Egan or from the front Reception. The money raised will pay for the stage we have erected – Mr Griffiths and Mr Carr have constructed staging and made curtains which helps when we have our performances. The money raised from the Christmas events will go towards buying virtual headsets and a 360 degree camera. These items will enhance our computing curriculum

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Please note the following from Blackburn with Darwen: If you apply for Free school Meals via Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council you must bring your letter to the school office – the council do not inform the school on your behalf.

Coming up next week.....

- Monday afternoon – Belthorn’s got Talent final (performed to the school only)
- Tuesday afternoon – Nativity – performed by Year 6 and Reception children. This will begin at 2.30pm. We are unable to open the doors to allow parents into school before 2.25pm as we are still using the hall up until 2pm and then we have to set up. Priority will be given to parents of children in year 6 and Reception as we will have very limited space.
- Wednesday is our Christmas Dinner and after this we will be providing Christmas Dinner for some of the elderly of the village and entertaining them with Christmas songs.
- **A reminder that school and Little Bells close at 3.30pm on Thursday 19th December.**

And finally.....

Thank you to Kathryn Livesey for supplying us with some strawberry plants. We will plant these out after Christmas.

Volunteers needed to help prune/trim the willows. Expert advice and guidance will be on hand, but we need a few extra folk to help us. Suggested date is Thursday 9th January. Please get in touch if you can help us out.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff

NEXT WEEK’S MENU

Monday:

Beef Burger in a bun
Quorn Burger in a bun
Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Curly Fries
Mixed Vegetables
Jacket Potato with cheese,
baked beans or tuna
Marble Cake and Custard

Tuesday:

Pork Sausages & gravy
Quorn Sausages & gravy
Veggie Kiev
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Mashed potatoes, peas,
sweetcorn
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna
Jelly & Ice Cream

Wednesday:

Christmas Dinner

Thursday:

Hot dogs
Quorn dogs
Cheese and Tomato
Pizza

Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots and yoghurt are available everyday