



"Nurturing Hearts  
and Minds"

# Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan



## Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

★ ★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★ ★

★ Year 1 – Izzy Simms

★ Year 3 – Joshua Godfrey

★ Year 5 – Alysia Heys

★ Reception – Olivia Harris

★ Year 2 – Malakai Traore

★ Year 4 – Sam Lawton

★ Year 6 – Matthew Pickering

### Welcome to this week's newsletter...

A week of not one but two Hot Spot days. Well done to all the children who got a raffle ticket and of course to the 4 winners of the £5 gift tokens.

Some of Year 5 and 6 went to the WHAM factory this week as part of our STEM visit. By all accounts this was a brilliant trip and the children once again did us proud. We received an email from the company afterwards praising our pupil.....

*"These young people are a credit to your school. They behaved impeccably. Their enthusiasm was infectious. Probably shouldn't have used that word, with what's going on at the moment. Should I replace it with catching? Maybe not. Our whole team commented on how well behaved they are. Your group have encouraged us to open it up to other schools in the area.*

*Please thank all the young people who came along today."*

*Very best regards*

*Tony*

*Tony Grimshaw OBE*



Well done to Mrs Sutcliff and the Eco club. We have been awarded the bronze Eco Schools Award and are now working towards getting the Silver Award. Mrs Sutcliff and the children told the school in assembly about what we need to do to get this next award.



We received a letter this week from the Rotary club, thanking us for our donations of books for the children in Gambia. Thank you all for your support with this.



Accrington Stanley have donated a bag of equipment worth £500 and we have won some more PE equipment from ALDI as part of the voucher competition we took part in earlier in the year.

## Attendance Award

### Reception 100%



A reminder that our Bingo Night is scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Tickets are £5 which include your Bingo and your tea – pie and peas. Please pop into Reception to buy your tickets.

So to the news of the moment....

We are carefully following the DFE guidelines and these are being constantly updated. Of course if we have to close the school we will inform parents straight away. Meanwhile, we ask that you repeat our message to the children regarding handwashing and using the hand gels around school. Also, if your child has a temperature and a cough, please keep them off school for the 7 day recommended period.

In the event of a closure we ask that you use the on-line Mathletics programme to access maths work. All children from Year R – 6 should have a password for this. In addition, this week we have signed up for an online spelling programme which I am sending out details of at the bottom of this newsletter. Please work your way through these units as appropriate to your child's ability (Year 1 – Year 6 only). Reading, and discussions of books is something which should be done daily. I have asked all class teachers to prepare ideas for work which can be completed at home and in the event of a closure we will be able to email out work to classes remotely.

The latest information from local schools is that all cluster group sporting events are cancelled. I will know more about this on Monday. Our in-school netball, football, dodgeball etc. will go ahead.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn staff.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

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

Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit and yoghurt are available everyday

Please keep on reading to find out information  
about the new spelling app.....



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## 'Sir Linkalot' - Award-winning spelling app

We have just bought an innovative and fun app called 'Sir Linkalot' that we believe, is going to help us learn those tricky common exception words, all the way from *was*, *two* and *they* up to *manoeuvre*, *onomatopoeia* and even *diarrhoea*!

To find out what it's all about, please click on the following clip [.The Future of Spelling](#)

It is not solely for spelling, however. It's covering the whole of the technical requirements on the National Curriculum, i.e vocabulary, homophones, punctuation, grammar, rules and patterns. You will see in the above clip that Countdown's Susie Dent is on the app as 'Susie Lexicographer' who will tell you the etymology of words that have an interesting story to tell.

Here's an example of a "Susie Story"....[Biscuit - Etymology](#) [Biscuit - Spelling](#)

We'll be using it with your children but you can access the app via a mobile or tablet to enable your child(ren) to practise at home.

Once you have downloaded it from an online store, please tap on the log icon (for 'Log in') at the top right, clicking on "Sir Linkalot's Code (schools only)". Type 'Belthorn' in the username and the following password AAWCE455G6. You can also view it on a laptop or PC. Type in the browser itself (not a search engine)...[app.sirlinkalot.org](http://app.sirlinkalot.org) and follow the above instructions.

We think this will be an extremely useful resource now and all the way through your child's education. Many dyslexia associations endorse the approach as, it's proven, that visual resources are the most powerful way to commit something to memory.

Last month, Sir Linkalot won the 'Best Educational App' award at this year's Bett Show - the world's largest Edtech exhibition.

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