



"Nurturing Hearts  
and Minds"

# Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

## Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

★ ★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★ ★

★ Little Bells – Ayesha M

★ Reception – Aisha A

★ Year 1 – Isabella C

★ Year 2 – Thomas B

★ Year 3 – Lucas G

★ Year 4 – Thomas G

★ Year 5 – Evie GM

★ Year 6 – Evelyn J

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

This week in school we have enjoyed being outside whenever we can, and the children have enjoyed the sunshine. The 2 groups have been busy with afternoon activities once their Showbie work has been completed in the mornings.



Our minds have turned this week to thinking about the school summer holidays. I can confirm that we will be closed but we are looking at what can be put in place for children if families want to continue with online learning and activities over the summer. I know that Lancashire will be issuing some advice soon and they have already said that a DfE Holiday Activities and Food programme will be available over the summer and a holiday scheme has also been announced for holiday childcare places, led by charities and community groups.

Lancashire libraries have contacted schools with information about their summer reading programme and I do urge parents to look at this, especially as it begins on 27<sup>th</sup> June. This is what they had to say:

***This year Lancashire's Libraries will be inviting children to get silly for the Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge will give you the chance to sign up and take part online, with the special [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk) website! The Challenge website will be free to access and a place for you to rate and review books and work towards your reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital and downloadable activities to complete at home. The Library service will also be providing loads of fun free things to do including book quizzes, a reading group, and an online Lego club!***

***The theme of the Challenge for this year is Silly Squad, and we want to celebrate funny and silly stories all summer long! From David Walliams to Roald Dahl, and Jacqueline Wilson to Jeff Kinney, there are thousands of hilarious books for you to read, and we can't wait to hear about them!***

***The Summer Reading Challenge Silly Squad website is now live for you to sign up on, and we in Lancashire will be launching the challenge on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, so keep an eye on our social media and website for more information!***

Twitter: @lancspublib

Facebook: @lancslibraries

Website: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/your-library-at-home](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/your-library-at-home)



Next week we are very excited to be welcoming back Little Bells and Reception class children. Please refer to the letter we sent out before half term regarding arrangements for drop off and pick up as times are staggered. Remember to wear school uniform and to bring snacks, a packed lunch and drinks bottles please. Please enter the school via the staff car park and onto the playground. There will be signs to show you where to wait if there is a queue. Hopefully it won't be wet and we will be able to enjoy being outside a lot more than usual – so come prepared. I am sure it might take a day or two to get used to the new routines, but hopefully it will become familiar; we may have to amend various things as we go along, so please be patient and flexible with us and keep checking your emails and messages for updates.

We will contact Year 1 parents next week to confirm numbers, and we look forward to welcoming Year 1 back on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.



All children – whether in classes returning to school or the Key worker group will be required to wear uniform from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Thank you.

For those families who are at home and completing the online work – we can't thank you enough. Throughout these last few months you have been engaged with the app or learning packs and are trying your best with your children whilst trying to juggle work and everything else. We know that this isn't easy and it seems to have gone on for so long. We miss you all.



**And finally .....**



Thank you for all your pictures of you completing the Race for Life at home. We have joined in at school. Any donations can be sent to <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/belthorn-academy-primary-school>

Thanks to Mr G for organising this for us.

Have a good weekend everyone

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Team